

20 October 2023

Dear

## **ATISN 10973 – Food Festival Funding**

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 26 September 2023. You asked for:

- 1. Information as to which Food Festivals in Wales have received grant funding / support during 2023/2024 or 2022/2023, whichever is available.**
- 2. How much funding did each individual Food Festival receive in 2023/2024 or 2022/2023, whichever is available.**
- 3. Outline the grant terms and conditions; for example, is there a % of stall holders that must produce local food and how many local stall holders should be present.**

### **Our response**

1. The information you have requested for 2023/2024 is available on the Welsh Government's Food and Drink Website (link attached)  
<https://businesswales.gov.wales/foodanddrink/sites/foodanddrink/files/Food%20Festivals%20Funded%20in%202023-2024.pdf>
2. The amount of funding awarded to each successful Food Festival 2022/2023 application is also provided on the Welsh Government's Food and Drink Website in the attached link.  
<https://businesswales.gov.wales/foodanddrink/sites/foodanddrink/files/Food%20Festivals%20Funded%20in%202023-2024.pdf>
3. The Small Grant Scheme guidance 2023 /2024 stated the aims of this funding was to:
  - Improve Welsh people and Visitor Access to and awareness of Welsh Food and Drink;
  - Encourage Welsh hospitality businesses to source more local food and drink;
  - Increase the prevalence of Welsh Food and Drink on menus and retail offering.

Therefore, only activities which clearly add value to the food and drink industry in Wales would be supported. A copy of the 2023/2024 – Grant scheme guidance is attached for your information.

To note that within the 2022/2023 Scheme guidance; a copy of which is attached, it was stated that “proposed events must have a presence of at

least 25 Welsh food and drink producer exhibitors and a minimum footfall of 2,500 visitors” This statement was not included in the 23/24 Scheme Guidance.

### **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: [Freedomofinformation@gov.wales](mailto: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: 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