

19 February 2025

Dear

ATISN 24360

Thank you for your request which I received on 10 February 2025. You asked for the following information:

- 1. Details of all charities/third sector organisations/NGOs who received Welsh Government funding in the past 12 months;*
- 2. In each case, please specify the amount provided and brief background information on the projects funded under the grant.*

I have reached the conclusion that it will cost more than the appropriate limit established in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to consider your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. When calculating whether or not your request exceeds appropriate limit, I am allowed to consider the time it is likely to take to establish if we hold the information, locate the information, retrieve the information and extract it. If these tasks are estimated to take more than 24 hours of working time, the limit will have been exceeded.

Welsh Government finance systems do not have separate categorisations for charities / third sector organisations / NGOs. Welsh Government finance systems do have a categorisation of 'Third Sector' which includes charitable organisations in its' scope, and organisations such as Registered Social Landlords.

Welsh Government reports on grant expenditure by sector in its' Annual report and Accounts, the last audited reporting year for which was 2023-24 (page 24):

[Welsh Government Consolidated Accounts 2023-2024](#)

Total grant expenditure in 2023-24 for the Third Sector was £640m for the financial year. The breakdown of this grant expenditure shows 445 organisations (representing 4,976 lines payments) in receipt of hypothecated funding and 27 in receipt of un-hypothecated funding. The breakdown showing expenditure by organisation accompanies this letter.

Financial records are not held in a manner whereby the background information on the projects funded under the grant is detailed on the financial analysis reporting. Cross referencing (i.e. to locate, extract and retrieve information) would therefore be required for the total expenditure by entity (which may be made up of several payments) to grants records to ascertain the background information and projects funded. To do so would take an estimated 5 minutes per transaction which for the hypothecated data alone gives a minimum of 415 hours to interrogate in excess of the limit.

If you are able to narrow your request perhaps to detail specific entities in which you have an interest, it may be possible to bring your request within the appropriate limit.

You may also be interested in information which the Welsh Government publishes on expenditure over £25,000 details of which can be found here [Welsh Government expenditure over £25,000 | GOV.WALES](#) (should there be a specific entity on which you are seeking information).

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

or e-mail: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.org.uk

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely