



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

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**ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**  
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Washington, D.C. 20447

ACF Case No. 16-0296

March 11, 2016

Mr. William Marshall  
*Judicial Watch*  
425 Third Street, SW, Suite 800  
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for taking time to speak with me this week concerning your February 5, 2016, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking certain documents relating to the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Micro-Enterprise Development Program. Through a competitive grant process, the ORR makes grants to non-governmental organizations and state and local governments for training and technical assistance, credit in the form of micro-loans up to a maximum of \$15,000, and, if applicable, a revolving loan fund.

Your request was forwarded to the ORR for a search. The ORR advised that currently it does not have a compilation of the information you seek concerning the amount of loans in default under the program, but is preparing to collect this information in the future. Through a previous Technical Assistance provider, ORR was able to compile some information, including the loan repayment rate, which is available on the ORR website at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/microenterprise-development/about>.

Although agencies are not required to create a record in response to a FOIA request, in response to this request, the ORR has provided the following statistics for the number of microenterprise loans made, by fiscal year:

Year	Number of loans
2010	550
2011	541
2012	437
2013	466
2014	544
2015	558

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While we believe that an adequate search of appropriate files was conducted for the records you requested in the Office of Refugee Resettlement, you have a right to appeal the finding that no records exist that would be responsive to your request. Your appeal should be mailed within 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter, to the Ms. Catherine Teti, Deputy Chief FOIA Officer, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 729H, Washington, D.C., 20201. Clearly mark both the envelope and your letter "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely yours,



Kimberly N. Epstein  
FOIA Officer  
Administration for Children and Families