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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 1240

I write further to your email dated 01 August 2020.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), explained on our [freedom of information](#) page.

Your request:

- i) The number of individual payments and total sum paid specifically to charities and not for profit organisations between 24th March to 28th July 2020 under the following schemes:

- Small Business Grants Fund (SBGF) scheme
- Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Business Grants Fund (RHLGF)
- Local Authority Discretionary Grants Fund

As part of this application process we asked businesses to identify their sector. Two identified themselves as charities and were paid £12,000 in total. There may, however, be others that are charities or not for profit organisations but have not identified themselves as such.

- ii) A copy of (or link to) the form and any associated application guidance required to be used for the application of the above.

Please see documents 1240a and 1240b attached for our discretionary grant fund. The applications for the other schemes are on our website:

https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/coronavirus_business_support

- iii) The number of total applications made to each scheme, and the total number rejected for each scheme.

In total 1539 applications were received and 73 were rejected. Of the total the discretionary grant scheme received 258 applications, 57 were rejected.

I can confirm that we hold the information for the remaining applications, however, complying with this request would exceed the cost limit of £450. Where we estimate that complying with a request will cost in excess of £450 or 18 hours of officer time we will refuse this request under section 12 of the FOIA.

In this case, the time required to check each individual application, at 5 minutes per application, would approximate 128 hours of officer time.

- iv) The number of total applications made by charities and not for profit organisations to each scheme, and the total number rejected for each scheme.

Three applicants identified themselves as charities in the discretionary grant fund when asked what sector their business was in, but as explained above, there may be

more that didn't identify themselves as that sector. Of those three, one was rejected on the basis it was eligible for a grant from one the other schemes.

- v) If the council has during the period of 24th March - 28th July created or contributed to any other COVID grant or loan schemes to the local community, voluntary and social enterprise sector. The total sum of the contribution and the total number of recipient organisations.

N/A

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If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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