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### Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information concerning grants. Your request was received on 12 August 2022 and we have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('FOI Act').

### Your request & our response

*I am particularly interested in grants which I consider to be a fund given by an end entity, often a public body, to an individual or another entity for a specific purpose linked to public benefit. I am interested in all grants, which can be viewed here:*

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/654680/2017-09-27\\_Grant\\_Definitions.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/654680/2017-09-27_Grant_Definitions.pdf)

*1. Please can you provide a list of all grants distributed between 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, including information on the following:*

*a. Name of grant*

*b. Type of grant*

*c. Grant value*

*d. Volume of grants awarded*

*The table below is an example of the information required:*

Financial year	Grant type	Grant name	Grant value	Volume of Grants
2020/2021	E.g. Formula funding	E.g. Dedicated School grant	£x	x

The only grants Ofcom make are made through the Community Radio Fund (this is funded by DCMS). You can find more information on this fund, including the value and numbers of grants awarded in 2020/21 and 2021/2022, on Ofcom's website [here](#).

*2. How many Full Time Equivalents (FTE's) did you employ to administer and process grants, and what was the cost in 2020/2021 and 2021/2022?*

We do not employ Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) to work specifically on the Community Radio Grants. To ensure the organisation maximises its resources, our people may work on multiple projects at once and adjust their time across these projects as required.

Please also note that there is a Community Radio Fund Panel (which consists of Non-Executive Members and one Executive Member) that examines grant applications and makes awards – more information on this can be found here: [Community Radio Fund Panel - Ofcom](#).

*3. What technology system/s do you use to administer/process grants, and how much was spent on this technology in 2020/2021 and 2021/2022?*

No specific technology is used for the sole purpose of the grant scheme - we use applications such as excel and Diligent which we use for other areas of work.

*4. What was the development time required to create your most recent grant product/scheme?*

Not applicable.

If you have any further queries, then please send them to [information.requests@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:information.requests@ofcom.org.uk) quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request for information and/or consider that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom.

The following outcomes are possible:

- the original decision is upheld; or
- the original decision is reversed or modified.

#### Timing

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review **you should contact us within two months of the date of this letter**. There is no statutory deadline for responding to internal reviews and it will depend upon the complexity of the case. However, we aim to conclude all such reviews within 20 working days, and up to 40 working days in exceptional cases. We will keep you informed of the progress of any such review. If you wish to request an internal review, you should contact [information.requests@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:information.requests@ofcom.org.uk)

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. Further information about this, and the internal review process can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office [here](#). Alternatively, the Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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