



Homes
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Dear ██████████,

RE: Request for Information – RFI2880

Thank you for your recent email, which was processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). For clarification, you requested the following information:

1. *What was the original budget in the Homes England Community Housing Fund 2018-20 for:*
 - *pre-development revenue funding;*
 - *local authority revenue funding;*
 - *local authority infrastructure capital funding;*
 - *Affordable housing capital.*
2. *How many bids and how much funding has been requested to 31st December 2019 for:*
 - *pre-development revenue funding;*
 - *local authority revenue funding;*
 - *local authority infrastructure capital funding;*
 - *Affordable housing capital.*
3. *How much funding has been allocated in awarded grants to 31st December 2019 for:*
 - *pre-development revenue funding;*
 - *local authority revenue funding;*
 - *local authority infrastructure capital funding;*
 - *Affordable housing capital.*
4. *How many groups have been informed that their applications for pre-development revenue funding cannot be supported because the Homes England Community Housing Fund has been fully committed?*
5. *What is the potential for any underspend on the affordable housing capital funding to be reallocated for pre-development revenue funding?*
6. *What is the potential for any underspend on the Homes England Community Housing Fund to be rolled over for an extension to the Community Housing Fund to at least 31st March 2021?*

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Response

We can confirm that we do hold recorded information that falls within the scope of your request. We will address each of your questions in turn.

1. What was the original budget in the Homes England Community Housing Fund 2018-20 for:

Funding type	Budget amount
Pre-development revenue funding	£16,000,000
Local authority revenue funding	
Local authority infrastructure capital funding	£18,000,000
Affordable Housing capital	£80,000,000
Total	£114,000,000

2. How many bids and how much funding has been requested to 31st December 2019 for:

Funding type	Bids received – Funding request to 31 December 2019	No. of bids to 31 December 2019
Pre-development revenue funding	£27,467,737	278
Local authority revenue funding	£3,094,733	36
Local authority infrastructure capital funding	£4,753,021	13
Affordable Housing capital	£15,056,343	22
Total	£50,371,834	349



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3. How much funding has been allocated in awarded grants to 31st December 2019 for:

The total awarded grant amount is £21,111,919.

4. How many groups have been informed that their applications for pre-development revenue funding cannot be supported because the Homes England Community Housing Fund has been fully committed?

There are circa 100 submitted Community Housing Fund applications live in the bid system, of these Homes England has formally contacted 21 applicants where applications had been progressed to confirm that an allocation decision is on hold subject to budget availability. There has been further informal contact with other applicants where we have confirmed the current resource position.

5. What is the potential for any underspend on the affordable housing capital funding to be reallocated for pre-development revenue funding?

and

6. What is the potential for any underspend on the Homes England Community Housing Fund to be rolled over for an extension to the Community Housing Fund to at least 31st March 2021?

Please note that these decisions sit with government and not Homes England. We are working with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to clarify the short-term budget position for the Community Housing Fund. Allocations for future years will be considered at forthcoming Budget and Spending Review.

Right to Appeal

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled you may request an internal review by writing to;

The Information Access Team
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Or by email to foi@homesengland.gov.uk

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link

<https://ico.org.uk/>



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Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

Information Access Team

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