

## REQUEST

In respect of grants made by the Home Office from the Safer Streets Fund please provide the following information:

1. Did your office apply?
2. Provide a copy of your application(s)
- 3 Provide a copy of any grant letter(s) received together with any conditions attached to the grant(s)
4. Any information held with regards to ongoing revenue costs not covered by the Home Office grant.

## RESPONSE

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 15 August to the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC). I confirm that your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and that MOPAC does hold information relating to your request. Please see responses below.

1. Did your office apply?

Yes, MOPAC identified six boroughs (Barnet, Ealing, Hackney, Haringey, Islington, Lambeth and Newham) which fulfilled the criteria set by the Home Office for the Safer Streets Fund. All were invited to apply and three were shortlisted and their applications sent to the Home Office – Barnet, Haringey and Newham.

2. Provide a copy of your application(s)

I confirm that MOPAC does hold information relating to this request. However, this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Law Enforcement. This is a prejudice based exemption and therefore a Public Interest Test is required.

Public interest considerations favouring disclosure

- There is a public interest in the transparency of police operations, and disclosure of how police operations are conducted would improve public confidence regarding the effectiveness and efficiency of policing operations.
- Disclosure could provide the public with an understanding that public funds are and have been used appropriately.

Public interest considerations favouring non-disclosure

- Release of the applications would have the effect of compromising and disrupting law enforcement processes, in that it would reveal intelligence held by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS). The applications contain information about the methodology of crime including crime hotspots, how criminals take advantage of these and how the boroughs and the police plan to tackle this.
- Disclosure would release sensitive operational information into the public domain which would enable those with the time, capacity and inclination to try and map capabilities and processes used by the MPS.

Balance Test

The police services/forces of the UK are charged with enforcing the law and preventing and detecting crime. Any information released under the Act which reveals investigative strategies, processes and resourcing capabilities would prejudice the prevention and detection of crime. It is in the public interest to protect the law enforcement strategies and capabilities of the MPS.

I consider that the factors favouring non-disclosure of the requested information outweigh those favouring disclosure, therefore the information will not be released.

- 3 Provide a copy of any grant letter(s) received together with any conditions attached to the grant(s)

Please see attached.

4. Any information held with regards to ongoing revenue costs not covered by the Home Office grant.

MOPAC does not hold any information relating to this request.

If you are unhappy with the response to your Freedom of Information requests, please see the MOPAC website on what the next steps are at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/governance-and-decision-making/freedom-information>