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Mr Michael Carroll-Owen
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Dear Mr Carroll-Owen,

Thank you for your correspondence of 15 February, in which you made the following request for information:

Please provide all correspondence in relation to the downscaling of the youth investment fund from 500million to 13.2 million between the dates on December 2019 and February 1st 2021.

Correspondence = Email Communications, Typed/Written Minutes of Meetings and All correspondence between PWC (Price Water Cooper) and it's contract and a link to the tender for administering the fund.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). I can confirm that the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) does not have information within scope of your request. This is because the assertions made in the request are false. The youth investment fund (YIF) has not been downscaled from £500,000,000 to £13,200,000. The Youth Covid-19 Support Fund is a £16,500,000 fund that is separate from the aims and objectives of the YIF.

The £500,000,000 YIF remains a manifesto commitment for transformative levelling up across the country over the course of the parliament. In the Autumn's Spending Review, £30,000,000 of the YIF was committed as capital investment for 2021-22. This will provide a transformational investment in new and refurbished safe spaces for young people, so they can access support youth workers, and positive activities out of school, including sport and culture. Further details of the timetable for allocation will be announced in due course.

The £16,500,000 Youth Covid-19 Support Fund (YCSF) opened for applications on 15 January 2021 to support grassroots youth clubs, uniformed youth groups, and national youth and umbrella organisations, mitigate the impact of lost income during the winter period due to the coronavirus pandemic, and ensure services providing vital support can remain open. It closed to applications on Friday 19 February 2021.



The funding for the YCSF has come from the £750,000,000 charities support package and £1,700,000 of this funding has already been allocated to vital youth work qualifications and training.

Yours sincerely,

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Complaints and comments

As is customary in our replies, I should explain that if you are dissatisfied with any aspect of our response to your request for information, and/or wish to appeal against information being withheld from you, please send full details within two calendar months of the date of this response to: foi@dcms.gov.uk. You have the right to ask the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. Please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning an investigation.