

October 10, 2003

Department of Health and Human Services  
Freedom of Information Officer  
Room 645-F, Hubert H. Humphrey Building,  
Independence Avenue, S.W.,  
Washington, D.C. 20201

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, I hereby request the following records:

- A roster of all members of the review committees that reviewed SPRANS Community Based Abstinence Education grant applications for 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.
- A list of all additional decision-makers involved in selecting SPRANS Community Based Abstinence Education grant recipients for 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.
- A complete list of all the organizations that applied for SPRANS Community Based Abstinence Education grants for 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003, including those applications that were denied funding.

I am requesting this information for non-commercial use in the public interest, and accordingly, request a waiver of fees. The information I am requesting will help the public assess the integrity of the process for awarding scarce public dollars, as well as the quality of the scientific advice HHS receives.

I will expect a response within 20 working days as provided by law. If my request is denied in whole or in part, I expect a detailed justification for withholding the records. I also request any segregable portions that are not exempt to be disclosed.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Esther Kaplan