

10 September 2024

Dear

## **ATISN 20843 RSPB Funding**

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 13 August. You asked for:

- The purpose, cost, and agreed outcomes of the Changing Tides Project and the Ean Valley Partnership Project being carried out by RSPB and;
- A brief explanation of the public process that ensured that the allocation of these funds was subject to open and fair competition and provided value for money.

### **Our response**

The information you requested is in the public domain and can be found using the following links.

[#NNF3 Newid Llanw: llawlyfr cymunedol ar gyfer arfordir gwydn / Changing Tides A community guide to a resilient coast | The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)

[The Woodland Investment Grant \(round 5\) | The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)

[Saving rare Celtic Rainforest in the Elan Valley | The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)

The Nature Networks Fund (NNF) and The Woodland Investment Grant (WIG) are delivered by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, on behalf of the Welsh Government and in partnership with Natural Resources Wales. Welsh Government do not hold the information on specific projects. For further information a formal request to the National Lottery Heritage Fund will need to be made via the email [foi@heritagefund.org.uk](mailto:foi@heritagefund.org.uk).

To ensure the allocation of funds are subject to open and fair competition and provide value for money competitive grant schemes are in place for both the NNF and TWIG. The National Lottery Heritage Fund along with Natural Resources Wales will assess eligible applications subject to scheme criteria which includes value for money. If more good quality applications are received than can be funded, projects will be prioritised based on those which most strongly support the delivery of the programme and ensures a geographical and diverse spread across Wales. Further information on the assessment can be found on the National Lottery Heritage Fund [guidance page](#).

### **Next steps**

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: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto: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.

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

Yours sincerely,