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OR90-129

Dear Mr. Belton:

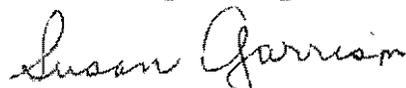
You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 8841.

The Community Development Corporation of Brownsville, Texas, which administers the federal Rental Rehabilitation Loan Program, received an open records request for, inter alia, a named individual's project application. The application consists of a standard four page form and a separate "Personal Financial Statement." You contend that these documents come under the protection of sections 3(a)(1) and 3(a)(10).

A previous determination of this office, Open Records Decision No. 373 (1983), resolves your request in part. Except for the appraised value of the applicant's real property, which is public information, see Tax Code §§ 25.05, 1.10, you may withhold pursuant to the common-law privacy aspect of section 3(a)(1) all financial information, including lists of assets and liabilities, contained in the first page of the "Personal Financial Statement" and in the second and third pages of the loan application. You must also withhold all of the applicant's federal income tax forms, which are deemed confidential by law. See 26 U.S.C. § 6103. The remaining information contained in the application forms must, however, be released.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR90-129.

Yours very truly,



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