October 29, 2013

Mr. Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

E-mail: joeharcz@comcast.net

1365 E. Mt. Morris Rd.

Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Re: FOIA Response to Request for Information on the Year End Operating Budget for BSBP

Dear Mr. Harcz, Jr.:

This email is in response to your October 22, 2013, email requests for information, received by this office on October 23, 2013. Please be advised that the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons is processing these requests under the state’s Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.231 *et seq*.

You have requested information as described in your email (also included below) as:

“I am writing you today to receive the year end operating budget for BSBP. At this time I’m asking for no more than the illustration from MCB after my signature line.”

In order to determine the extent of the research time, the size and number of records of nonexempt information within BSBP responsive to your request, a search must be undertaken. For this reason, it is necessary to extend the time for response, as permitted by Section 5(2)(d) of the FOIA, through November 12, 2013, for your request.

If it is determined that there is a cost involved in the processing of this request, you will be sent an email which will include an invoice outlining

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that cost (before or no later than November 12, 2013). This email may either request a deposit (if the cost is over $50.00) or request payment of the total cost if the amount is under $50.00.

Please note that nothing within the federal American with Disabilities Act (ADA ), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (RA), as amended, or the state’s FOIA (MCL 15.231 et seq.) requires a public body to process FOIA requests free of charge. Further, while the ADA and Section 504 of the RA may mandate that, upon request, material be produced in an accessible format without charge, neither the ADA or Section 504 of the RA preclude a public body from charging costs under the state’s FOIA. Thusly, please note that no labor fee charges have been, or will be, assessed to convert existing, nonexempt public records responsive to your requests into an accessible format to forward to you.

Sincerely,

Carla Miller Haynes, FOIA Coordinator

Bureau of Services for Blind Persons

Attachment: Email Request for Information

cc: Edward F. Rodgers II

 Sue Luzenski

 Mike Pemble

Katie Belknap

 Elsie Duell

From: joe harcz Comcast [mailto:joeharcz@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2013 2:30 PM

To: Rodgers, Edward (LARA)

Cc: Zimmer, Mike (LARA); nfbmi-talk@nfbnet.org; BSBPcommissioners

Subject: simple year end operating budget request

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To: Edward Rodgers, Director

Bureau of Services for Blind Persons

Dear Mr. Rodgers,

I am writing you today to receive the year end operating budget for BSBP. At this time I’m asking for no more than the illustration from MCB after my signature line.

Of course I expect no fee or FOIA garbage for this simple request for information related to public expenditures of mostly federal funds.

I also request it via simple e-mail and in addition I request that this information as well as related information like the state plan supplement and BSBP Commissioners’ meeting information is posted forthwith to the BSBP web site (which is not the case to this very day).

Sincerely,

Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

(Illustrative attachment:))

Michigan Commission for the Blind

Year End Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2008

Fiscal Year Period: October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008

REVENUES

GF/GP $4,543,649

DED-OSER 14,101,602

TRAINING 19,219

SOCIAL SECURITY REIMBURSEMENT 531,459

DED-OSERS SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT 103,206

GIFTS and STANLEY HERMAN 15,000

LOCAL MATCH 100,000

SETASIDE 410,000

OLDER BLIND 1,042,808

PART B 197,721

TOTAL REVENUES 21,064,664

EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY BUDGETED SPENT % SPENT

ADMINISTRATION $1,073,838 $1,004,037 93%

PASSTHROUGHS $1,836,021 $1,600,282 87%

VR $8,869,072 $8,739,327 99%

MCB TRAINING CENTER $3,875,203 $3,269,961 84%

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

 PROGRAM $3,347,792 $2,823,226 84%

INDEPENDENT LIVING $1,820,938 $1,712,496 94%

YOUTH LOW VISION $241,800 $241,800 100%

TOTAL EXPENDITURES $21,064,665 $19,391,129 92%