



Homes England

The Housing and Regeneration Agency

Date: 22 December 2023

Our Ref: RFI4548

Tel: 0300 1234 500

Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

[REDACTED]
By Email Only

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI4548

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:

- **How much money is available to Homes England to spend on enabling housing development?**
- **How much of this money has been spent thus far? By thus far, please could you tell me how much had been spent at the end of the second quarter, i.e. 30th September 2023. If you are unable to do this, please could you send me the last available figure.**

We wrote to you for clarification and you confirmed the below:

I can clarify that I would like to know:

- **How much money has been made available to Homes England since its creation in on 1 January 2018**
- **How much of this money has been spent from the period 1 January 2018 to the end of Q3 2023, i.e. 30th September 2023**

Response

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.

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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>

Section 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.
- (3) 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. We can confirm that we have interpreted your request to mean what Grant in Aid has been provided to Homes England since its inception. We can advise that the information requested is published in our Annual Report and Accounts which is available via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/homes-englands-annual-reports-financial-statements>





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For ease of reference, the information requested (Grant in Aid from sponsor department) can be found on the following pages in the Statement of Cashflows and Statement of Changes in Taxpayers Equity:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Page</u>
2017/18	65
2018/19	74
2019/20	93
2020/21	119
2021/22	139
2022/23	147

Please note that the information for 2023/24 financial year will be published in the annual report and accounts once the financial statements have been audited after the end of the financial year. We can advise that Homes England's activities are funded in part by income generated from operations and in part by Grant in Aid provided by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (sponsor department) for specified types of expenditure. Grant in Aid is a balancing figure which balances between Homes England's spend and what has been generated as receipts.

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

