

Subject: RTK -02359
Date: Monday, June 3, 2024 at 1:47:52 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: CRM RTK Account
To: AO Records
CC: Ramie Frace
Attachments: FW Election Integrity Grant Program REPORTING (1).eml, FW Election Integrity Grant Program REPORTING.eml, FW Upcoming Events.eml, RE February 15th Invitation.eml, RE Invitation - Feb 15th.eml, RE You're Invited Town hall meeting with Keep Our Republic.eml, Untitled (2).eml, Untitled (3).eml, Untitled (4).eml, Untitled.eml

EXTERNAL SENDER

Loree Stark
1030 15th Street NW
Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005
USA

Dear Loree Stark,

On 4/29/2024 8:00 AM, you submitted **RTK-02359** with the following request;

- 1. All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) between (a) any of the officials listed below, and (b) any of the external entities and individuals listed below, and anyone communicating on their behalf (including, but not limited to, at the listed email addresses and domains).*
- 2. All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) sent by any of the officials listed above in part 1 and containing any of the key terms listed below.*

For both parts of this request, please provide all responsive records from May 1, 2023, through the date the search is conducted.

SEE ENTIRE LETTER IN FILE

Your request is GRANTED in part AND DENIED in part.

The people listed on your RTK Request are part of the Election Commission and not county employees. As such, we have no insight into what they send to people outside of the county. Consequently, no such records could be produced by the County, and per Section 705 of the RTKL, “The agency is not required to create a record that does not exist....” The only listed person we can search is Nicole Pietrzak.

Please see the attached. There are 10 results for the first part and zero for the second part of your request.

To the extent any portion of your request was denied, you have the right to appeal. An appeal must be made in writing to the Office of Open Records, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 333 Market Street, 16th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17126 within fifteen (15) business days of the date of this communication.

By this communication, we consider the Northampton County’s obligation to honor your request under the RTKL to be fully fulfilled.

Respectfully,

Tyree A. Blair, Sr., Esq.
Open Records Office
669 Washington Street
Easton, PA 18042
(610) 829-6363

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Subject: FW: Election Integrity Grant Program REPORTING
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 at 10:16:34 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: Nicole Pietrzak <npietrzak@norcopa.gov>
To: Christopher Commini <ccommini@norcopa.gov>
Attachments: image003.png, image002.jpg, image001.jpg, gclgs-88_2022F.pdf

From: Martin, Theodore <theomartin@pa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 9:50 AM
To: Martin, Theodore <theomartin@pa.gov>
Subject: Election Integrity Grant Program REPORTING

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County Leader: According to the reporting requirement for the Election Integrity Grant Program [25 P.S. § 3260.2-A(h)], “a county that received a grant under this section shall report to the department, the chairperson and minority chairperson of the State Government Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and minority chairperson of the State Government Committee of the House of Representatives, on a form prescribed by the Department of State, how the county used the grant money received under this section.”

The required form for your completion and submission is attached.

FOR DCED: Please complete the attached form and email it to theomartin@pa.gov at the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) by close of business on FEBRUARY 22, 2024. In the SUBJECT LINE of that email, please write “completed EITG program report”. DCED will not accept hard/paper copies of the report.

FOR LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP: Please mail hard/paper copies to the chairperson and minority chairperson of the State Government Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives, by close of business on FEBRUARY 22, 2024. Contact information is below:

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| Majority Chair of Senate State Government Harrisburg, PA 17120-3025 | Senator Cris Dush | Senate Box 203025, |
| Minority Chair of Senate State Government Harrisburg, PA 17120-3017 | Senator Amanda Cappelletti | Senate Box 203017, |
| Majority Chair of House State Government PA 17120-2095 | Rep. Carol Hill-Evans | P.O. Box 202095, Harrisburg, |
| Minority Chair of House State Government PA 17120-2006 | Rep. Brad Roae | P.O. Box 202006, Harrisburg, |

Please disregard any part of these instructions that you may have already completed. Should you have any questions or concerns I am happy to assist in providing answers and/or direction.

Thank You,
Theodore Martin


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PA Department of Community & Economic Development
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 4th Floor | Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225
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ELECTION INTEGRITY GRANT PROGRAM POST-ELECTION REPORT

Submitted pursuant to Pennsylvania Election Code Section 1602-A(h) (25 P.S. § 3260.2-A(h)).

This report documents use of Election Integrity Grant Program funds and **must be submitted within 90 days** following a general, municipal, or primary election. Each county receiving funds shall record use by category for the preceding election cycle and provide a short summary. A zero (\$ 0) should be entered where no funds were expended.

