

**RE: MGLA110815-2282 FW: Freedom of Information Request**

**Mayor of London** (mayor@london.gov.uk)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request**

Thank you for your email of 11th August 2015.

Our response to your request is as follows:

The total European Structural and Investment Fund allocation to the London Enterprise Panel (LEP) is €745.4million. This information is held on the Government's website at: [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/307492/bis-14-772-uk-allocations-eu-structural-funds-2014-2020-letter.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/307492/bis-14-772-uk-allocations-eu-structural-funds-2014-2020-letter.pdf).

In addition, a further €42.8million has been allocated for the Youth Employment Initiative in London.

You enquire about the proposed allocation and current spend of the European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds by proposed project/strategic investment area. ESI funds in London comprise the European Social Fund (ESF) and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The London ESIF Strategy (January 2014) sets out the strategic priorities for London, and provides a breakdown of the funding; please see page 5: [https://lep.london/sites/default/files/documents/publication/London\\_LEP\\_ESIF\\_Strategy\\_201420.pdf](https://lep.london/sites/default/files/documents/publication/London_LEP_ESIF_Strategy_201420.pdf). The financial figures are in Sterling so can change according to the Euro exchange rate.

All ERDF and ESF activity in London is required to align with the England-wide ESF and ERDF Operational Programmes. These documents, drafted by Government departments, are available here: <https://www.gov.uk/england-2014-to-2020-european-structural-and-investment-funds>.

Earlier this year we launched Calls for Proposals for both ESF and ERDF in London. Information on these Calls can be found here: [https://www.gov.uk/european-structural-investment-funds?keywords=&location%5B%5D=london&funding\\_source%5B%5D=european-social-fund&funding\\_source%5B%5D=european-regional-development-fund](https://www.gov.uk/european-structural-investment-funds?keywords=&location%5B%5D=london&funding_source%5B%5D=european-social-fund&funding_source%5B%5D=european-regional-development-fund).

Regarding your enquiry about funding allocations by 'proposed project', to date we have not agreed how much money will be allocated as a number of applicant organisations are currently working-up applications. These organisations are:

- ERDF:
- Institute for Sustainability
  - Greater London Authority
  - Brunel University
  - Imperial Innovations
  - Ravensbourne
  - King's College London
  - Greater London Enterprise
  - Capital Enterprise
  - Newham College
  - East London Business Centre
  - The British Library
  - SPACE (Art Services Grants Ltd)
  - Royal Borough of Greenwich
  - University of the Arts
  - The Trampery Ltd
  - London & Partners
  - London Borough of Merton
  - British Fashion Council
  - Greater London Enterprise
  - Virgin Start up
  - Guys & St Thomas NHS Foundation Trust

- ESF:
- Affinity Sutton Community Foundation
  - City of London
  - Greater London Authority
  - London Borough of Croydon
  - London Borough of Hackney
  - London Councils

For ESF, funds are also allocated to co-financing organisations (CFOs) who are public sector bodies responsible for match funding and procuring ESF provision. The Skills Funding Agency, Department for Work and Pensions and Big Lottery Fund will co-finance ESF in London. To date, £15,246,840 ESF has been awarded to the Big Lottery Fund, with funding due to be awarded (subject to successful application) to the other two CFOs later this year.

To date there has been no spend in London for either ESF or ERDF under the 2014-20 programmes.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, ensuring that you quote the reference at the top of this email.

Yours sincerely,

  
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