

External Message

Gloria, thank you for that explanation. If DAS had sent me the FY22 month-end budget reports in the same format as previous years, we would not have had this confusion. Those reports clearly indicated how much other agencies were contributing to offset governor's staff salaries and benefits. Tami Weincek never explained to me why the format changed.

What is the difference between "Standard Journal Voucher" and "Correction Document Expenditure" in this context?

Why are the Human Services department amounts listed under Standard Journal Voucher?

Why did one expense of \$18,832.30 come out of the Human Services "Community Services" pot of money (402), rather than the regular Human Services budget (401)?

Why is one \$6,399.32 amount coded as coming from the governor's office itself (350)? Was that the one related to the DOM's interim director? Does that represent funds IGOV allocated to pay a DOM salary? Or funds DOM allocated to the governor's office later to compensate for staff time? It seems to have happened not long after Kraig Paulsen was named to lead DOM.

Thank you for clarifying.

Laura

March 13, 2023, 1:31pm by Laura Belin

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Hi Laura,

After reviewing the timeline of the request, on January 20th 2023, you adjusted the open records request to the following: "All transfers of funds from any state agency or department to the Office of the Governor from July 1, 2021, to September 27, 2022. In lieu of keywords, send me any cover letters attached to those fund transfers or cover letters authorizing those fund transfers." This is the request that was fulfilled and given to you.

The spreadsheets fulfilled the “all transfers of funds from any state agency or department to the Office of the Governor from July 1, 2021, to September 27, 2022.” As it covers all **transfers** of funds to the Office of the Governor.

The cover letters were disclosed in regards to, “any cover letters attached to those fund transfers or cover letters authorizing those fund transfers.”

There has been no transfer of funds or payment from one agency to the Office of the Governor regarding the MOU’s.

In order to clear up confusion, I asked the DOM subject matter expert in this area for clarification. Human resource transactions are all coded into I/3 in the amount each agency is responsible for and the employee is paid from there. An accounting code is used to credit or debit an agency ledger. This is standard practice for sharing full time employees across differing appropriations. Funds are not transferred between the agencies. The transfer of funds you requested would only capture movement of funds between financial accounts, not code based accounting transactions.

Attached is a listing of I/3 Finance system accounting transactions with appropriate codes made by state agencies to cover employee expenses in the Governor's Office in FY22. These transactions were not funds transfers to add additional revenue into the Governor's Office budget. One transaction is not MOU related, but in order to be transparent, it is included. It is related to a period of time the Department of Management had an Interim Director. Each of these transactions offset Personnel Services expenses incurred by the Governor's Office in FY 22.

This request is now closed. Should you have more records to request, we welcome the opportunity to help.

Best Regards,

Gloria Van Rees

DOM Open Records Team

March 13, 2023, 11:27am by DOM/OCIO Point of Contact, Public Information Officer (Staff)

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Gloria, thank you for your message.

Now that I am able to open the spreadsheets, I see that they do not contain all of the information I was requesting.

The spreadsheets show how much each agency transferred to the governor's office for the Governor's Volunteer Awards Ceremony, and how much each agency contributed as part of the Office of State/Federal Relations Assessment.

However, no information has been provided regarding how much each agency transferred when fulfilling the MOUs (salary-sharing agreements). Those agreements do not contain dollar amounts. I asked for "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."

DOM must have some records showing how much each agency transferred to the governor's office to fulfill the MOUs that were signed. The MOUs refer to invoices being issued. Why did you not send me copies of these invoices or proof of payment/fund transfer?

I will be filing a complaint with the Iowa Public Information Board if DOM does not immediately provide this information, which I have been requesting for months.

If the state had not changed the format of the month-end budget reports for FY2022 (for reasons that have never been explained to me), I would have this information already. It appears that the state is intentionally concealing how much other agencies are contributing to the governor's office budget.

The timing is important because the governor's office has asked state legislators for a larger appropriation for FY2024. Legislators will act on that request in the coming month or two, but the public is unaware of how much other agencies have been contributing to support the governor's office budget.

Laura

March 9, 2023, 12:37pm by Laura Belin