_____ Report for general municipal primary election for _____
(Insert County) *(Insert Year)*

SECTION I: GRANT USE BY EXPENSE CATEGORY

| Eligible Expense Uses | Amount Expended |
|---|-----------------|
| 1. Payment of staff needed to pre-canvass and canvass mail-in ballots and absentee ballots. | \$ |
| 2. Physical security and transparency costs for centralized pre-canvassing and canvassing. | \$ |
| 3. Post-election procedures required under the Pennsylvania Election Code. | \$ |
| 4. List maintenance activities under the voter removal program for (a) the national change of address program, and (b) five-year nonvoter mailings (25 Pa. C.S. §§ 1901(b)(1) and (3)). | \$ |
| 5. The printing of ballots. | \$ |
| 6. Training costs for district election officials. | \$ |
| 7. Payment of staff at polling places on election day. | \$ |
| 8. Secure preparation, transportation, storage and management of voting apparatuses, tabulation equipment and required polling place materials. | \$ |
| 9. Costs of County Board of Election duties related to processing of voter registration applications. | \$ |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES (for all categories for this report): | \$ |

SECTION II: DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF GRANT USE

Provide a free-form description below of the different election expenses funded under the eligible expense categories.

SECTION III: CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS BY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Please have the form signed and dated by the Board of Elections, or the body fulfilling those responsibilities under your home rule or optional form of government. This Grant Report is a true and accurate report of the expenses incurred.

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|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| 1A. NAME: | 1B. SIGNATURE: | 1C. DATE: |
| 2A. NAME: | 2B. SIGNATURE: | 2C. DATE: |
| 3A. NAME: | 3B. SIGNATURE: | 3C. DATE: |

Subject: FW: Upcoming Events
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 at 2:19:23 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Nicole Pietrzak <npietrzak@norcopa.gov>
To: Brittney Waylen <BWaylen@norcopa.gov>
Attachments: image002.png, image001.jpg

Let's discuss

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From: Todd Weaver <tweaver@ncem-pa.org>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 2:06 PM
To: Nicole Pietrzak <npietrzak@norcopa.gov>
Subject: Upcoming Events

Nicole,
Upcoming Training, Events and out of area Meetings, will updated as needed.

2/7-8/24 Training Disaster Management for water and waste water utilities, NCEM EOC 0800-1700hrs, EM Staff
2/12/24 PEMA Statewide In Service Training (IST) Fully Virtual 0900-1500, EM Staff & 911 Admin
2/15/24 Election Integrity Meeting, HS Building 1100-1400, T. Weaver, T Guth
2/20/24 First Lehigh Valley Domestic Violence Taskforce Meeting, Location TBD, 0900-1200, 911 Admin. (Awaiting approval)
2/24/24 Emergency Behavioral Health/Crisis Response Workgroup, HS Building 1330-1500, R. Hulsizer, C. Marsh
3/12/24 Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Coke Cola Park 0830-1215, T. Weaver, T. Guth
3/15/24 Lithium Battery Training HMTech Level, NCC Fowler Center 0800-1700, M. Rampulla
3/18/24 Lithium Battery Awareness, NCEM EOC 1830-2230, EM Staff

Thanks
Todd

Todd K. Weaver, ENP
Director
Northampton County Emergency Management Services
100 Gracedale Ave
Nazareth, PA 18064

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Subject: RE: February 15th Invitation

Date: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 4:23:46 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Nicole Pietrzak <npietrzak@norcopa.gov>

To: Ari Mittleman <ari@keepourrepublic.org>

Hi Ari,

Thank you for the invitation. I will be there and look forward to meeting!

Be Well,
Nicole

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From: Ari Mittleman <ari@keepourrepublic.org>

Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2023 4:05 PM

To: Nicole Pietrzak <npietrzak@norcopa.gov>

Subject: February 15th Invitation

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Dear Nicole,

At the recommendation of the County Executive and on behalf of the Keep Our Republic (KOR), we write to invite you to a unique closed door discussion on election integrity on February 15th from 11AM to 2PM at the Human Services Building, 2801 Emrick Boulevard in Bethlehem.

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Sincerely,
Ari

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Ari Mittleman | Executive Director

ari@keepourrepublic.org

202-744-7170



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Subject: RE: Invitation - Feb 15th

Date: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 4:28:32 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Nicole Pietrzak <npietrzak@norcopa.gov>

To: Todd Weaver <tweaver@ncem-pa.org>

Hi Todd,

Yes, this is a legitimate invitation. Please plan to attend yourself. If you have others on your staff that you would like to invite to attend, please send me their names and titles and I can get back to you. I am just not sure of the specifics and want to double check before the invitation is extended to others.

Thanks,
Nicole

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From: Todd Weaver <tweaver@ncem-pa.org>

Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2024 12:57 PM

To: Nicole Pietrzak <npietrzak@norcopa.gov>

Subject: FW: Invitation - Feb 15th

Nicole,

Making sure the below email is legitimate and the County Executive would like us to attend.

Myself and/or our Planning Manager will attend.

Please let me know so I can respond.

