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By email: request-294052-688e8d5b@whatdotheyknow.com

9 October 2015

Your FOI request ref FOI006-0124

Dear Mr Hennwinkle

Thank you for your email of 25 September 2015, in which you have requested the following information regarding the Big Lottery Fund (“the Fund”):

Please state how many refugee and migrant centres up and down the UK you provide funding for. And your total yearly budget.

Your request has been handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“FOIA”).

I have interpreted your request to mean that you require the number of refugee and migrant centres across the UK that hold a current grant with us and what proportion of our annual grant budget is allocated to such organisations.

Unfortunately the Fund does not record details of the types of organisations we fund onto our grant making database in a way that would allow us to easily identify those grants awarded to refugee and migrant centres.

A search has therefore been carried out on our grant making database to identify all successful applications whose organisation name or project summary contains the word “migrant centre” and “refugee centre”. We have identified 3 current grants that were awarded to 2 organisations that fall within the scope of this search. The total value of these grants is £701,659.

The Fund supports the aspirations of people who want to make life better for their communities across the UK. During the audited period 2012/13 to 2014/15 we made awards totalling more than £2.4 billion. In the past year, 13,098 new awards were granted.

In order to fully comply with your request we would need to manually locate, retrieve and read the application form for each current grant to determine if the grant was awarded to a refugee and migrant

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centre. We currently have around 20,000 open grants. Accordingly, we are applying section 12(1) of the FOIA.

Section 12(1) states:

12(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

The appropriate limit is set out in The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The appropriate limit for the Fund is £450 (18 hours for one member of staff). To respond to your request I have consulted with the relevant department and was advised that it would take one member of staff approximately 20 minutes to locate, retrieve, and determine if each application form falls in the scope of your request.

I can confirm that we do not have an annual budget that is allocated specifically for organisations that are refugee and migrant centres.

If you have any further queries regarding the FOIA please contact me at the address below. Your reference is: **FOI006-0124**. It would be helpful if you could quote this reference in any future correspondence.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which the Fund has dealt with your request, you have a right to request a review of our decision. If this is the case, contact me and I will arrange for an internal review.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lyndsay Scott".

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