

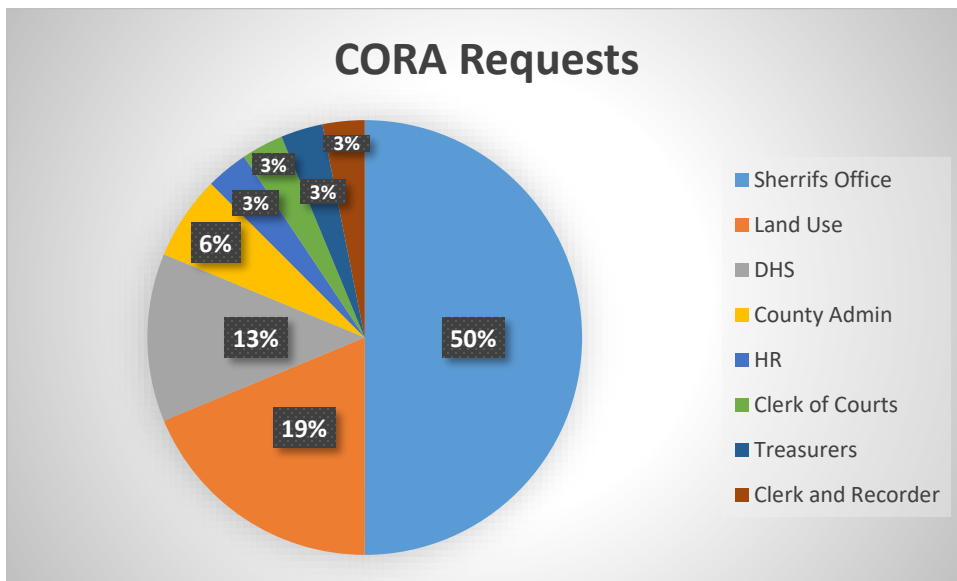
TO: Huerfano County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Hannah Welsh, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 3, 2024

SUBJECT: CORA Request 2024 Data and Updates

CORA requests or Colorado Information Act requests are an important part of Huerfano County's interactions with the public. The total number of CORA requests the County has responded to in 2024 is currently at thirty-two. In June, Huerfano County had a total of twelve backlogged CORA requests, the earliest being from February of 2024. Huerfano County is currently now caught up and has responded to all thirty-two requests. The Department with the largest number of requests is the Huerfano County Sheriff's Office. Below are the current figures for the exact number of requests each department that has received.