Thanks

Todd

From: Ari Mittleman <ari@keepourrepublic.org>

Sent: Friday, December 29, 2023 10:06

To: Todd K. Weaver, ENP <tweaver@ncem-pa.org>

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Happy New Year,
Ari

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Subject: RE: You're Invited: Town hall meeting with Keep Our Republic
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 12:50:25 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Nicole Pietrzak <npietrzak@norcopa.gov>
To: Rebecca Sandt <rsandt@norcopa.gov>
Attachments: image001.png

Thank you for offering! I am all good though, I registered for myself and a guest. Thanks!

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From: Rebecca Sandt <rsandt@norcopa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 3:16 PM
To: Nicole Pietrzak <npietrzak@norcopa.gov>
Subject: FW: You're Invited: Town hall meeting with Keep Our Republic

Hi Nicole,

Would you like me to register you to attend the event below?

From: LehighValleyNews.com <news@lehighvalleynews.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:01 AM
To: Brittney Waylen <BWaylen@norcopa.gov>
Subject: You're Invited: Town hall meeting with Keep Our Republic

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Trust In Our Elections: A Community Conversation

Join us for a town hall meeting on demystifying the election
process

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Fair and secure elections are the backbone of democracy.

What happens after you cast your ballot? What's true – and what isn't – about our election process?

In this important election year, we invite you to attend an informative, nonpartisan discussion aimed at a deeper understanding of how we vote and tally results in Northampton County.

Join LehighValleyNews.com, PBS39, and Keep Our Republic for a free town hall discussion in our studios moderated by Politics Reporter Tom Shortell, and featuring the following panelists:

- Lamont McClure, Northampton County Executive
- John Jones, retired federal judge, Middle District of Pa.
- Chris Borick, Professor of Political Science, Director of the Muhlenberg College Institute of Public Opinion

WHEN: May 8th at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30pm. Door will open at 6pm.

WHERE: [The Univest Public Media Center](#), 839 Sesame St. Bethlehem, PA 18015

[Keep Our Republic](#) is a civic education nonprofit group focused on election integrity and trust in our electoral system. **Advance registration is required to be part of our studio audience.** Space is limited, so don't miss your chance to join us on May 8!

--The LehighValleyNews.com Team

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Subject: (none)

Date: Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 4:42:48 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: npietrzak@norcopa.gov <npietrzak@norcopa.gov>

Scott Huff, Bethlehem, Republican (minority commission member)

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Subject: (none)

Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 7:36:45 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: npietrzak@norcopa.gov <npietrzak@norcopa.gov>

Deborah Bachman- Hellertown, Judges of Elections, asking that the Election Integrity Commission to look into issues.

None of this was shared with the judges of elections, did not feel that she had enough information to make an informed decision.

Wants more emergency ballots, received additional ballots later that day. Emergency order from a judge.

All poll workers will be required to take training. Come in sideways for more information. Invite to a committee meeting. Boots on the ground, people who lived it.

Robert Teal, lives in Mt. Bethel. Planning commission and supervisors. The LERDA program as a way to attract business to Mt. Bethel area. Feels they “really need it” as a tool in order to bring jobs to the Slate Belt. Devastating when they lost the industries in Bangor. Feels it is very important. Worked with Lisa (developers daughter) and organized the NID to pay for a municipal building. Doesn’t want the LERDA rescinded.

Scott Houff, want to address an issue from the last meeting. Shortly after Mr. Heckman read the civility clause, and Ken Kraft said he would not vote for a Republican running for the empty County Council seat. Doesn’t think he had a “good use of words” or good for young people to see.

Hunter Kessel, Cushman and Wakefield. Q4 upward trends, etc.

Lisa Pector, representing Riverpoint Logistics. Two buildings with final approval, and 13 with preliminary approval. LERDA has an expiration date of 2027.

Lou Pector, consideration to extend the LERDA. Indicative of support from the County, Township, and School District. Integration of manufacturing and warehouse activities. AI will change out tenant base. Believe they will have a few data centers. They have a lot of power. Not a lot of sites that can do all that. Compete at a high level, because of water and sewer, and power. Square footage and truck traffic are not what they used to be. Chasing people who want to invest in their plots.

Ends courtesy of the floor.

County Executive’s Report: Training sessions scheduled for March and April this year for elections workers. County contributions to Gracedale have not been made since 2015. The purpose of the Executive’s ordinance is to replace the current LERDA.

The website has been updated and is being updated. Heckman had a call about the website and he hates the new one - he liked the old one better. The website that was designed by Jesse James Creative. The broken links, ttl, and have now been updated.

It will be more user friendly on the back-end. No more than 4 clicks to get to the info you need. Security is a concern.

Unworkable for the average person and a poor design. He thinks it worse than what we had.

Specific items to follow up on to make things better. Give recommendations to Brittney.

New Business and/or Old Business: LERDA Ordinance, Warren sponsor and Kelly co-sponsor.

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