



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
CITY OF CHICAGO

July 28, 2015

Tom Tresser
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL:

Dear Mr. Tresser:

On behalf of the Department of Planning and Development (DPD), be advised we are in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Your request was dated and received on July 14, 2015. Specifically, the FOIA seeks the following public records:

1. *All policies, procedures, directives, or other such documents governing the approval or compliance with Economic Development Agreements*
2. *All monthly, quarterly, or annual reports or other such records discussing compliance with EDAs.*
3. *All records relied upon or reviewed in making the following statement in the City of Chicago's 2014 Annual Financial Analysis (p. 78): "The City's TIFs had an aggregate balance of \$1.72 billion at the close of 2013, decreasing to \$1.69 billion in active TIFs at the start of 2014. However, \$1.67 billion of this balance is reserved for payments due in connection with committed projects, including a portion that is reserved to fund project costs in TIF districts where revenues are declining, in the event that annual revenues are insufficient to pay future obligations."*
4. *All records documenting any obligations reflected in the \$1.67 billion figure in the 2014 AFA.*
5. *All records documenting any funds currently reserved for payments due in connection with committed projects, including a portion that is reserved to fund project costs in TIF districts where revenues are declining, in the event that annual revenues are insufficient to pay future obligations.*

For item one, redevelopment projects approved by the Community Development Commission and Chicago City Council are located on the DPD TIF portal (www.cityofchicago.org/TIF).

For item two, compliance reports and related Sunshine Ordinance documentation are posted to the DPD TIF portal (www.cityofchicago.org/TIF). If there is a specific compliance report that you are unable to locate online, please provide specificity so we may conduct an appropriate search.

For the items three through five, these records are produced and maintained by the Office of Budget and Management.

To the extent that your FOIA request has been denied, you have a right of review by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor, who can be contacted at 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706 or by telephone at (217) 558-0486. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 of FOIA.

Sincerely,



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