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Mr. Richard L. Huff and Mr. Daniel J. Metcalfe
U. S. Department of Justice
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Dear Messers. Huff and Metcalfe:

Enclosed is a copy of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight's (OFHEO) FY1999 Annual Report on Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) activities during Fiscal Year 1999, as required by the FOIA (5 U. S. C. §552(e)). This is OFHEO's 5th Annual Report.

As required by the FOIA, OFHEO will be placing this report on its website at www.ofheo.gov/docs.

I can assure you of OFHEO's firm commitment to the FOIA, to its underlying principles, and to its faithful implementation in the strong spirit of openness in government established by the Administration and Congress.

Should you have any questions, please call me at 202-414-3791.

Sincerely,

[signed]

Alice Gannon, CRM
FOIA Officer

Enclosure

Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight
Annual Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Report – FY1999

I. Basic Information Regarding the Report.

- A. Contact Person - **Ms. Alice Gannon, FOIA Officer, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, 1700 G Street, NW, 4th Floor, Washington DC 20552. Telephone 202-414-3791. E-mail FOIAOffice@ofheo.gov.**
- B. Electronic Address for Report on World Wide Web - <http://www.ofheo.gov/docs>.
- C. For a paper copy of this report, contact - **Ms. Alice Gannon, FOIA Officer, at the address above.**

II. How to Make a FOIA Request.

- A. See **“Releasing Information” at 12 CFR 1710.13 at <http://www.ofheo.gov/contacts> and <http://www.ofheo.gov/docs>.**
- B. Agency Response time ranges have been from **1-85 days**.
- C. Brief description of why some requests were not granted:
 - 1. **Records not reasonably described.**
 - 2. **No records.**

III. Definitions.

- A. Agency-specific acronyms or other terms.

OFHEO – Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight.

IV. Exemption 3 Statutes.

- A. List of exemption 3 statutes relied on by OFHEO during FY99 - **None.**
- B. Statement of whether a court has upheld the use of each statute. Is so, cite example - **Not Applicable.**

V. Initial FOIA/PA Access Requests.

A. Numbers of Initial Requests:

1. Number of requests pending as of the end of FY98 - **1.**
2. Number of requests received during FY99 - **11.**
3. Number of requests processed during FY99 - **12.**
4. Number of requests pending at the end of FY99 - **0.**

B. Disposition of Initial Requests.

1. Number of total grants - **7.**
2. Number of partial grants - **4.**
3. Number of denials - **1.**
- a. Number of times each FOIA exemption used (counting each exemption once per request):
 - (1) Exemption 1 - **0.**
 - (2) Exemption 2 - **0.**
 - (3) Exemption 3 - **0.**
 - (4) Exemption 4 - **1.**
 - (5) Exemption 5 - **1.**
 - (6) Exemption 6 - **2.**
 - (7) Exemption 7(A) - **0.**
 - (8) Exemption 7(B) - **0.**
 - (9) Exemption 7 (C) - **0.**
 - (10) Exemption 7 (D) - **0.**
 - (11) Exemption 7 (E) - **0.**
 - (12) Exemption 7 (F) - **0.**
 - (13) Exemption 8 - **1.**
 - (14) Exemption 9 - **0.**
4. Other reasons for nondisclosure (total):
 - a. No records - **2.**
 - b. Referrals - **0.**
 - c. Request withdrawn - **0.**
 - d. Fee-related reason - **0.**
 - e. Records not reasonably described - **1.**
 - f. Not a proper FOIA request for some other reason - **0.**
 - g. Not an agency record - **0.**
 - h. Duplicate request - **0.**
 - i. Other (specify) - **0.**

