

March 23, 2013

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Attn: FOI/PA Request

Record/Information Dissemination Section

170 Marcel Drive

Winchester, VA 22602-4843

Dear FOIA Officer,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Pursuant to the authority of 5 United States Code, Section 552, I hereby respectfully request a complete listing of addresses of public housing agencies/authorities (PHA) that have been approved to submit fingerprints to the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division for applicant screening, lease enforcement, and eviction purposes. (See Section 578 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998)

Such PHA requests would have been submitted to the FBI CJIS Division subsequent to passage of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 to present. The information needed to reply to this request should reside with the CJIS Division.

As noted by Public and Indian Housing Assistant Secretary Michael Liu in his April 11, 2003 instructions to various public and Indian housing agencies, procedures have been put into place for obtaining fingerprint-based criminal history record information and National fingerprint checks on all applicants for, and all residents of, public housing and Housing Choice Voucher program. Directions were provided to each PHA to obtain an Originating Agency Identifier (ORI) from the FBI and for contracting with State Identification Bureaus and other approved channeling agents.

Although the authority for submitting PHA-related fingerprints for criminal history record checks is available, there is no requirement for PHAs to do so. The effectiveness for this program depends on PHAs actually sending fingerprints to the FBI and for the PHAs to effectively use the resulting criminal history record checks for housing-related decisions. Accordingly:

I request the addresses of all PHAs that have requested ORIs pursuant to legislative or regulatory authority;

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I request, if reasonably available, the number of fingerprint submissions that were provided to the CJIS Division by each authorized PHA during Calendar Years 2011 and 2012;

I request, if reasonably available, the address of the channeling agency (public or private) used by each PHA.

I request, if reasonably available and not a national security issue, the specific ORI that has been issued to each PHA.

I request that these addresses be provided to me as soon as reasonably possible. I am willing to pay up to \$300 for reasonable administrative fees as identified in the FOIA. I prefer that this data be provided to me in an electronic format unless another user friendly media is significantly cheaper. If fees will exceed \$300, please contact me so that I can make an informed decision of whether to reduce the scope of my request. I would prefer to have this data provided to me in an electronic format.

As noted in the FBI's web page (www.fbi.gov/foia/requesting-fbi-records), FOIA allows any person-except fugitives, federal agencies, and foreign intelligence agencies-to request information about organizations, businesses, investigations, historical events, incidents, groups, or deceased persons. I certify that I am not a fugitive, federal agency or foreign intelligence .

If you have any questions regarding this request, you may contact me directly. In the unlikely event that my request is denied, please identify the person making the denial and the specific reason(s) for the denial.

Respectfully submitted,

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