

From: WG
Sent: 05 July 2021 09:47
To: WG
Subject: RE: *clearance today please* VG/10559/21 - Mark Tami MP - Soughton Shoot School - ERF - 05/07/2021

Hi
Couple of minor highlighted below, otherwise happy to clear.
Thank you

From: WG
Sent: 05 July 2021 09:36
To: WG
Subject: RE: *clearance today please* VG/10559/21 - Mark Tami MP - Soughton Shoot School - ERF - 05/07/2021

Hi
Are you happy to clear the below please, it's due today
Thanks

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Dear Mark

Thank you for your email of 18 June on behalf of Soughton Shoot School in Flintshire.

As part of the eligibility criteria for the discretionary and additional grant aid under **Economic Resilience Fund** (ERF) it states that the following activities are not eligible for funding: (1) party political purposes; (2) the promotion of particular secular, religious or political views; (3) gambling; (4) pornography; (5) offering sexual services; (6) any kind of illegal activities; or (7) any kind of activity which in our opinion could bring the Welsh Government into disrepute. The Welsh Government does not support certain activities that are likely to give rise to controversy about appropriate use of public funds.

The Welsh Government does not support the shooting of live quarry as a leisure activity, and as a result applications are refused under category 7 - activity which in our opinion could bring the Welsh Government into disrepute. Game shooting for pleasure is deemed ineligible for ERF the same as exclusion of shoots from land owned by NRW under standard terms of grant award.

The ERF support is at the discretion of Welsh Ministers.

Wider related activities such as vermin control, clay pigeon and associated hospitality venues are supported if **they** meeting wider eligibility criteria.

Yours sincerely,

Vaughan Gething AS/MS

Gweinidog yr Economi
Minister for Economy

From: Mark Tami <tamim@parliament.uk>

Sent: 18 June 2021 14:28

To: PS FirstMinister (Ministerial) <PS.FirstMinister@gov.wales>

Subject: FW: Welsh Government (Case Ref: MT28923)

Dear Mark,

In relation to our conversation last week in which you asked for more information I have below included the email received from the Soughton Shoot School in Flintshire.

This business was originally granted but due to a change in policy Welsh Government have now rejected it claiming that it is a blood sport. I personally do not consider shooting as a blood sport like hunting and most shoots are actually clay shooting.

Could you please look into this matter and reconsider the blanket refusal of help to businesses like this.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Date: 07/06/2021 16:03 (GMT+00:00)

To: Soughton Shoot Limited

Subject: Welsh Government – Economic Resilience Fund # BCR00064746

Dear

Business Name: Soughton Shoot Limited

Thank you for your recent application for the Economic Resilience Fund.

I'm afraid that your application for this fund has not been successful.

Your application was unsuccessful for the following reason:

Following initial appraisal of your ERF application further due diligence checks identified the business as related to blood sport activity which as noted does not align with Welsh Government policy. The Welsh Government does not support activity that may lead to animal cruelty as a leisure activity.

The Welsh Government is helping as many businesses as possible but recognise that not all businesses will benefit from the grant support being provided. The package has been designed to be affordable within the available funding and we have had to take tough decisions over eligibility. Some businesses have been unsuccessful when applying for financial assistance as they do not meet the eligibility criteria for Welsh Government support..

Please find below a link to the guidance document as reference of eligibility and requirements;

<https://businesswales.gov.wales/economic-resilience-fund-erfhttps://businesswales.gov.wales/economic-resilience-fund-erf>

Our Business Wales Service and the Development Bank of Wales are also available to discuss a range of support options, including practical information, business advice or signpost you to relevant agencies. Information can be accessed via the website <https://businesswales.gov.wales/coronavirus-advice>

Thank you,
The Welsh Government's Business Wales Team

From: WG
Sent: 28 June 2021 14:15
To: WG
Subject: FW: ERF Funding Complaint - BCR00064746

Hi both,
For reference, I took a call this morning from the Countryside Alliance relating to a rejected ERF application. They are challenging the decision not to award Soughton Shoot £5,000 on the basis that Welsh Government does not promote blood sports. The business itself has also approached Mark Tammi's office, and correspondence has been sent to the Gov Bus (attached).

Further correspondence may also be received via the Complaints team.

Many thanks

Business Wales Helpline – WEFO Enquiry Officer
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