

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

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Title: Commitment of the European Regional Development Fund to applications under call 5

Information may have to be disclosed in the event of a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In the event of a request for confidential facts and advice, please consult the Information Governance team for advice.

This information is not for publication until the stated date, because:

The information provided in this Part 2 report contains information, the disclosure of which may prejudice the GLA's interests, especially as negotiations are ongoing with potential grant recipients, there is the possibility that the amounts of funding awarded to grant recipients and the output and/or result targets may change, grant recipients could withdraw from the process and/or the GLA decides not to award the funding to grant recipients. It would therefore be commercially insensitive to publish the information annexed to this Part 2 until the process has been concluded.

Date at which Part 2 will cease to be confidential or when confidentiality should be reviewed:

To be reviewed once the relevant agreements have been negotiated, signed and the GLA has informed the Department of Communities and Local Government (and by the latest 31/03/2018)

Legal recommendation on the grounds of keeping the information confidential:

In the event of any request for access to the information contained in this document under section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act"), it is considered that access can be denied on the basis that the disclosure of such information would prejudice the GLA's and the proposed grant recipients commercial interests and therefore, is covered by the exemption under section 43 of the Act.

Section 1 of the Act creates the general right of access, which provides that any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled:

- to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request; and
- if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him/her.

Part II of the Act contains a number of exemptions from disclosure for certain classes of information. In particular, section 43 of the Act provides that information is exempt information if disclosure under the Act would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). The paragraph above states that the information is considered commercially sensitive as its release could affect the GLA's ability to negotiate the grant funding with the potential grant recipients.

The section 43 exemptions are qualified exemptions and its use is therefore, subject to a public interest

assessment.

Public Interest Assessment

At present, on balance, it is considered that the public interest is best served if the information is not disclosed at this point. Disclosure by the GLA would be likely to have a detrimental effect on the:

- GLA's, and the potential grant recipients' commercial interests and the delivery of the proposed project; and
- GLA's delivery of a project which promotes economic development and wealth creation in Greater London.

The eligibility of these exemptions should be reassessed in the event of an FOI request for this information as the level of sensitivity will change over time and different circumstances may alter the arguments in favour of non-disclosure.

Legal Adviser - I make the above recommendations that this information should be considered confidential at this time

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Once this form is fully authorised, it should be circulated with Part 1.

Confidential decision and/or advice:

The annex lists the applications received for ERDF funding for which Mayoral approval to award funding is sought.

Annex: ERDF applications

ERDF Call 5 Applications				
ERDF Priority Axis 1: Promoting research and innovation				
Organisation	Project Name	Project description	Total ERDF (£)	Total Project Value (£)
King's College London	Guy's Research Organisation	<p>To create an academically-led phase 1 clinical trials unit, the Guy's Research Organisation (GRO), which is unique in the UK and embedded in the world-leading Guy's Experimental Medicine Hub. It aims to provide benefits to both academic and industry-led research, allowing a scientifically-driven approach to phase 1 clinical trial design and execution. The GRO seeks to enhance the prestige of London in this field of medicine.</p> <p>ERDF targets to be achieved include: meters squared of buildings renovated; researchers working in improved research infrastructure facilities.</p>	£2,200,000	£5,300,000
Capital Enterprise (UK) Limited	CAP-AI Knowledge Exchange Partnerships in Artificial Intelligence	<p>To help Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning SMEs to access the technical expertise, data and computation power, knowledge and innovation they need to survive and grow. There are two interlinked areas of activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge exchange brokerage to enable scale ups to tap into specialist AI and Machine Learning knowledge, research and talent coming out of London's universities; • Innovation brokerage to enable SMEs to access high performance computing power through a Machine Learning Computation Lab and to engage in innovation activity bringing together corporates, industry, academics and SMEs. <p>ERDF targets to be achieved include: New and existing SMEs receiving support; SMEs cooperating with research entities; SMEs supported to introduce new to the market, and new to the firm products; increase in jobs; researchers working in improved research infrastructure facilities.</p>	£1,993,916	£3,987,833
London South Bank University	London Agri-Food Innovation Clinic (LAFIC)	To increase the number of London's Agri-Food SMEs investing in research and development by offering an Innovation Support Programme and a Product Development Programme that will enable them to develop innovative products, processes and services. The beneficiaries are London's Agri-Food SMEs, particularly those specialised in technology (i.e. food chain tracking app connecting consumers to farmers), higher added	£506,709	£1,013,418

		value food (i.e. omega 3 naturally enriched foods) and eco-friendly Agri-Food (i.e. non-bovine protein sources). SMEs will be supported through workshops and participation in showcasing and networking activities to create a more connected and innovation enabling Agri-Food sector in London. ERDF targets to be achieved include: New and existing SMEs receiving support; SMEs cooperating with research entities; SMEs supported to introduce new to the market products; SMEs supported to introduce new to the firm products.		
ERDF Priority Axis 1 Total			£4,700,625	£10,301,251
ERDF Priority Axis 4: Supporting the shift towards a low carbon economy in all sectors				
Greater London Authority	London Homes Energy Efficiency	The project seeks to build on the success of the award winning RE:NEW domestic (housing) energy efficiency retrofit programme. It comprises intensive end-to-end advice and support for social housing associations and boroughs in London, provided by a specialist technical support team, to enable energy efficiency retrofit projects to be designed, developed and successfully delivered. It will deliver carbon savings and the next generation of energy efficiency retrofit approaches. ERDF targets to be achieved include: households with improved energy consumption classification; Greenhouse gas decreases.	£1,799,349	£3,598,699
ERDF Priority Axis 4 Total			£1,799,349	£3,598,699
ERDF Applications Total			£6,499,974	£13,899,950