VI. Appeals of Initial Denials of FOIA/PA Requests.

A. Number of Appeals.

1. Number of appeals received during FY99 – **0**.
2. Number of appeals processed during FY99 – **0**.

B. Disposition of Appeals.

1. Number completely upheld – **NA**.
2. Number partially reversed – **NA**.
3. Number completely reversed – **NA**.
 - a. Number of times each FOIA exemption used (counting each exemption once per appeal):
 - (1) Exemption 1 – **NA**.
 - (2) Exemption 2 – **NA**.
 - (3) Exemption 3 – **NA**.
 - (4) Exemption 4 – **NA**.
 - (5) Exemption 5 – **NA**.
 - (6) Exemption 6 – **NA**.
 - (7) Exemption 7(A) – **NA**.
 - (8) Exemption 7(B) – **NA**.
 - (9) Exemption 7 (C) – **NA**.
 - (10) Exemption 7 (D) – **NA**.
 - (11) Exemption 7 (E) – **NA**.
 - (12) Exemption 7 (F) – **NA**.
 - (13) Exemption 8 – **NA**.
 - (14) Exemption 9 – **NA**.
4. Other reasons for nondisclosure (total) - **NA**.
 - a. No records – **NA**.
 - b. Referrals – **NA**.
 - c. Request withdrawn – **NA**.
 - d. Fee-related reason – **NA**.
 - e. Records not reasonably described – **NA**.
 - f. Not a proper FOIA request for some other reason – **NA**.
 - g. Not an agency record – **NA**.
 - h. Duplicate request – **NA**.
 - i. Other (specify) – **NA**.

VII. Compliance with Time Limits/Status of Pending Requests.

A. Median processing time for requests processed during the year.

1. Simple requests (if multiple tracks used).

- a. Number of simple requests processed – **12.**
- b. Median number of days to process – **7.**

2. Complex requests (specify for any and all tracks used).

- a. Number of complex requests processed – **0.**
- b. Median number of days to process – **0.**

3. Requests accorded expedited processing.

- a. Number of expedited requests processed – **0.**
- b. Median number of days to process – **0.**

B. Status of Pending Requests.

- 1. Number of requests pending as of end of current fiscal year – **0.**
- 2. Median number of days such requests were pending as of that date – **0.**

VIII. Comparisons with Previous Year (Optional).

- A. Comparison of numbers of requests received – **11 vs. 6.**
- B. Comparison of numbers of requests processed – **12 vs. 5.**
- C. Comparison of median numbers of days requests were pending as of end of the fiscal year – **0 vs. 14.**
- D. Other statistics significant to OFHEO – **None.**
- E. Other narrative statements describing OFHEO efforts to improve timeliness of FOIA performance and to make records available to the public (e.g., backlog reduction efforts; specification of average number of hours per processed request; training activities; public availability of new categories of records) – **NA.**

IX. Cost/FOIA Staffing.

A. Staffing levels.

1. Number of full-time FOIA personnel – **0**.
2. Number of personnel with part-time or occasional duties (in total workyears) – **2 persons @ 273 hours total for the year, or 3.3% of a workyear each, for a total of 6.5% of 1 workyear (basis = 2080 work hours per person per workyear).**
3. Total number of personnel (in workyears) – **2 persons @ 273 hours total for the year, or 6.5% of 1 workyear.**

B. Total cost (including staff and all resources).

1. FOIA processing (including **(0)** appeals): **\$27,115.00**.
2. Litigation-related activities (estimated): **\$0.00**.
3. Total costs: **\$27,115.00**.
4. Comparison of previous years (including percentage of change) (optional): **\$27,115.00 vs. \$6,843.00**.

C. Statement of additional resources needed for FOIA compliance (optional) - **NA**.

X. Fees.

- A. Total amount of fees collected by agency for processing requests: **\$22,182.00**.
- B. Percentage of total costs - **82%**.

XI. FOIA Regulations (including fee schedule).

The OFHEO fee schedule is described in 12 CFR 1710.20. The regulation may be seen at www.ofheo.gov/docs. A copy of the regulation is enclosed.

Enclosure: OFHEO Regulation – “Releasing Information”