

# **Exhibit 16**

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**FEMA**

May 13, 2022

**SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: aturner@advancing-america.org**

Mr. Adam Turner  
CASA  
712 H Street NE  
Washington, DC 20002

**Re: FEMA FOIA Case Number 2022-FEFO-00389**

Dear Mr. Turner:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), dated February 11, 2022 and received in this office on March 1, 2022 via a referral from DHS HQ for part 2 of your request. You are seeking any records that contain a list of non-profit organizations, social media and technology companies, cultural organizations, or other community organizations that have applied or received federal funds in any form since January 21, 2021 as part of the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). The date range for the record search is January 21, 2021 through February 11, 2022.

We conducted a search of FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) for documents responsive to your request. No responsive records were located. Nonprofit organizations are not eligible recipients or subrecipients for HSGP funding.

As part of the 2007 amendments, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) was created to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies.

You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road- OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
E-mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
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You have the right to appeal if you disagree with FEMA's response. The procedure for administrative appeals is outlined in the DHS regulations at 6 C.F.R. §5.8. In the event you wish to submit an appeal, we encourage you to both state the reason(s) you believe FEMA's initial determination on your FOIA request was erroneous in your correspondence, and include a copy of this letter with your appeal. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal within 90 working days from the date of this letter to [fema-foia@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-foia@fema.dhs.gov), or alternatively, via mail at the following address:

FEMA  
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer  
Information Management Division (FOIA Appeals)  
500 C Street, SW, Seventh Floor, Mail Stop 3172  
Washington, D.C. 20472-3172

There is no charge for this FOIA request. As this concludes the processing of your request, it will be closed.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the assigned FOIA Specialist at [alexander.yacoubian@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:alexander.yacoubian@fema.dhs.gov) and refer to FOIA case number 2022-FEFO-00389. You may also contact someone at [fema-foia@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-foia@fema.dhs.gov), or (202) 646-3323, and you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner. For a faster response please email the assigned FOIA specialist directly.

Sincerely,



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Information Management Division  
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security