

May 2, 2025

## SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: femamax@gmail.com

Max Meindl 5 East Austin Street Bellville, Texas 77418

Re: FEMA 2025-FEFO-01396 Final Response

Dear Max Meindl:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), dated and received on April 22, 2025. You were seeking Reasonable Accommodation (RA) approval/denial rates, by age group, for FEMA Region 6, for the past 8 years.

We queried FEMA's Region VI (R6) program office and the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) for documents responsive to your request. No responsive records were located. OCR's program office researchers provided the following explanation:

FEMA does not track RAs by age, nor does it have approval/denial rates (which would be extremely difficult to calculate).

You have the right to appeal if you disagree with FEMA's response. The procedure for administrative appeals is outlined in the DHS regulations at 6 C.F.R. §5.8. In the event you wish to submit an appeal, we encourage you to both state the reason(s) you believe FEMA's initial determination on your FOIA request was erroneous in your correspondence and include a copy of this letter with your appeal. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal within 90 working days from the date of this letter to <a href="mailto:fema-foia@fema.dhs.gov">fema-foia@fema.dhs.gov</a>, or alternatively, via mail at the following address:

## **FEMA**

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There is no charge for this FOIA request. As this concludes the processing of your request, it will be closed.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the assigned FOIA Specialist at <a href="mailto:amanda.christman@associates.fema.dhs.gov">amanda.christman@associates.fema.dhs.gov</a> and refer to FOIA request number 2025-FEFO-01396. You may also contact someone at contact <a href="mailto:FEMA-FOIA@fema.dhs.gov">FEMA-FOIA@fema.dhs.gov</a> or at (202) 646-3323, and you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner. For a faster response please email the assigned FOIA Specialist directly.

Sincerely,

Annette Breland FOIA Team Lead Disclosure Branch Information Management Division Mission Support