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## Usage of Section 70 of the Charities Act 2006

Section 70 of the Charities Act 2006 (the Act) sets out a power for Ministers to give financial assistance to charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institutions and requires that payments made under this power are reported.

During 2014-15, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (the Department) made grants totalling £4.51m under the provisions of the Act. The funding matched both the aims and objectives of the Department, as well as those of the recipients. This spending does not represent the total amount of grant funding provided to the Voluntary and Community Sector, as many other grants have been paid to this sector under the powers conferred by alternative legislation.

The table below sets out the financial assistance provided by the Secretary of State under this power for 2014-15.

Grant recipient	Payments £'m	Purpose
<b>DCMS/Wolfson Museums &amp; Galleries Improvement Fund*</b>	1.98	To support the Fund, which support projects in English museums and galleries to improve the quality of displays, collection interpretation, public spaces, access and facilities for disabled visitors.
<b>The Archbishop's Council</b>	1.78	To ensure that Church of England and Catholic Cathedrals that are not eligible for support via the Listed Places of Worship Scheme are in a good and safe state of repair as the nation comes together to commemorate the centenary of the First World War
<b>National Film and Television School</b>	0.50	To support the renovation and expansion of existing buildings, for education and skills development in the creative content sectors
<b>Waterloo 200</b>	0.10	To support events and educational facilities to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo
<b>Gandhi Statue Memorial Trust</b>	0.08	A repayable grant was made to the Gandhi Statue Memorial Trust towards the costs of erecting the Gandhi Statue in Parliament Square. The grant was repaid on 12 February 2015
<b>Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust</b>	0.04	To assist with the costs of funding to deliver the Visit Makers programme, to promote volunteering opportunities at The Historic Dockyard and other key heritage sites across Medway, with a particular focus on appealing to a younger market
<b>South West Grid for Learning Trust</b>	0.03	To launch a new dedicated helpline to provide support and advice for victims of revenge porn

*\*All recipients are institutions based in England and are either registered Charities or set up for a charitable purpose.*

In 2014-15, the Department provided loans of £2.50m under the provisions of the Act. The loans matched both the aims and objectives of the Department, as well as those of the recipients.

Loan recipient	Payments £'m	Purpose
Imperial War Museum**	2.00	To support the regeneration of the Imperial War Museum
Science Museum Group**	0.50	To support improvements to cinema operations at the National Media Museum

*\*\* Under the Museum Freedoms, total loan facilities of £24.64m were issued in 2014-15 of which £2.5m was drawn down. It is expected further drawdowns will occur in future years which, if that occurs, will be reported in those years.*

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