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Your ref: Email dated 15th January 2009

Our ref: R00082

Dear Mr Kula,

Freedom of Information request – Grants and Subsidies to Hampshire and West Sussex

Introduction

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Request, dated 15th January 2009 concerning grants and subsidies to Hampshire and West Sussex.

Your request is:

- A breakdown of grants and subsidies given by SEEDA to private companies in Hampshire and West Sussex over the last five years (to date i.e. 04/05, 05/06, 06/07, 07/08 and 08/09).
- When grants were given, how much the grant / subsidy was for, the recipient firm, why the grant / subsidy was given.
- A breakdown of which firms a) with turnover of more than £25m were recipients, and (b) those with turnovers more than £100m.

Information requested - background

SEEDA awarded the following grants:

- Research & Development (R&D) grants
- Business investment grants – formerly Selective Finance for Investment (SFIE), now Grant for Business Investment (GBI)
- Rural redundant building grants
- Farm diversification grants

In addition, SEEDA has provided devolved funding as follows:

Area Investment Frameworks

SEEDA funding of the 10 Area Investment Frameworks ceased in March 2008. Area Investment Frameworks (AIFs) were identified as a key action in the last Regional Economic Strategy (2002-2012) and received £55m funding between 2004 and 2008.

AIFs brought together local partners to produce a framework that set out the investment going into critical local economic and social priorities from a wide range of partners and associated investment gaps. AIFs focused on skills, employability and enterprise outcomes in the RDA Tasking Framework. The AIF accountable bodies that received devolved funding from SEEDA may have provided grants to business. SEEDA does not hold records on this.

Single Regeneration Budgets

Between 2002 and 2003 SEEDA invested £271.4 million in SRB (Single Regeneration Budget) rounds 3 to 6 of the programme. SRB schemes had a range of economic and non-economic objectives. Like AIF, SRB was a devolved programme.

It is not possible to disaggregate the expenditure information SEEDA holds to specify the cost of individual projects

Information requested - details

Lists of R & D and SFIE/GBI grants awarded are published on the SEEDA website, they are under 'Funding, Grants & Advice'
[http://www.seeda.co.uk/Global Competitiveness/Funding & Advice/](http://www.seeda.co.uk/Global_Competitiveness/Funding_&Advice/)
(please see link on left hand side of home page) and then follow the links for:

Grant for Business Investment

[http://www.seeda.co.uk/Global Competitiveness/Funding & Advice/Grant for Business Investment/Grant Awards/index.asp](http://www.seeda.co.uk/Global_Competitiveness/Funding_&Advice/Grant_for_Business_Investment/Grant_Awards/index.asp)

Grant for Research and Development

[http://www.seeda.co.uk/Global Competitiveness/Funding & Advice/Grant for Research & Development/Grant Awards/](http://www.seeda.co.uk/Global_Competitiveness/Funding_&Advice/Grant_for_Research_&Development/Grant_Awards/)

There are tabs for grant awards and spreadsheets with the names of the firms, dates and amounts – I have supplied links to these sections above.

The following table lists all the R&D and SFIE grants awarded in Isle of Wight, Hampshire and West Sussex since April 2004 (all companies listed within the table overleaf have a turnover of less than £25m).

The data contained within the following table relates to two grants:-

1. Grant for Research & Development (R&D) - Awarded to help companies carrying out research or development of an innovative new process or product

Selective Finance for Investment (SFIE) - Awarded to assist companies making capital investments which will increase their productivity and create skilled jobs

These grants are administered by SEEDA in the South East on behalf of the Department for Innovation, Universities & Skills (DIUS) and the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR) respectively.

Grants are paid in arrears based on eligible expenditure having been made. Award amounts given are the full value awarded; this may not have been or be paid in full depending on whether projects are still ongoing, or if the project ultimately under-spent so a lower grant amount was paid.

