

C012790-092626 - City Public Records Request

Message History (2)

On 9/26/2026 2:06:47 PM, Cincinnati Public Records wrote:



Dear Todd Zinser:

Thank you for your interest in public records of the City of Cincinnati. Your request has been received and is being processed in accordance with the Ohio Sunshine laws. Your request was received in this office on 9/26/2026 and has been given the reference number C012790-092626 for tracking purposes.

Records Requested: This request follows my July 28, 2026 public records request, No. C012077-072826, and the City's August 13, 2026 response to that request.

In its August 13 response, the City advised that R.C. 9.66(D), as then in effect, prevented production of certain requested records, but that recently enacted H.B. 479 would revise R.C. 9.66(D), effective September 23, 2026. The City further stated that after the amendment became effective, it would be able to produce responsive contracts, statements of work, invoices, and payment records and invited me to resubmit my request on or after September 23, 2026.

The amendment to R.C. 9.66(D) is now effective. Accordingly, I request copies of the following existing records concerning Green Umbrella for the period January 1, 2022 through the date this request is processed:

- 1. Agreements.** Each executed contract, funding agreement, purchase order, cooperative agreement, grant agreement, or other agreement between the City of Cincinnati and Green Umbrella, including amendments and modifications.
- 2. Statements and scopes of work.** Each statement of work, scope of work, task order, exhibit, attachment, or other existing record associated with an agreement identified in Item 1 that describes the work, services, performance requirements, reporting requirements, or deliverables to be provided by Green Umbrella.
- 3. Invoices and payment requests.** Each invoice, reimbursement request, payment request, or similar billing record submitted by Green Umbrella under an agreement identified in Item 1.
- 4. Approval and acceptance records.** Each existing record documenting the City's approval,

authorization, or acceptance of an invoice or payment request identified in Item 3.

5. Payment records. Each existing City payment record documenting a payment to Green Umbrella under an agreement identified in Item 1.

6. Green Umbrella reports and work products. Copies of existing reports, studies, presentations, memoranda, datasets, progress reports, performance reports, final reports, or other work products submitted by Green Umbrella to the City pursuant to, or in performance of, an agreement identified in Item 1 during the period covered by this request.

Item 6 does not ask the City to determine or describe what work Green Umbrella performed, answer questions about that work, compile information from multiple records, or create a new record. It requests copies of existing records submitted by Green Umbrella to the City in performance of its agreements.

In its August 13 response, the City cited *State ex rel. Shaughnessy v. Cleveland*, 2016-Ohio-8447; *State ex rel. Morgan v. New Lexington*, 2006-Ohio-6365; and *State ex rel. Daugherty v. Mohr*, 2011-Ohio-6453, in support of its conclusion that my earlier request for deliverables would require the City to conduct research or compile information.

I have revised Item 6 to address that concern. I am not requesting that the City search its records for information meeting particular factual criteria or compile selected information into a new record. Rather, I am requesting an identifiable category of existing records: reports and other work products submitted by a specifically identified entity, Green Umbrella, to the City in performance of specifically identified agreements during a specified period.

If the City nevertheless concludes that it cannot reasonably identify the records requested in Item 6, please provide the assistance contemplated by R.C. 149.43(B)(2), including informing me how records of reports and other work products submitted by City contractors, grantees, or funding recipients are maintained and accessed in the ordinary course of the City's duties, so that I may revise Item 6 if necessary.

Redactions. I recognize that R.C. 9.66(D), as amended effective September 23, 2026, protects individualized compensation and payroll information. Such information may be redacted where applicable. I request production of the nonexempt portions of responsive records.

Rolling production. Please do not delay production of records responsive to Items 1 through 5 while addressing any issue concerning Item 6. The City advised me on August 13 that, after September 23, it would be able to produce responsive contracts, statements of work, invoices, and payment records. I therefore request that readily available responsive records be produced promptly and on a rolling basis as they are located and reviewed.

This request seeks existing public records. It does not ask the City to create a new record, conduct factual research on my behalf, answer questions, or compile information into a new record.

Ohio Law requires the City to respond to your request in a reasonable amount of time based on the

circumstances of your request and whether legal review of the records is appropriate. The City will review your request and contact you if we have any questions or need to clarify your request.

Your request will be forwarded to the relevant city department(s) to locate the information requested.

PLEASE NOTE: Public Records Law does not require a governmental body to create new information, to do research or to answer questions.

To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the [Records Request Center](#)



On 9/26/2026 2:06:44 PM, Todd Zinser wrote:

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