

# GREATER **LONDON** AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA170719-7796

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 16 July 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

*"Could you please tell me how much of the tax payers's money will be funding London's Great Bridges: Lighting the Thames"*

Please find below the information we hold within the scope of your request:

This project, called Illuminated River, is led by the Illuminated River Foundation. This ambitious project is bringing free public art to millions of Londoners and visitors and will be the longest public art commission in the world.

The cost of Illuminated River is being met mostly by private donors, and over £15 million has been raised to date. This is not a Mayor of London initiative, so we do not hold the details on the funding.

The Greater London Authority committed £250,000 to the project. This seed funding was to support the early stages of the competition including feasibility studies, environmental impact assessments and development of designs and planning applications. None of this funding was spent on the lighting the bridges. You can find the published documentation relating to this at the following link <https://www.london.gov.uk/decisions/md2129-core-cultural-programme-2017-18>

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA170719-7796.

Yours sincerely

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**Information Governance Officer**

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>