



Our Reference:

BY EMAIL ONLY

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Dear

Request for Information

Thank you for your email dated 25 January 2017 requesting information on funding provided to Guinness Partnership by the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA). For ease of reference your request is below:

"I request under the FOI Act whether and if so what amount The Guinness Partnership Ltd received a grant from your Agency, or indeed any capital from your funding programmes"

We have now had an opportunity to investigate your request and are writing to communicate our response. We have interpreted your request to mean since the establishment of HCA, which was December 2008. Our records show that from the full 2008/2009 financial year up to the date of your request, HCA awarded £138,245,984 in grant money to Guinness Partnership for land/properties outside of London. However, this figure is subject to the following comments:

1. Pre-HCA information (i.e. the data from April 2008 – December 2008) relates to grant money awarded by The Housing Corporation, which transferred to HCA in December 2008.
2. Our records show an additional £13,280,950 of grant money was awarded to Guinness Partnership relating to land/property in London between 2008-2012. HCA holds this information as an historic record as it was only after 1 April 2012 that HCA's interests and involvement in the London area transferred to the Greater London Authority (GLA). Therefore, it is possible there were subsequent changes to these figures by GLA which HCA would not have access to or be aware of and so HCA cannot confirm the accuracy of this figure – other than it is the information we hold based on this historic information, which may have been superseded.
3. Whilst HCA holds the historic data referred to at point 2 relating to London-based grant money, HCA does not hold any information in relation to funding in London after April 2012.

Further to points 2 and 3 above, you may wish to make a similar Freedom of Information request to the Greater London Authority; both in relation to the information up to April 2012 as indicated above at point 2 but also in relation to the subsequent years for land/properties within London as referred to at point 3. You can write, fax or email the GLA at the addresses below:

Public Liaison Unit
Greater London Authority
The Queen's Walk
London SE1 2AA
Email: mayor@london.gov.uk
Fax: 020 7983 4057

If you have any questions regarding this response or any further queries you can contact us at the following addresses and quote your unique reference number found at the top of this letter:

Email: mail@homesandcommunities.co.uk
Mail: Information Access Officer
Homes and Communities Agency
Fry Building
2 Marsham Street
London
SW1P 4DF

If you are unhappy with the way Homes and Communities Agency has handled your request you may ask for an internal review. You should contact

Head of Legal Services
Homes and Communities Agency
Fry Building
2 Marsham Street
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If you are not content with the outcome 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

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Online: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/getting/>

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Yours sincerely

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