Mr. Martin,

This message is provided in final response to your below request to The University of Texas at Austin, which we designated ORR no. 3171. The University has completed its search and determined that we do not maintain information that is responsive to your request. Specifically, the $35 million annual payment by Central Health to UT Austin is for Permitted Investments, as set forth in the attached agreement. Thank you.

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From: Ken Martin <72mken.1939@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 2:44 PM
To: Public Information Requests <publicinformationrequest@austin.utexas.edu>
Cc: Bill Aleshire <bill@aleshirelaw.com>
Subject: Public Information Request 791

Please acknowledge receipt of this Public Information Request by return e-mail to ken@theaustinbulldog.org. Please refer to my PIR No. 791 in all correspondence.

I am filing this request via email because the University’s portal will not allow me to fill out the form it provides. I’m using an iMac and tried with both Safari and Chrome browsers. I can see the fields but nothing I type enters on the form.

Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act (TPIA), Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, which guarantees the public’s access to information in the custody of government agencies, I request that you promptly (“as soon as possible, under the circumstances, that is, in a reasonable time, without delay”) provide me with:

1. A list of goods and services provided to the needy healthcare patients of Travis County in return for the $35 million a year that Central Health transfers to UT for use by the UT Dell Medical School in accordance with the Affiliation Agreement of July 10, 2014. (Copy attached)

The time period covered by this request is from the University’s Fiscal Year 2016, when the $35 million was first included as a revenue source, through the latest complete fiscal year.

The $35 million in revenue for FY 2021 and FY 2022 is reflected on page 28 of the UT Operating Budget for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2022. I have attached a copy of that page with the revenue figures highlighted in yellow.

2. Please show me where within the UT Austin Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year ending August 31, 2022, the UT Dell Medical School has budgeted to provide goods and services to Central Health’s patients.

I would prefer to receive copies of these records by e-mail to ken@theaustinbulldog.org.

I am represented in this matter by attorney Bill Aleshire of Aleshire Law PC, who can be reached at 512-320-9155 or by e-mail at bill@aleshirelaw.com. If you believe that any of the information I have requested is within an exception to disclosure and you may be considering filing a request for a ruling from the Texas Attorney General on that issue, I invite you to contact Mr. Aleshire first, so that we may consider amending my request to avoid any unnecessary ruling request or unintended issue about disclosure.

I agree to pay the reasonable cost of providing this public information as provided by the TPIA. However, since The Austin Bulldog is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides the public with information about their government, I request that all fees be waived and responsive documents be provided without charge pursuant to Section 552.267 of the Texas Public Information Act, because providing copies of the information primarily benefits the general public.