



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-3000

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Natalie Harris
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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request
FOIA Control No.: 16-FI-HQ-01616

Dear Ms. Harris:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated June 10, 2016. You asked for a copy of your full scores for the 2015 Continuum of Care application. Your amended request was received in the Department's FOIA Branch on June 15, 2016.

Your request is denied in full. The information you have requested is being withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5. Exemption 5 protects documents that are interagency or intra-agency, which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the Department. The release of this internal information would reflect HUD's predecisional, deliberative process and would discourage open and candid advice, recommendations, and exchange of views within the Department, which could bring about public scrutiny of the individuals and the need to justify in public their tentative opinions.

I am the official responsible for this determination based on information provided by the Department's Office of Community Planning and Development. You may appeal this determination within 90 days from the date of this letter. If you decide to appeal, your appeal should include copies of your original request and this response, as well as a discussion of the reasons supporting the appeal. The envelope should be plainly marked to indicate that it contains a FOIA appeal and addressed to:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Attention: FOIA Appeals
Office of Ethics, Appeals and Personnel Law
Ethics and Appeals Division
451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 2130
Washington, DC 20410

Telephone: (202) 708-3815

You may also submit your appeal online at:
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_office/administration/foia/foiaappeals.

In addition, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphia Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Telephone: 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448

FAX: 202-741-5679

Email: ogis@nara.gov

For your information, your FOIA request, including your identity and any information made available, is releasable to the public under subsequent FOIA requests. In responding to these requests, the Department does not release personal information, such as home address, telephone number, or Social Security number, all of which are protected from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Mrs. Sandra J. Wright at (202) 402-5510. Thank you for your interest in the Department's programs and policies.

Sincerely,



Helen Goff Foster
Executive Secretary/Deputy Chief
Administrative Officer
Chief FOIA Officer