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By Email Only

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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI4110

Thank you for your request for information which was processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You requested the following information:

Sage Housing - Affordable Homes Programme

1) *In total how much in Grants have you awarded Sage Housing?*

2) *What are the terms and conditions for Homes England grant qualification? Please send me a copy.*

Response

We can confirm that we do hold some of the requested information. We will address each of your questions in turn.

1) *In total how much in Grants have you awarded Sage Housing?*

We can confirm that Sage Housing have only been part of the Affordable Homes Programme (AHP) for 2021-2026. Where you have asked for the amount *awarded* we have taken this to mean how much funding has been *allocated*. Please see table below which shows how much funding has been allocated to Sage Housing as at June 2022.

AHP 21-26 Programme	Allocations Approved	Grant Drawn Down (spent)
Strategic Partnership	£73,484,000	£8,314,152
CME	£28,835,580	£21,938,480
TOTAL	£102,319,580	£30,252,632



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2) What are the terms and conditions for Homes England grant qualification? Please send me a copy.

We can inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, we rely on section 21, exemption where information is available to the applicant elsewhere.

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link and we have quoted section 21 below for ease.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

21 - Information accessible to applicant by other means.

- (1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—
 - (a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and
 - (b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

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 advise that in order to qualify for a grant from Homes England through its Affordable Homes Programme, providers of affordable housing must undergo an Investment Partner Qualification process. This establishes an organisation's suitability and good standing to receive grant from Homes England. Information on this process, including the background and relevant forms, can be found via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-to-be-an-investment-partner-for-the-affordable-homes-programme>

Once an organisation has received Investment Partner status for the Affordable Homes Programme, they are able to bid for and receive a grant, subject to them also signing up to a Grant Agreement with Homes England. A Grant Agreement is, in effect, a contract between the affordable housing provider and Homes England and sets out the detailed contractual requirements and conditions that they must meet. Grant Agreement examples can be found via the below link for the current Affordable Homes Programme:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/grant-agreement-examples-for-the-affordable-homes-programme-2021-to-2026>



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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. You can request an internal review by writing to Homes England via the details below, quoting the reference number at the top of this letter.

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Your request for review must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response. Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

Upon receipt, your request for review will be passed to an independent party not involved in your original request. We aim to issue a response within 20 working days.

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) 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,

The Information Governance Team
For Homes England

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