

From: [Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: FOI request - grants
Date: 09 September 2022 09:01:24

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your freedom of information request received on 12 August 2022.

To provide some explanation of our role, the Single Source Regulations Office or SSRO is an executive non-departmental public body, sponsored by the Ministry of Defence (MOD). We play a key role in the regulation of single source, or non-competitive, defence contracts. The Defence Reform Act 2014 ('the Act') created a regulatory framework for single source defence contracts. The framework came fully into force in December 2014, following Parliamentary approval of the Single Source Contract Regulations 2014. The framework places controls on the prices of qualifying contracts and requires greater transparency on the part of defence contractors. The SSRO is at the heart of the regulatory framework, supporting its operation.

We are responsible for:

- Keeping under review the Defence Reform Act and the Regulations and recommending appropriate changes to the Secretary of State.
- Making an annual recommendation to the Secretary of State on the Baseline Profit Rate, Capital Servicing Rates and SSRO funding adjustment to be applied in determining the profit rates of qualifying contracts.
- Giving opinions and making determinations on questions referred by the MOD and defence contractors, clarifying how the regime applies to qualifying contracts and resolving disagreements.
- Keeping under review the extent to which contractors are complying with their reporting obligations.
- Keeping an up-to-date record of qualifying contracts and receiving statutory reports from defence contractors into the SSRO's DefCARS database.
- Fulfilling requests by the Secretary of State for analysis of reported data and providing other services or assistance relating to single source defence procurement.

The activities of the SSRO are bound by the requirement to deliver the DRA 2014 and it does not have the ability to award grants nor has it ever issued grant funding. Therefore, we are not required nor permitted to commit any resources, whether people, systems or funding, to grant-making activity, and we do not spend any time with regards development in this regard.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to: Neil Swift, c/o Enquiries, enquiries@ssro.gov.uk.

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.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
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From: Enquiries <enquiries@ssro.gov.uk>

Sent: 12 August 2022 11:24

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Enquiries <enquiries@ssro.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: FOI request - grants

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your freedom of information request, which we have allocated reference RFI 062. We will respond to you within 20 working days, by 12 September 2022.

Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 11 August 2022 20:43

To: Enquiries <enquiries@ssro.gov.uk>

Subject: FOI request - grants

Dear Single Source Regulations Office,

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could I request the following information:

I am particularly interested in grants which I consider to be a fund given by an end entity, often a public body, to an individual or another entity for a specific purpose linked to public benefit. I am interested in all grants, which can be viewed here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/654680/2017-09-27_Grant_Definitions.pdf

1. Please can you provide a list of all grants distributed between 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, including information on the following:

- a. Name of grant
- b. Type of grant
- c. Grant value
- d. Volume of grants awarded

The table below is an example of the information required:

| Financial year | Grant type | Grant name | Grant value | Volume of Grants |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| 2020/2021 | E.g. Formula funding | E.g. Dedicated School grant | £x | x |

- 2. How many Full Time Equivalents (FTE's) did you employ to administer and process grants, and what was the cost in 2020/2021 and 2021/2022?
- 3. What technology system/s do you use to administer/process grants, and how much was spent on this technology in 2020/2021 and 2021/2022?
- 4. What was the development time required to create your most recent grant product/scheme?

Please can you email the answers back and if you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