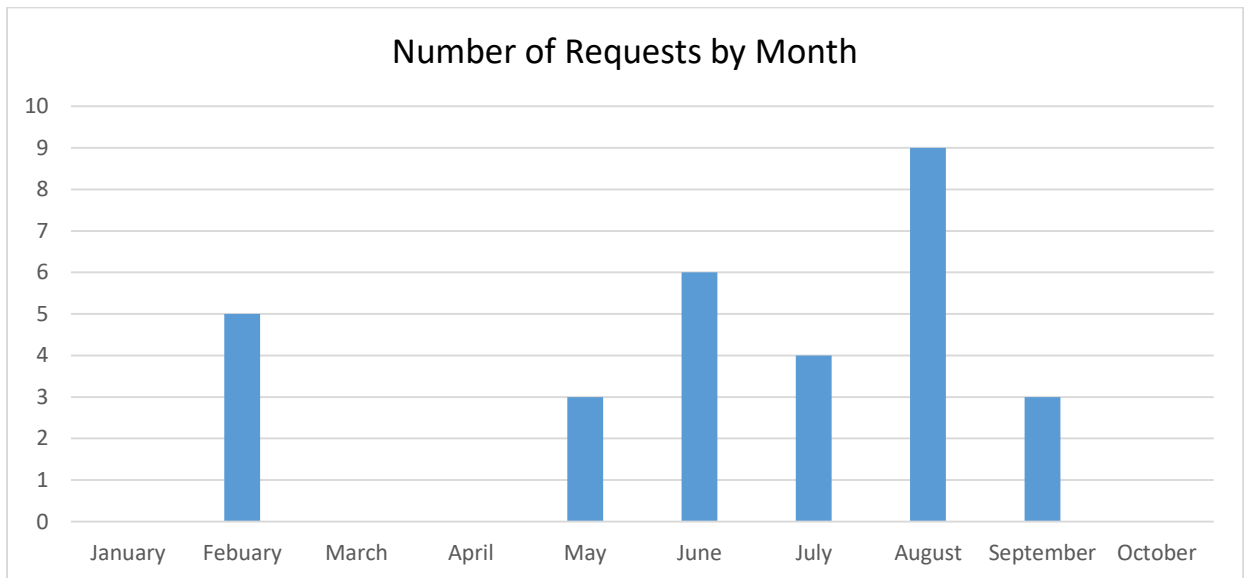


Department	Number of Requests
Sheriff's Office	16
Land Use	6
DHS	4
County Administration	2
Human Resources	1
Treasurers	1
Clerk and Recorder	1
Clerk of Courts	1

The majority of the requests for the Sheriff's Office were requesting information on traffic accidents or body camera footage and interrogation footage from various incidents. The requests for Land Use all were inquiries about various buildings from Geosyntec Consultants.

The Huerfano County Department of Human Services (DHS) received requests for information on various cases and placements. Huerfano County Administration received requests for various email correspondence and financial information. The other departments listed received one request each on various matters or in the case of the Clerk of Courts the County received one for them by mistake.

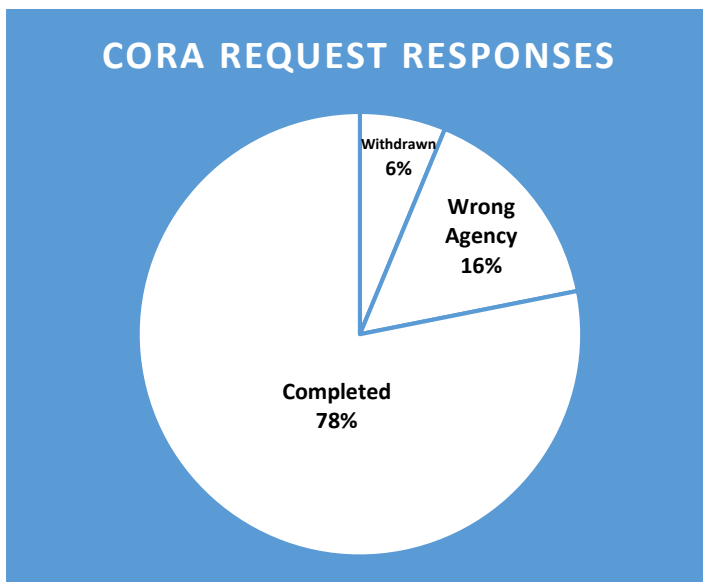
During the month of August, the County received the most CORA requests with a total of nine requests. During the months of January, March and April the County received no CORA requests. As of 10/3/2024 there have been no requests for the month of October.



A vital part of CORA requests is response time. Colorado Statute section 24-72-203(3)(b), C.R.S. dictates that once a request is made the Department the request was made to has three days to respond. If more time is needed it is necessary to reach out the requestor and inform them of delay. Huerfano County has drastically increased our response time from having twelve backlogged CORA requests with a response wait time of four months. As of late June, Huerfano County now has a response wait time of three days on average with requests being sent

to the correct department the day they come in. If a CORA request requires attorney review or longer research time the longest response delay has been two weeks. The County has also increased the cost of a request from \$30.00 after the first hour of research to \$41.37 after the first hour as of Huerfano County Resolution #24-38.

When fulfilling CORA requests the County has had three different responses to the requestors. Twenty-five of the thirty-two CORA requests have been successfully completed with the requestor receiving the information or documents requested. Five of the thirty-two CORA requests were sent to the County by mistake and the requestors were redirected to the correct agency. Two of the thirty-two CORA request were withdrawn by the requestor. 78% percent of CORA requests have been able to be fulfilled by the County and in all other cases the requestor has been either redirected to the correct agency to find the information or the request was withdrawn by the requestor.



Withdrawn	2
Wrong Agency	5
Completed	25

CORA requests are an important public right that Huerfano County must continue to work towards fulfilling. As stated above Huerfano County has received no CORA

requests yet for the month of October. All departments are working together to make sure that CORA requests are fulfilled as they come in and responded to as quickly as possible. Thank you to all Departments for the quick response time and assistance in fulfilling all thirty-two CORA requests.