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Our ref: R250

Freedom of Information request – Single Regeneration Budget Evaluation Reports

Introduction

Thank you for your request dated 30th September 2010 made under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request is:

I'm a PhD student and Research Assistant at the London School of Economics and the Spatial Economics Research Centre. We are currently conducting a research project into the effectiveness of the Single Regeneration Budget and would therefore like to make a freedom of information request for some documents which were produced as part of the SRB.

The documents we are particularly interested in obtaining are the Evaluation Reports from several projects carried out under Round 4 of the SRB, details of which can be found here: <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/+http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/citiesandregions/pdf/155325.pdf>

Specifically, we are looking for the end of scheme evaluation documents for fourteen SRB4 projects in the South East of England, to which we understand SEEDA may have access:

*Building a Community Bridge to Employment - Isle of Wight
Well Spent Youth, Portsmouth & Havant
People at the Centre of Slough
Agencies and Communities Tackling Racial Harassment in Oxford
Early Years Intervention and Evaluation, Oxford and Slough
East Reading Partnership
Partnership for Youth, Oxford
Believing in Folkestone
North Kent Gateway to Opportunity
Thanet Talent
Kent Initiative on Drugs
Hastings - Towards a Safer Community
Regenerating Brighton and Hove
A Catalyst for Business and Skills Growth, Bexhill*

Information requested

SEEDA have conducted a thorough search of the records we hold in relation to the Single Regeneration Budget schemes delivered in the South East of England. We can confirm that we hold five of the 14 SRB4 project evaluations you have requested.

Please find attached copies of evaluation reports for:



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- A Catalyst for Business and Skills Growth, Bexhill. (This is an interim evaluation and so the lessons should be read in that context.)
- Regenerating Brighton and Hove
- Thanet Talent
- North Kent Gateway to Opportunity
- Believing in Folkestone (Executive Summary only)

We were unable to locate copies of the other evaluation reports that you requested within the appropriate limit of 18 hours staff time, as described in Section 12 of the Act. Our records do not show conclusively whether evaluation reports for all of the remaining nine SRB4 projects in your list were completed.

You may wish to consider contacting the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills to determine whether they hold any documents relating to the impact of the SRB programme.

List of Documents disclosed – please contact us at FOI@SEEDA.co.uk should you require copies of these.

1. A Catalyst for Business and Skills Growth, Bexhill
2. Regenerating Brighton and Hove
3. Thanet Talent
4. North Kent Gateway to Opportunity
5. Believing in Folkestone (Executive Summary)