ISLE OF WIGHT	Grant type	Award date	£ Amount awarded
AD Precision Ltd	SFIE	Aug 2006	50,000
Advanced Marine Structures Ltd	SFIE	Aug 2006	35,000
Cheetah Marine LLP	SFIE	Feb-08	111,600
Clark Masts Teksam Ltd	SFIE	Apr-07	93,750
GC Engineering Ltd	SFIE	Feb-07	33,210
Johan Haynes Ltd T/A Lake Precision	SFIE	Jul-06	15,000
PE Composites Ltd	SFIE	Mar-06	94,000
RF Engines Ltd	R&D Research	Feb-07	61,094
Stephen Gale Eng Tech MIPHE RP	R&D Micro	Feb-06	10,000
Wireless & Cellular Ltd	SFIE	Jul-06	57,723

HAMPSHIRE	Grant type	Award date	£ Amount awarded
Blueprint Foods (now called Primal Foods)	SFIE	Aug-07	52,800
Bluetooth Scientific Instruments	R&D Research	Aug-04	72,532
Cannon Technologies Ltd	R&D Development	Aug-06	191,450
Cognitive Sales Consulting	R&D Micro	Aug-05	20,000
Col Tec (Solutions) Ltd	R&D Micro	Jul-08	20,000
Dave Hicks Golf Ltd	R&D Development	Sep-04	31,500
Davison Chemographics	R&D Research	Jun-06	58,651
Dunstan Thomas Holdings Ltd	R&D Development	Oct-05	190,660
Electronic Media Services	R&D Research	Nov-04	72,600
Exosect Ltd	R&D Research	Jul-05	51,262
Fianium Ltd	R&D Development	May-04	50,500
Fromefield Nurseries Ltd	R&D Micro	Oct-07	20,000
Hatpac Ltd	R&D Research	Jan-06	69,302
IT Power Ltd	R&D Research	Feb-06	61,227
JBT Marine Ltd	R&D Research	Jun-06	65,112
The Lighting Board Company Ltd	R&D Micro	Aug-07	18,850
Marina Projects Ltd	SFIE	Apr-06	95,000
MA Systems & Control Ltd	R&D Research	Nov-05	33,417
Morgan Everett Ltd	R&D Research	Mar-06	75,000
Oberon Engineering Ltd	SFIE	Oct-06	82,350
Ocean Cable Tech Ltd	R&D Research	Mar-07	44,442
Ocean Cable Tech Ltd	R&D Development	Mar-08	44,572
Onnic International Ltd	R&D Micro	Mar-07	7,130
PDS Engineering	R&D Micro	Jan-06	20,000
Penta Precision Engineering Ltd	SFIE	Feb-06	50,565
Phase One Electronics Ltd	EG	Jun-04	12,333
Plough Team Ltd	R&D Micro	Dec-05	20,000
Pool Safety Systems	R&D Research	Aug-05	42,058
Raddec Ltd	R&D Research	Aug-06	71,940
Redlux Ltd	R&D Research	Dec-05	65,490
Redlux Ltd	R&D Micro	Oct-07	19,430
Robert Charles Cutting Tools Ltd	SFIE	Oct-06	98,625

HAMPSHIRE cont/d ...	Grant type	Award date	£ Amount awarded
Ryland Research Ltd	R&D Research	Oct-06	35,082
Ryland Research Ltd	R&D Micro	Dec-07	20,000
S&C Thermofluids Ltd	R&D Research	Jun-08	39,398
Stockbridge Racing Ltd	R&D Micro	Sep-08	8,834
Talking Products Ltd	R&D Micro	Mar-06	10,000
The Talking Walls UK Ltd	R&D Micro	Feb-08	19,642
Wireless Measurement Ltd	R&D Development	Oct-05	67,601
Yellowfin Ltd	SFIE	Apr-07	100,000
3formDesign	R&D Research	Aug-08	47,341
WEST SUSSEX	Grant type	Award date	£ Amount awarded
Ceres Power Ltd	R&D Development	Jul-06	200,000
Ceres Power Ltd	R&D Exceptional	Apr-07	500,000
Ceres Power Ltd	R&D Exceptional	Oct-07	500,000
Engenuity Ltd	R&D Micro	Sep-06	19,280
Makex Ltd	R&D Development	Jan-07	76,419
Meedus Ltd	R&D Micro	Apr-04	20,000
Northshore Supermarine Group	SFIE	Mar-07	100,000
Omnicharge Ltd	R&D Research	Nov-04	62,310
Oxymon Ltd	R&D Micro	Feb-06	20,000
Powtier Controls Ltd	R&D Development	Sep-04	118,860
Pptek Ltd	R&D Research	Oct-07	54,120
Southover Food Company Ltd	SFIE	Apr-08	50,000

