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**To:** Freedom of Information Officer

**Cc:** Deputy Director – Culture/ Dirprwy Gyfarwyddwr – Diwylliant <(Redacted – Section 40) >

**Subject:** RE: FOI/REQ/ECWL/Culture Grant Scheme for Grassroot Organisations (24361) - Guidance Needed on Handling Request

Hi (Redacted – Section 40)

I have sent you a Teams message but emailing too, to seek your advice.

I have recently been informed that the (Redacted – Section 38) and its founder, (Redacted – Section 40), has been attacked by the DOGE Wales X account. This account seems to be linked to FOI requests that WG is receiving from someone named (Redacted – Section 40). The FOI (ATISN-24361 - Culture Grant Scheme for Grassroot Organisations) I am dealing with seems to be from the same individual.

Given this, I don't think we should disclose the names of the organisations to protect them from being attacked on social media. Although we have their details, it would not be feasible to contact each one to ask whether they are happy for their names to be included, especially since the FOI is due next Monday. I would welcome your advice on this please, particularly on the following:

1. Should we disclose only the project information and amounts awarded, leaving out the names of the organisations?
2. Should we explain why we are not disclosing the names of the organisations? Specifically, should we mention that due to recent attacks on small organisations on social media, we are withholding their names to protect them.

Kind regards / Cofion cynnes

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