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Citizens for a New Louisiana
Michael Lunsford
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Re: Public Records Request to Opelousas Downtown Development District
2026 Building Improvement Grant materials

Dear Mr. Lunsford,

I write in follow-up, on behalf of the Opelousas Downtown Development District, to your further records request of September 2, 2026.

I hope the following should be responsive to those requests:

1. Agenda for meeting July 31, 2026 of the District's Board of Commissioners
2. Board meeting packet for August 21, 2026
3. 2026 BIG Grant Press Release of July 28, 2026
4. 2026 BIG Grant Applicants Scoring Sheet
5. District Independent Auditor's Report, 2025
6. 2026 BIG Grant Guidelines and Application
7. 2026 BIG Grant Award Packet
8. 2026 BIG Grant recipient award letters

The agenda and meeting minutes for the Board's July 31 meeting indicate a "2026 BIG Grant Program Update" and that update from Sarah Branton, respectively. The minutes do not

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include further material after "The awardees are as follows," as you note; those awardees are identified in the July 28, 2026 press release.

As to "records reflecting the competitive review and allocation of the awards," please see scoring by each scorer for each applicant and the corresponding award amounts to the highest-scoring applicants.

I believe your inquiry as to from which fund the BIG grant monies will be drawn should be answered by the Board August 21, 2026 meeting packet and its 2025 auditor's report. The District maintains only its General Fund, not smaller dedicated funds. The BIG Grant funds' budgeting for disbursement in fiscal 2026 is reflected in the monthly financials as line-item "Grant - Business," showing $8,333.00 for the month of July as an amortized one-twelfth of the annual budgeted $100,000.00, with year-to-date actual expenditures of zero.

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With kind regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

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cc: Opelousas Downtown Development District