GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA160119-3310

5 February 2019

Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 15 January 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

The specific details of the £67,724.43 grant provided by the GLA to the City of Gothenburg on 11th September 2018.

I am referring to the grant detailed in the GLA spending records (https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/spending-money-wisely/our-spending#acc-i-52807), Period 6 2018/19. Vendor ID 15050001, Document no. 1900042766.

By the use of the phrase "specific details", I am requesting information about the specific purpose of the grant, beyond that provided in the GLA document ("planning services"); who approved the grant within the GLA; by whom it was received; and whether it was requested by the City of Gothenburg or freely offered by the GLA.

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

This payment relates to an EU Framework Programme 7 project called 'CELSIUS' that finished in 2018. The GLA was a partner in the project and the City of Gothenburg was the lead partner and consequently responsible for distributing the EU grant to project partners including the GLA. Please see link to project: https://celsiuscity.eu

During the project, the GLA received payments from the City of Gothenburg for delivering tasks and activities that we had committed to deliver through the lifetime of the CELSIUS project.

By the end of the CELSIUS project the GLA had successfully completed all the tasks and activities it had committed to deliver. This was achieved using less resources than initially estimated when the application for funding was made.

As a result, the GLA was required to repay the proportion of grant funding that it had received from the City of Gothenburg during the project and which it had not spent when the project ended.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA160119-3310.

Yours sincerely

Principal Policy and Programme Officer - Energy

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