

COLUMBIA COUNTY LAND BANK CORPORATION FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW PROCEDURES

Overview

The Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL") requires public access to government records. This document describes the Columbia County Land Bank Corporation's ("CCLBC") policies and procedures for responding to FOIL requests.

How to Make Requests

To make a FOIL request, please send a detailed written request to the CCLBC Records Access Officer specifying the records you wish to receive to:

Email: cbrown@columbiaedc.com

Mail: Attn: CCLBC Records
401 State Street
Hudson, NY 12534

Format of Requests

When submitting a FOIL request, it is important to:

- Be as specific as possible in your description of the requested records, including relevant dates, names and descriptions of the documents and their subject matter.
- State where you want the records sent and how you want them sent (for example, by email or mail).
- Provide contact information so that we can reach you with questions, including email address and daytime telephone number where available.

List of Records Maintained

A list of records maintained by CCLBC and organized by subject matter category can be found on the Columbia County Land Bank Corporation's website:

<https://columbiaedc.com/about-cedc/columbia-county-land-bank-corporation/>

Please note that some of the listed records may be exempt from disclosure pursuant to FOIL.

Handling of Requests

Unless otherwise provided by law, within 5 business days of receiving a FOIL request, CCLBC will provide access to the records, deny access in writing (stating the reason for the denial), or will acknowledge receipt of the request in writing and state the approximate date when the request will be granted or denied.

If documents are not provided in the initial response, CCLBC's acknowledgement will include an estimated timeframe when then records will be available. This estimate depends on the volume and type of records requested, the time it takes to review those records, and the time it takes to redact any information that cannot be disclosed pursuant to FOIL or other reasons provided by law.

You may be charged a fee for records, in which case you will be notified before the records are released to you. Unless a different fee is prescribed by statute, we will charge you a fee of \$0.25 per page for the cost of copying a record, or the actual cost of reproducing the record.

Appeals

If your request is denied (in whole or part), you will have 30 days to file a written appeal with the FOIL Appeals Officer:

Attn: FOIL Appeals Officer
401 State Street
Hudson, NY 12534

Please include a copy of the original request for records, a copy of the FOIL response you received, and your appeal.

Additional Information

If you have additional questions about FOIL, please contact the New York State Committee on Open Government at coog@dos.ny.gov or visit their website at: <https://opengovernment.ny.gov/>.