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Dear Mr. Hillis:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 937917 (OOG ID# 001-22).

The Office of the Governor (the "governor's office") received a request for information pertaining to a specified grant. Although the governor's office takes no position as to whether the submitted information is excepted under the Act, the governor's office states release of the submitted information may implicate the proprietary interests of Jeff Davis County (the "county"). Accordingly, the governor's office states it notified the county of the request for information and of the right to submit arguments to this office as to why the submitted information should not be released. *See* Gov't Code § 552.304 (interested party may submit comments stating why information should or should not be released). We have reviewed the submitted information.

As of the date of this letter, we have not received comments from the county explaining why the submitted information should not be released. Therefore, we have no basis to conclude the county has an interest in the submitted information. Accordingly, the governor's office may not withhold the submitted information on the basis of any interest the county may have in the information. As no exceptions to disclosure have been raised, the governor's office must release the submitted information.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/members-public/what-expect-after-ruling-issued> or call the OAG's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Public Information Act may be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the OAG, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,

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