

20 May 2023

Request under The Freedom Of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 27 April 2023, in which you clarified your request as follows:

Please provide information held by VisitScotland relating to:

- the level of funding provided by VisitScotland to Pride North Lanarkshire
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- the level of funding provided by VisitScotland to Hamilton BID Ltd SC434756
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- the requirements set for funding
- background checks of the organisation or suppliers

I have considered your request and can respond as follows:

In relation to Pride North Lanarkshire, VisitScotland does not hold the information that you have requested and is not aware of any other public authority that could respond to your request. Section 17 of the Act states that where public authorities receive requests for information that they do not hold, they must issue a notice advising that they do not hold the requested information.

In relation to Pride South Lanarkshire and Hamilton BID Ltd (SC434756), VisitScotland is providing £12,500 funding to Hamilton BID Ltd towards the delivery of 'South Lanarkshire Pride Festival'. Please find the information held attached in the form of an email to confirm funding from our National programme.

The funding requirements are based on the National programme guidance notes and our standard terms and conditions. The terms and conditions also detail that we undertake full due diligence for every applicant we support:

<https://www.visitscotland.org/events/funding/national-events>

We hope this information is helpful to you. If, however, you are not satisfied with our response or the manner in which we have dealt with your application, you may in the first instance contact our Chief Executive, Malcolm Roughead, whose contact details are set out below:

Mr Malcolm Roughead
Chief Executive

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Edinburgh, EH6 6JH
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Fax: 0131 472 2223
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If you wish to request a review of your application under either the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 or the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, your request should be submitted to us in writing, or another permanent format (for example e-mail or voice recording), and be received by us within 40 days of the date of this letter. Any request for a review should also set out, in as much detail as possible, the reasons why you are not satisfied with our response or the manner in which we have dealt with your application.

If you are still not satisfied with our handling of your application after we have responded to your request for a review, you have a right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision on whether we have dealt with your request in accordance with the Act.

The Scottish Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews, Fife
KY16 9DS
Telephone: 01334 464610
Fax: 01334 464611
E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

You also have the right to appeal to the Court of Session in Scotland on a point of law concerning our response.

Yours sincerely,

VisitScotland