



Z.Hussain

Date: 21st March 2011

Dear Z.Hussain

Re: - Request for Information – Carbon Innovation Fund & BME Communities

Ref: - NBH/8F6GT3

Thank you for your request for information, which was received by Manchester City Council on 3rd March 2011 and has been considered under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In response to your request, I have summarised the information as follows:

Out of Manchester's Carbon Innovation Fund, how much funding was awarded to BME communities/organisations? Which organisations were awarded and how much?

None of the Carbon Innovation Fund projects were run with the sole purpose of benefiting explicitly BME focussed groups, however at least 8 projects included working with these communities.

Examples of these projects are:

- The Lost Plot holding food growing workshops with refugees.
- The Carbon Co-op's low-carbon housing project in Moss Side.
- Action for Sustainable Living working with Regenesi Squared on a community allotment.
- Manchester Environmental Education Network's education project in primary schools.
- A Few Small Steps' behavioural change project in Manchester schools.
- Action for Sustainable Living's low carbon communities project.
- Green Impact campaign at Manchester Metropolitan University.
- Abundance Manchester's food growing sessions for volunteers in South Manchester.

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Yours sincerely

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