



Homes  
England

The Housing and Regeneration Agency

Date: 14 February 2025

Our Ref: RFI5014

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By Email Only

Dear

**RE: Request for Information – RFI5014**

Thank you for your request for information which was processed in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You requested the following information:

**Please let me know what data you hold on applications for loans or grants from community land trusts in England for the past 5 years and the results of such applications.**

**What is the current policy for providing grants or loans to community land trusts and has this changed since 1 July 2024?**

**How many applications have been made by community land trusts for grants or loans since 1 July 2024 and what has been the result of such applications?**

**Response**

We can confirm that we do hold the requested information. We will address each point in turn.

**Please let me know what data you hold on applications for loans or grants from community land trusts in England for the past 5 years and the results of such applications.**

We can confirm Homes England have received 184 applications in the current programme period (2021 to 2026) via the Affordable Housing Funding route. Of these applications, a total of 175 successful allocations have been made to community led schemes, with grants totalling £137m to support the development of 2,454 affordable homes. 15 of these allocations were to organisations that specifically state Community

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Land Trust in their title. Of the remaining unallocated, 4 are currently in assessment, 4 have been withdrawn by the bidder and 1 has been rejected.

**What is the current policy for providing grants or loans to community land trusts and has this changed since 1 July 2024?**

We can confirm that the Affordable Housing Programme requirements for bidding haven't changed since July 2024. Further details about the policy are available online via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-affordable-housing-funding>

**How many applications have been made by community land trusts for grants or loans since 1 July 2024 and what has been the result of such applications?**

We can confirm that since 1 July 2024, there have been 22 applications made via the Affordable Housing Funding route. 20 have been allocated, with grant totalling £18.3m to support the development of 229 affordable homes. Of the remaining unallocated, both are currently in assessment.

**Right to make Representations**

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 a reconsideration of our response (Internal Review). You can make this representation 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 reconsideration must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response (Reg 11(2)). Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

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Upon receipt, your request for reconsideration 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,

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