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Antonio Olivo
Chicago Tribune
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Dear Mr. Olivo:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on 11/7/11.

You have requested “Electronic records of all financial assistance awarded to (eight) entities between January 1, 2007 and the present date.”

A search of agency files reveals that funds have been directed to only one of the eight entities during the time period you have specified – The Woodlawn Organization. Records show that the only funds directed to this agency are those associated with the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Financial information can be found at the following location on the ISBE website: http://webprod1.isbe.net/FRISInquiry/.

Note that in the yellow box, the default project year is 2012. You can select any year going back to 1995. In the “Contains” window, type “The Woodlawn Organization.” Then click the “Display Projects” button. You will have access to data pertaining to the Child and Adult Care Food Program, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

To obtain funds for this claim-based program, entities submit annual applications. There are no contracts.

If you have questions, contact Mark Wancket at 217-782-4648.

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information