

FOI Request FOIA 1415

“Dear Sheffield City Region Local Enterprise Partnership,

Local Enterprise Partnerships are required to operate transparently, thereby giving the public confidence that decisions made are proper, based on evidence, and capable of being independently scrutinised. This includes fulfilling their legal obligations arising from distributing public money, such as checking that funding meets the EU state aid rules.

For every grant committed by your organisation since 1st January 2013 please provide the name of the organisation who received funding, the amount, the date of any legal agreement and the way in which it met the legal requirement to be within the EU state aid rules.”

Response

In response to your recent FOI request please find attached details of grants awarded from SCR LEP funding since 1 January 2013.

This comprises:

- Grant awarded from RGF funding awarded to the LEP in 2012 and 2013 - Appendix A.
- Grant awarded from the Business Investment Fund (BIF) - Appendix B
- Grant funding to support infrastructure investment – Appendix C
- Grant awarded from Skills Bank funding – Appendix D

Appendix A – Key to information provided

Column	Explanation
Business name	Business name
SA (State Aid) Category	<p>This programme was notified to the European Commission (EC) under the General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER), and the vast majority of projects were awarded under this regulation.</p> <p>This column provides the State Aid exemption category SMEIA – SME Investment Aid R & DID - R&D Industrial Development RIA – Regional Investment Aid R & DED - R&D Experimental Development</p>
RGF Applied for	This is the total of the grant applied for
ESD	‘Eligible Start Date’ – This is the date of from which project expenditure becomes eligible for funding. This date holds more significance than the clerical date of the funding agreement.

Appendix B – Key to information provided

Column Name	Explanation
Company Name	Company Name
State Aid Category	<p>This programme was notified to the EC under the General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER), and the vast majority of projects were awarded under this regulation.</p> <p>This column provides the State Aid exemption category Art 14 RIA – Regional Investment Aid 25 R & D – R&D Industrial Development Comm Reg 2014/c 99/03 DM - De Minimis Art 17 RIA</p>
ESD	'Eligible Start Date' – This is the date of from which project expenditure becomes eligible for funding. This date holds more significance than the clerical date of the funding agreement.
BIF Applied for	This is the total of the grant or loan the business has applied for.

Appendix C

Column Name	Explanation
Award Recipient	Organisation in receipt of award.
Name of Scheme	The scheme the recipient received the funding for
Amount	This is the total of the loan the business has applied for.
Date of Award	This is the date of the funding agreement.
State Aid Status	In every case the funding has been awarded to another public body therefore there are no State Aid implications between SCR and the recipient.

Appendix D

Column Name	Explanation
Provider	Name of the Provider the funding was awarded to.
Companies benefiting from training grant	Companies who engaged with the Provider and received funded training.
Contract Value	Contract Value
Date of legal agreement	Date of legal agreement
State Aid Status	State Aid Status