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records request: salary-sharing agreements

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To: idom.info@iowa.gov

Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 4:45 PM

Does that mean you're going to slow walk this for another six weeks?

You know what I'm asking for. I believe there are seven or eight of these MOUs covering the 2022 fiscal year. That shouldn't take a long time to produce.

On Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 4:25 PM <idom.info@iowa.gov> wrote:

We will cancel the original Next Request and issue a new one based on the terms you gave us.

Thank you

On Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 4:14 PM Laura Belin <laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com> wrote:

Thank you. These messages were not going to my inbox but they should be now.

I signed in to Next Request, but when I try to click on

Request #22-2930

I see a message stating,

Access to this request is limited to staff & the requester.

I have no idea how to respond to a message within that Next Request system.

For now, please send me the MOUs I requested, and for #2, just send any cover letters attached to the MOUs. People at DOM know what I am seeking because I've asked for these salary-sharing agreements several years in a row. I will think further about keyword searches for #2 later.

Thanks,

Laura

On Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 2:53 PM <idom.info@iowa.gov> wrote:

Ms. Belin,

We now utilize a service called Next Request for our Open Records requests. When you sent your first email in September, it was entered into Next Request and an email was sent to you with a question for more clarification. When you followed up yesterday, you were emailed from Next Request again. So I don't know if you aren't receiving those or if they are going into your Spam folder?

Thank you

On Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 12:18 PM Laura Belin <laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com> wrote:

More than seven weeks have passed since my initial request, and DOM has neither acknowledged it nor explained the delay in providing documents.

There should not be a large volume of documents. My understanding is that there should be MOUs from at least seven state agencies, and possibly more.

Laura

On Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 2:03 PM Laura Belin <laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com> wrote:

Hello again,

What is the reason for the delay in fulfilling this request? When can I expect to receive the documents?

Laura

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From: **Laura Belin** <laurarbelin@bleedingheartland.com>

Date: Tue, Sep 27, 2022 at 2:02 PM

Subject: records request: salary-sharing agreements

To: <idom.info@iowa.gov>

To the DOM open records team:

Under Iowa Code Chapter 22, I request the following public records:

1. Copies of any memorandum of understanding or other agreement finalized between July 1, 2021 and the present, which was signed by staff for Governor Reynolds and representatives of state agencies regarding salary-sharing agreements (agency payments to cover part or all of the cost of salary and benefits for any staff working in the governor's office).

I am seeking copies of any such agreement, regardless of whether it is called "memorandum of understanding" or some other title.

2. Copies of any written correspondence in possession of the Iowa Department of Management regarding any salary-sharing agreements between the Office of the Governor and any other state agency, which were signed at any time from July 1, 2021 to the present. This might include, for example, cover letters accompanying a draft or final memorandum of understanding, or emails discussing planned salary-sharing agreements.

Written correspondence includes but is not limited to emails, mailed or hand-delivered letters, memos, and text messages. I am seeking any such correspondence in the possession of DOM, whether former Director Bousset, Director Paulsen, or any other DOM employee was the sender, the recipient, or cc'd on the communication.

3. Records showing all transfers of funds from any state agency or department to the Office of the Governor from July 1, 2021, to September 27, 2022.

To minimize printing and photocopying costs, and to facilitate social distancing, I request that these records be provided in electronic format.

Yours,

Laura

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