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SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSPARENCY REPORT
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AGENCY NAME: Dormitory Authority of New York State (**DASNY**)

DELIVERABLES ACHIEVED SINCE 2021:

- **Increased access to data on State grants.** Since the implementation of the Transparency Initiative, DASNY has made available on its website a list of all reviewed and approved Economic Development Grant Programs, final grants issued, along with the identity of the project, amount of award, and identity of the grantee. Historically, this information had been frequently requested through FOIL. We have found that posting the information would provide the public with ease of access and would obviate the need to make a formal FOIL request. DASNY updates this list on a weekly basis to increase transparency and facilitate public access.

    To further improve public access, we have also added a standalone "Reports" link on the FOIL page that directs the public to specific reports regarding DASNY's economic development grants list, which makes it simpler for requesters to find the information.

- **Simplified and expanded access to DASNY reports.** DASNY placed a link to our publicly accessible information in a more prominently location - on the top banner of the website – to provide easier access to information about Board and Committee meetings (which includes recordings of meetings, meeting minutes, and reports) Governance, and Accessibility, as well as FOIL, Grants Administration, and other programs and subjects.

- **FOIL** – In addition to providing immediate access to frequently requested documents and reports, DASNY took several steps to make it simpler for FOIL requesters to submit requests including:
    - updating DASNY's FOIL web page; adding a large and prominent FOIL link at the bottom of the DASNY home page;
    - waiving all FOIL-related fees for production of electronic records; transitioning to the Records Access Center powered by GovQA, which allows for better tracking and monitoring of response time; and
    - adding a link from the subject matter list to the reports page to help individuals more easily find documents and information.

- **Project Sunlight** – DASNY's webpage has a more prominent link to make accessing Project Sunlight information more readily available. We have also updated Project Sunlight postings. All DASNY staff received Project Sunlight training in 2023. DASNY continues to enter qualified Appearances in the Project Sunlight database.

INITATIVES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN 2024:

- We will continue to update DASNY's website to make more information publicly available regarding DASNY projects, programs, or initiatives and other frequently requested information, to the extent that such posting does not or would not interfere with any of the allowable legal exemptions provided under FOIL or other privacy laws. We will also continue to utilize the GovQA platform to its fullest extent, thereby ensuring that the public has easy access to disclosable records.