

October 19, 2020

Via Email: alex@vetsedsuccess.org

Mr. Alexander Kish
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Washington, DC 20005

Re: Initial Agency Decision 20-09688-F

Dear Mr. Kish:

This letter serves as the initial agency response to your September 3, 2020, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Within your request, you sought records regarding:

Documents the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) possesses that show the total number of GI Bill and vocational rehabilitation students enrolled at the Art Institute of Colorado between November 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018.

Documents VA possesses that show the total amount of Chapter 30, 31, 33, and 35 funding sent to the Art Institute of Colorado between November 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018.

Upon receiving your request, the VBA, Education Service, Policy and Regulations, conducted a search of VA's information technology and provided a one-page responsive record which is being provided to you without redaction. In addition, the records search disclosed of no other records related to your inquiry.

If you disagree with this initial agency decision, you may appeal this decision. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision.

Your appeal must be mailed within 90 days from the date of receipt of this letter to:

Mrs. Rochelle Foxworth
Chief FOIA/PA Officer
Veterans Benefits Administration
810 Vermont Avenue, NW (20M33)
Washington, DC 20420
Telephone: (202) 461-8701
E-mail: FOIA.VBACO@va.gov

Please clearly mark both the envelope and your letter or email "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact the VBA FOIA Service Office at the aforementioned contact information.

Additionally, you have a right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Toll-Free: 1-877-684-6448
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
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Sincerely,

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