

**REQUEST
2020-206**

From: Dennis, Laura <Laura.Dennis@luzernecounty.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 5:07 PM
To: Swetz, Brian <Brian.Swetz@luzernecounty.org>; Cunningham, Danielle <Danielle.Cunningham@luzernecounty.org>
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL]: Open Record Request - Property Tax Overages

Hi All,
Could you take a look at the request below? I am following up.
Even if you just give me a link where to get the information, that would be ok.
Thank you,
Laura

WARNING: This message is from an external email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you recognize the sender **AND** you know that the contents of the email are safe to open.

Dear Governmental Agency,

Pursuant to your state public records law, we request that your agency supply us with the following:

All records, which identify dollars that you are holding on accounts that are owed to citizens, companies, and/or corporations. This list may be called, but not limited to Unclaimed Funds, Open items, Open warrant list, Check Reconciliation list. We are interested in Tax lien surplus, Tax lien over payments, Mortgage Foreclosure Proceeds, Mortgage Foreclosure Overage, or Foreclosures surplus balance sheets. We ask that this information include the payee's name, last known address, dollar amount owed. Check number, and all other information that identifies the payee. Please include property tax overpayment in this list. If possible please only show dollar amount greater than \$1000.00

Under your state public records law, all public records shall be promptly prepared and made available for inspection to any person at all reasonable times during regular business hours. Upon request, a person responsible for public records shall make copies available at cost, within a reasonable period. The Privacy Act does not restrict access to records that are public. Unless made confidential by law, all records maintained by a governmental agency that is necessary to the agency's execution of its duties and responsibilities are public records. A governmental body refusing to release records has the burden of proving that excerpts the records from disclosure.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will significantly contribute to public understanding of government operations and activities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, we ask that you justify all deletion by reference to the specific exemptions of the act. We will also expect you to release all segregate portions of otherwise exempt material. We, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold information or to deny a waiver of fees.

We would appreciate your communication with me by email or phone if you have any questions regarding this request. I look forward to our reply within 3 business days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays).

Thank you for your assistance!

Sincerely,
Latisha Youngblood

**RESPONSE
2020-206**

Dennis, Laura
Mon 12/7/2020 2:50 PM

To:

plrecoveryservice@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Youngblood:

I am in receipt a right to know that you sent to Luzerne County. My office is responsible for processing. For your future reference, there is a form that you would be required to fill out and submitted to the Office of Law. This can be obtained on our website.

Your request is granted and I can direct your attention to a link on our website through Elite Revenue, which is the entity that handles all tax sale matters for Luzerne County Government. The link is listed here: [Tax Sale Distributions/Surplus Funds Lists \(luzernecountytaxclaim.com\)](https://luzernecountytaxclaim.com)

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Upset Sale (Default Agreements)& Continued Judicial Sale - Thursday April 23rd, 2020 at 10am (POSTPONED - NEVER TO BE ANNOUNCED). Judicial Sale - Thursday, August 13th, 2020 at 10am (POSTPONED TO THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020 AT 10AM). Upset Sale - Thursday, September 24th, 2020 at 10am

luzernecountytaxclaim.com

All information that we have related to your request can be found at the link above. If you wish to contact a member of their office staff you can do this at the following listed information:

Hours of Operation

- Monday to Friday
9:00am to 4:30pm

Mailing Address

- Luzerne County Tax Claim Bureau c/o

Elite Revenue Solutions
200 North River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711

Contact Us

- Phone:
570-825-1512
- Toll Free:
844-514-5091
- Fax:
570-820-6339

If you should require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at this email address.

Thank you,

Laura Dennis

Open Records Officer

Luzerne County Office of Law