

14 August 2023

Dear

## **FOI Request – ATISN 18744 – Grassroots Pride Fund**

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 17 July 2023. You asked the following:

These organisations are listed as receiving funding from the Grassroots Pride Fund:

- Barry Pride;
- Cowbridge Pride;
- Glitter Pride by Glitter Cymru;
- North Wales Pride (Bangor);
- Pride in the Port (Newport);
- Swansea Pride.

1. Can you confirm if this is the full list of prides that have received funding from the fund?
2. How much did each pride receive from the fund?
3. How much is the total Grassroots Pride Fund pot?
4. How is it decided how much each pride will receive?

### **Our response**

#### **1. Can you confirm if this is the full list of prides that have received funding from the fund?**

The Pride events listed above were offered financial support through the Grassroots Pride Fund during the Financial Year 2022/23.

There have been no payments made for the Financial Year 2023/24 yet, and we are still finalising formal offers for some Pride events, we have issued a formal intention to fund to the following Pride events:

Swansea Pride;  
North Wales Pride (Caernarfon);  
Cowbridge Pride;  
Hay Pride;  
Abergavenny Pride;  
Colwyn Bay Pride;  
Merthyr Pride;  
Pride in the Port (Newport);  
Glitter Pride by Glitter Cymru.

#### **2. How much did each pride receive from the fund?**

For the 22/23 financial year, the Welsh Government made the following offers through the Grassroots Pride Fund:

Barry Pride - £1,200  
Cowbridge Pride - £1,500  
Glitter Pride by Glitter Cymru - £1,000  
North Wales Pride (Bangor) - £4,000  
Pride in the Port (Newport) - £5,000  
Swansea Pride - £5,000

### 3. How much is the total Grassroots Pride Fund pot?

£30,000 has been allocated to the Grassroots Pride Fund for the Financial Year 2023/24.

### 4. How is it decided how much each pride will receive?

Grassroots Pride Fund - award process:

- The initial process of submitting an expression of interest to the fund entails contacting officials through the provided email address. An overview of this funding scheme is also provided on the Welsh Government website: [Grassroots Pride Fund | GOV.WALES](#)
- Following this initial stage, an information pack (Pack 1) will be provided to the group or organisation: to be completed and sent back to the relevant officials. Officials then arrange a meeting with the organisations or groups to clarify aspects of their expression of interest or ask for additional information, if needed.
- Following this initial process, an assessment of the submitted expression of interest will be made by a group the Grassroots Pride Fund panel to determine whether to recommend the small grant for approval. This panel is composed of several Welsh Government officials and a representative from the LGBTQ+ staff network.
- During the assessment made by the Grassroots Pride Fund panel, the following is considered:
  - Inclusion of a public parade;
  - If the event is ticketed;
  - The size of the Pride event and expected numbers of attendees;
  - The geographic location of the Pride event;
  - Affordability of the Pride event;
  - If the Pride event is in a rural area;
  - Inclusion of Welsh language aspects;
  - If the Pride event is organised by a charity or CIC;
  - If the Pride event is led by a community group or organisation.
- Following the initial assessment, the approval decision ultimately sits with the Deputy Director of the Welsh Government Equality and Human Rights Division. This ensures an impartial process with a diversity of voice within the recommendation and approval of funding.

### 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