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Information for review.

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Tony, I looked through multiple Federal FOIA web sites and state and local governments do not have to respond to a Federal FOIA. However, they may be subject to State FOIA.

Q. Can I use FOIA to review documents from my state government?

A. No. FOIA only applies to agencies of the federal government (note this means it also does not apply to Congress or the Judicial branch). It does not allow you to get information from state or local governments. However, most state and local governments are covered by [state public records laws](#). Also, keep in mind that because state and local governments frequently consult or collaborate with the federal government on projects, you can often use FOIA to [review information](#) which originated with non-federal entities but which is now in the possession of federal government. <http://www.foiadvocates.com/faq.html>

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