



4 February 2020

Dear,

Request for Information – ATISN 13679

We wrote to you on 13 January regarding your request for information. You asked for:

- 1. A list of any grants, gifts or payments made by the Welsh Government during the last 5 years to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, (RSPB) or any partnership in which they were involved. Also, in each case, the amount of money involved, the purpose for which it is given and how the Welsh Government determines that such expenditure provides value for money.**

I can confirm we hold the information you have requested which is enclosed.

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 Email: Freedomofinformation@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:



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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding .

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

List of Grants provided to RSPB from Welsh Government from 2014 – 2019

*Please note that Value for Money was assessed during the appraisal of the grant application

Line Item	Fiscal Year	Description	Amount	Information
1	2014	Technical Assistance Additional Resource	£10,370.15	This payment was for a secondee from RSPB to the Technical Assistance project. Value for money was assessed during the appraisal of the grant application under RDP appraisal guidance.
2	2014	Nature Fund Grant	£10,824.00	This Nature Fund Grant related to the North Wales Moors (NWM) Futurescape programme (Incorporating Lake Vyrnwy, Sustainable Moorland, Developing ecosystem & Farm Advisory Focus)
3	2015	Nature Fund Grant	£44,640.70	This Nature Fund Grant related to the NWM Futurescape programme (Incorporating Lake Vyrnwy, Sustainable Moorland, Developing ecosystem & Farm Advisory Focus)
4	2015	Nature Fund Grant	£174,632.79	This Nature Fund Grant related to the NWM Futurescape programme (Incorporating Lake Vyrnwy, Sustainable Moorland, Developing ecosystem & Farm Advisory Focus)
5	2015	Single Revenue Core Grant - Policy	£56,520.00	This core grant was applied through open & fair competition for third sector organisations. Please see Annex A for the purpose of these grants as awarded.
6	2016	Single Revenue Core Grant - Policy	£66,307.00	This core grant was applied through open & fair competition for third sector organisations. Please see Annex A for the purpose of these grants as awarded.
7	2016	Single Revenue Core Grant - Policy	£56,017.00	This core grant was applied through open & fair competition for third sector

				organisations. Please see Annex A for the purpose of these grants as awarded.
8	2016	Single Revenue Core Grant - Policy	£60,212.00	This core grant was applied through open & fair competition for third sector organisations. Please see Annex A for the purpose of these grants as awarded.
9	2016	Single Revenue Core Grant - Policy	£31,635.00	This core grant was applied through open & fair competition for third sector organisations. Please see Annex A for the purpose of these grants as awarded.
10	2017	Single Revenue Core Grant – Policy	£31,140.00	This core grant was applied through open & fair competition for third sector organisations. Please see Annex A for the purpose of these grants as awarded.
11	2017	Single Revenue Core Grant	£76,936.00	This core grant was applied through open & fair competition for third sector organisations. Please see Annex A for the purpose of these grants as awarded.
12	2017	Single Revenue Core Grant	£67,480.10	This core grant was applied through open & fair competition for third sector organisations. Please see Annex A for the purpose of these grants as awarded.
13	2017	Single Revenue Core Grant	£26,831.00	This core grant was applied through open & fair competition for third sector organisations. Please see Annex A for the purpose of these grants as awarded.
14	2018	Single Revenue Core Grant	£10,407.26	This core grant was applied through open & fair competition for third sector organisations. Please see Annex A for the purpose of these grants as awarded.
15	2018	Single Revenue Core Grant	£33,416.00	This core grant was applied through open & fair competition for third sector organisations. Please see Annex A for the purpose of these grants as awarded.

16	2018	Single Revenue Core Grant	£56,596.00	This core grant was applied through open & fair competition for third sector organisations. Please see Annex A for the purpose of these grants as awarded.
17	2018	Tourism Amenity Invest Support Grant	£3,353.90	This grant was for the refurbishment of visitor toilets at the South Stack Visitor Centre in Anglesey.
18	2018	Single Revenue Core Grant	£28,858.00	This core grant was applied through open & fair competition for third sector organisations. Please see Annex A for the purpose of these grants as awarded.
19	2019	Single Revenue Core Grant	£35,003.96	This core grant was applied through open & fair competition for third sector organisations. Please see Annex A for the purpose of these grants as awarded.
20	2019	Tourism Attractor Destination	£40,787.87	This was a contribution towards the refurbishment of the Visitor Centre, South Stack, Holy Island, Anglesey, specifically covering: Plas Nico Refurb Rebuilding works Catering refurbishment Interpretation Car park Fixtures and fittings
21	2019	Tourism Attractor Destination	£189,069.69	This was a further contribution towards the refurbishment of the Visitor Centre, South Stack, Holy Island, Anglesey, specifically covering: Car park Catering refurbishment Fixtures and fittings Plas Nico Professional fees Rebuild
22	2019	Green Infrastructure	£6,000.00	Grant provided as part of a

		Grant		development cost associated with a bid developed for the National Lottery Heritage Fund on a project for Lake Vyrnwy. Please see Annex A for additional information.
23	2019	Green Infrastructure Grant	£6,000.00	Grant provided as part of a development cost associated with a bid developed for the National Lottery Heritage Fund on a project for Lake Vyrnwy. Please see Annex A for additional information.

RSPB – Core Funding 2015-18

Extracts from Grant Award Letter – The Purposes

The Purpose of the Funding is to enable you to:

Increase the capability to develop and deliver large-scale, strategic funding applications to EU and UK funding sources (eg EU LIFE, INTERREG, Heritage Lottery Fund) where they contribute to RSPB Cymru Saving Nature in Wales outcomes.

Continue to represent the conservation sector and provide expertise to chair and contribute to Wales Biodiversity Partnership groups

Assist the State of Nature partnership through the creation of a new part time role to provide general administrative support to the partnership, facilitate meetings and organise engagement events

Lead the development of a long term strategy to work in partnership for ambitious coastal wetland restoration and creation across the South Wales coast

As part of the North Wales Moors strategy, work with local communities and landowners to build positive relationships promoting a landscape approach across the North Wales Moors, work in partnership with North Wales Moors Forum members and private landowners to encourage and facilitate sustainable upland management on private/public land, work with and advise local people (mainly smaller farmers) on linking up with appropriate sources of management advice and funding, increase the North Wales Moors forum's network of best practice sites.

RSPB – Lake Vyrnwy Project 2019-21

From the Grant Award Letter – The Purposes

This project will bring together likeminded stakeholders and the community in Lake Vyrnwy to enable management that moves the protected areas closer to a favourable Conservation Status on 4,500ha of SAC/SSSI moorland, to improve visitor's experience at Lake Vyrnwy and the realise of potential of Lake Vyrnwy as a major high quality mid Wales visitor destination. Together this will reinvigorate local pride and make the site sustainable to the benefit of the local economy and the future of the natural and built heritage. To achieve this the project has 5 work streams, these being natural heritage, conservation, destination management, development of a visitor centre, improvement of the visitor hub and community engagement.