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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 15 April 2019 requesting the following information:

"In August 2017 funding was made available to the ACO through the LIBOR fines grants. Units were asked to submit bids for grant funding as a matter of urgency. Nothing more has been heard of this funding. Given that this was a sizeable chunk of public money, I would like to know what happened to it. I would also like to know why the fate of the money has not been disseminated through the ACO."

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

In August 2017, the Ministry of Defence (MOD) informed Headquarters RAF Air Cadets (HQ RAFAC) that £500,000 of LIBOR funds would be made available to be distributed to Air Training Corps (ATC) Squadrons for local projects to the benefit of cadets. Bids were required to be submitted from HQ RAFAC to MOD within 10 working days. Bids from ATC Squadron were collated, prioritised and submitted by HQ RAFAC to MOD within the specified 10 day timeframe.

Since the submission of bids, there was a delay within the MOD followed by a further delay within Her Majesty's Treasury. However, in March 2019, approximately £365,000 was transferred to HQ RAFAC for distribution to the successful ATC Squadrons. The distribution process is estimated to be 90% complete.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact us in the first instance at the address above. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,

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