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Dear xxxx

Thank you for your email of 17 September 2021 requesting the following information:

“To ask under the FOIA:

For a copy of the most recent funding and budget allocation for Armed Forces Day 2021.

E.g. Armed Forces Day received £1m from the MOD to cover the cost of putting on AFD 2021. £500,000 was for community grants of up to £10,000 each, £25,000 was for the main event, £x was on staffing costs, £x on PR, £x on sponsorship etc.”

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information requested has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

The annual budget allocation for Armed Forces Day is currently c.£400,000. Each year the MOD offers a general grant up to the value of £10,000 to a Local Authority and/or organisation that wishes to put on an Armed Forces Day. The exact value of the general grant is dependent on the size and format of the event and to what extent the application meets the stipulated criteria. This general grant is match-funded and can cover up to half the total cost of the event. For example, if the total cost of the event is £10,000 and the organiser raises £5,000, the grant could cover up to £5,000. In addition to offering a general grant in support of regional events, the MOD provides a general grant of £25,000 to the Local Authority that is chosen to host the Armed Forces Day National Event.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (advice and assistance) you may find it helpful to note the grant criteria, and information on what the grant can and cannot be used for, can be found

on the Armed Forces Day website at: <https://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/get-involved/organise-your-own-event/apply-for-funding/>

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.gov.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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence People Secretariat