

April 3, 2024

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Ms. Rey,

In your capacity as grants supervisor for the City of Madison, you recently submitted the SLFRF (State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) Compliance Report for the 4th quarter of 2023. SLFRF, created in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), was intended to help state and local governments in "their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency".

In this 4th quarter report, the City of Madison approved a \$700,000 budget for "Services to Residents who are Undocumented." This earmark for illegal immigrants is alarming since you point out these individuals would normally be "ineligible" for "direct assistance" in many cases. I send this letter as a request for information pursuant to the Wisconsin public records law (Wis. Stat. 19.21 – 19.39). Please provide the following:

- 1) All grant applications received by the City of Madison for SLFRF funds from the following entities: African Center for Community Development, Inc., Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish-Catholic Multicultural Center West, LLC, Centro Hispano, Inc., Community Immigration Law Center, Inc., Latino Academy of Workforce Development, Inc., RISE Wisconsin, Inc., Vera Court Neighborhood Center, Inc.
- 2) All grant applications for SLFRF funds to provide "service to residents who are undocumented" that were denied by the City of Madison.
- 3) A breakdown of what the \$700,000 of grants were used for (i.e. direct cash assistance, gas cards, utility assistance, legal representation, etc.).

I further request that you provide acknowledgement of receiving this letter and an estimated time of when you can fulfill my information request.

Respectfully

State Senator Due Stroebel

CC: Sam Munger - Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office