

240111(120) FOI Grant Awards

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter dated 12 December 2023 which we received on 14 December 2023. We are responding to you under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

REQUEST

From the creation of SOSE to now (12/12/23) can you please list all the companies and organisations that have received a grant from SOSE, the total amount received, and the percentage of grant awarded compared to the total project costs.

RESPONSE

SOSE publish all grant awards quarterly on their website which includes the name of the organisation and the value of the grant. SOSE grant awards from 1 April 2020 (the date SOSE was formed) to 30 September 2023 are available here - <https://www.southofscotlandenterprise.com/resources/sosegrants>

The grant awards for Quarter 3 (October to December 2023) will be published on the SOSE website at the beginning of 2024. We therefore apply an exemption under 27 of FOISA (information intended for future publication) for some of the information requested. This exemption allows public authorities to refuse to disclose information if they already plan to publish it within the next 12 weeks.

SOSE regards information on match investment from individual companies as commercially sensitive and we do not publish information on intervention rates (percentage of grant compared to total project costs). Typically, our intervention rates average around 20%.

In this instance SOSE is unable to disclose information on intervention rates and applies an exemption under 33(1)(b) of FOISA (commercial interests) as release of the information would - or would be likely to - prejudice substantially the commercial interests of the organisations involved. The use of this exemption requires SOSE to consider the public interest in both disclosing and not disclosing, and in this case, we concluded that there is no public interest or benefit in releasing information which could have an adverse effect on the commercial interests of the organisations involved and that could likely deter organisations from applying for similar grants in the future nor from sharing sensitive information with SOSE at any point in the future. We concluded that, in respect of the commercially sensitive information requested, the public interest is better served in withholding the information.

You have the right to request a review of the way in which this request has been processed. Should you wish to exercise this right, you will need to contact us within 40 working days of receipt of this email.

If you remain dissatisfied on completion of the review, you have the right to appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner and thereafter to the Court of Session on a point of law only:

Scottish Information Commissioner

Kinburn Castle

Doubledykes Road

St Andrews

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KY16 9DS

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Regards,

SOSE Corporate Relations

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