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Dear [REDACTED],

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: GRANT SCHEMES - REPAIR AND RENEW GRANT AND FARMING RECOVERY FUND.**

Thank you for your e-mail of 18 November 2014, about the Government grant schemes to assist those affected by flooding between 1 December 2013 and 31 March 2014. We are handling your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We have answered your questions as below. Results have been broken down by Local Authority as requested for the Repair and Renew Grant, however it has not been possible to do this for the Farming Recovery Fund which is broken down by region.

***a) How much money has been paid out by the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in respect of the winter floods of 2013/14 under the 'Repair and Renew' grant?***

The Repair and Renew Grant (RRG) provides homeowners and businesses who were flooded between the 1 April 2013 and 31 March 2014 with up to £5,000 of grant funding to establish resilience and/or resistance measures in their property to help manage the risk or impact of any future flooding.

The RRG is delivered by Local Authorities who claim grant money awarded back from Defra on a quarterly basis. All claims received from Local Authorities for quarter 1 and the majority from quarter two have been paid out. The table below is a complete record of what has been paid by Defra to Local Authorities as of 16 January 2015.



INVESTORS  
IN PEOPLE

## Repair and Renew Grant – Local Authority claims paid to 16 January 2015

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Amount paid</b>
Aylesbury Vale District Council	£ 10,000.00
Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	£ 11,200.00
Boston Borough Council	£ 202,367.11
Bournemouth Borough Council	£ 5,000.00
Brighton & Hove Council	£ 5,000.00
Central Bedfordshire Council	£ 3,257.10
Chelmsford Borough Council	£ 18,431.00
Chichester District Council	£ 47,052.49
Copeland Borough Council	£ 5,000.00
Council Of The Isles Of Scilly	£ 5,000.00
Crawley Borough Council	£ 5,000.00
East Devon District Council	£ 5,000.00
East Hertfordshire District Council	£ 15,259.46
Exeter City Council	£ 9,098.00
Herefordshire Council	£ 15,519.00
Horsham District Council	£ 9,885.45
Hull City Council	£ 10,574.94
Isle Of Wight Council	£ 12,424.64
Kings Lynn & West Norfolk B C	£ 36,620.01
Lewes District Council	£ 185.00
Maidstone Borough Council	£ 24,375.93
Malvern Hills District Council	£ 146,204.21
Mid Sussex District Council	£ 11,428.00
New Forest District Council	£ 46,141.71
North Devon District Council	£ 1,087.36
North Dorset District Council	£ 21,021.90
North Lincolnshire Council	£ 93,110.34
North Norfolk District Council	£ 88,864.45
Oxford City Council	£ 7,412.00
Plymouth City Council	£ 15,000.00
Reading Borough Council	£ 5,000.00
Rother District Council	£ 5,000.00
Scarborough Borough Council	£ 75,345.59
Sedgemoor District Council	£ 70,075.00
Sevenoaks District Council	£ 8,204.00
Slough Borough Council	£ 1,071.31
South Hams District Council	£ 4,691.16
South Oxfordshire District Council	£ 16,043.47
South Somerset District Council	£ 10,000.00
Stroud District Council	£ 4,447.71

Suffolk Coastal District Council	£	1,356.84
Surrey County Council	£	103,987.97
Swale Borough Council	£	10,000.00
Swindon Borough Council	£	5,000.00
Taunton Deane Borough Council	£	72,878.80
Teignbridge District Council	£	11,186.00
Tendring District Council	£	5,986.83
Test Valley Borough Council	£	73,488.00
Tonbridge & Malling B C	£	92,447.20
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	£	26,180.43
Uttlesford District Council	£	8,240.00
Vale Of White Horse District Council	£	15,000.00
Waveney District Council	£	10,000.00
West Berkshire Council	£	93,053.91
West Devon Borough Council	£	11,030.00
West Dorset District Council	£	36,342.75
West Oxfordshire District Council	£	5,000.00
Weymouth & Portland Borough Council	£	5,040.00
Wiltshire Council	£	106,428.83
Winchester City Council	£	13,404.08
Windsor & Maidenhead Borough Coun	£	43,639.97
Wychavon District Council	£	12,124.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>1,848,214.28</b>

***b) How much money has been paid out by the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in respect of the winter floods of 2013/14 under the Farming Recovery Fund?***

The Farming Recovery Fund (FRF) was established to help farm businesses to restore flooded agricultural land and bring it back into production as quickly as possible. Farmers were able to apply for grants of up to £35,000. The Fund closed to applications on 27 June 2014. All applications have been assessed and 412 were approved with farmers benefiting from £5.14m in grants. Farmers with approved applications now have until the end of January 2015 to carry out the work and submit their claim for payment of the grant.

By 15 January 2015 241 submitted claims had been paid totalling £2,797,511.43.


Region	Number of claims paid	Value of claims paid
East Midlands	7	240,741.78
Eastern	5	145,097.97
North West	2	9,320.00
South East	23	162,264.68
South West	113	1,216,866.66
West Midlands	82	907,357.49
Yorks and Humber	9	115,862.85
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>2,797,511.43</b>

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the address below.

Yours sincerely,

  
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## Annex A

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