GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA270520-2856

28 May 2020

Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 26 May 2020. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

Could you tell me whether breweries are eligible to access the Covid-19 support for businesses operating in the retail, leisure and hospitality sectors through your council --specifically the £25,000 grant, provided they meet the requirements of having a rateable value of less than £51,000, and the year-long business rates exemption.

If only some and not all breweries are eligible for this support, please could you outline the conditions under which a brewery is eligible.

Our response to your request:

The Government's <u>Grant Funding Schemes guidance for businesses</u> states that Central Government will provide funding to Local Authorities that are responsible for business rate billing. Those Local Authorities will contact eligible businesses to arrange payment of the grants.

The GLA is London's strategic government and does not operate in the same way as local councils. The GLA is not a billing authority and therefore does not hold the information you have requested. In London you would need to contact the Borough Councils, including the City of London and Westminster City Council: https://www.london.gov.uk/in-my-area.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA270520-2856.

Yours sincerely

Information Governance Officer

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information/freedom-information