

Date: 23/04/2019
Our Ref: RFI2668
Your Ref: FOI Request – RFI2668: Funding for Modular Housing
Tel: 0300 1234 500
Email: foi@homesengland.gov.uk



Homes
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Dear [REDACTED],

RE: Request for Information – RFI2668

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

How much funding for modular housing (those using off-site construction techniques) has Homes England made available?

Please can this be broken down by local authority and by year. And can it also be broken down by type of funding?

Response

I am able to confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request. This is because there is no legal or business reason for Homes England to do so.

In order to conclude that the information is not held, we have searched with our Investment team who would have the requested information if held.

The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty under section 1(1) is only to provide the recorded information held.

The full text of section 1 in the legislation can be found here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/1>

Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. To comply with this duty we are able to provide you with the following information.

The £4.5bn Home Building Fund provides loan funding that is available to developers. This funding can be used to support the delivery of homes via Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) including modular housing, but we do not have funding available to directly invest in MMS/modular housing factories.

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
Homes England – 6th Floor

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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/>

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
For Homes England