The following table provides details of Redundant Buildings Grants (**RBG**) and Farm Diversification Grants (**FDG**):

Key: HA = Hampshire, WS = West Sussex, IW = Isle of Wight.

Ref	Year approved	Prog.	Area	Project Name	SEEDA
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Priority Area - Redundant Building Grants - BUT NOT FARMS					
2	2008-2009	RBG	IW	24 High Street, Ventnor	9,633
3	2008-2009	RBG	IW	Achor Boatyard	5,868
4	2008-2009	RBG	IW	Adgestone Vineyard	5,842
5	2008-2009	RBG	IW	Grove House Ventnor	3,001
8	2008-2009	RBG	IW	Unit 3 Newport Rd Cowes	5,965
10	2009-2010	RBG	IW	TJ's Studio	7,114
13	2009-2010	RBG	IW	Unit C Bowcombe Meadows	4,095
48	2005-2006	RBG	IW	The natural Therapy centre	23,301
49	2005-2006	RBG	IW	Bembridge Airport	50,100
52	2005-2006	FDG	IW	Queen Bower Dairy	11,548
56	2007-2008	RBG	IW	M&D Country Care	9,693
59	2008-2009	FDG	IW	Mottistone Farm Shop	5,500
61	2008-2009	RBG	HA	New Forest Ag Show	60,000

Priority Area - Redundant Building Grants - BUT FARMS ONLY					
4	2008-2009	RBG	IW	Park Farm Carisbrooke	34,240
41	2005-2006	FDG	HA	Birchlands Farm	52,000
54	2007-2008	FDG	HA	Manor farm	94,114
56	2008-2009	RBG	IW	Little Thorness Farm	10,637
57	2008-2009	RBG	IW	Briddlesford Lodge Farm	60,000

Redundant Buildings on Farms - Regionwide BUT outside priority areas					
58	2004-2005	FDG	HA	Stanbridge farm	45,000
61	2005-2006	FDG	WS	Elbridge Farm	13,711
65	2005-2006	FDG	HA	Beechcroft Farm	19,607
68	2005-2006	FDG	HA	Bidden Grange	40,000
70	2005-2006	FDG	WS	Appledram Farm	15,000
72	2006-2007	FDG	WS	Home Farm	10,000
73	2006-2007	FDG	HA	Drayton Farm, Petersfield	40,000

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75	2006-2007	FDG	WS	Felcourt Farm Phase 3	15,000
76	2006-2007	FDG	HA	Upper Parsonage farm	12,399
79	2006-2007	FDG	WS	Home Farm Goodwood Estate	10,000
83	2007-2008	FDG	WS	Kings Barn Farm	15,000
84	2007-2008	FDG	WS	East Clayton Farm	10,000
85	2007-2008	FDG	WS	Park Farm	14,979
86	2007-2008	FDG	HA	Priory Farm, Alton	60,000
88	2007-2008	FDG	WS	Chalder Farm	4,592
90	2008-2009	FDG	WS	Scrase Farm	50,470
92	2008-2009	FDG	HA	Weyhill Farm Shop, Andover	13,848
95	2008-2009	FDG	HA	Coombe Farm	14,400

This information will also be made available on SEEDA's Freedom of Information Disclosure Log on the SEEDA website (www.seeda.co.uk/About_SEEDA/Freedom_of_Information_disclosure_log/). Personal details and other information that could identify requesters is redacted from the disclosure log version.

Conclusion

If you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your request, or if you are unhappy with our response, you can appeal using our Complaints Procedure as follows:

A request for a review should be addressed to Robert Crawford, Chief Operating Officer, and sent by email to: robertcrawford@seeda.co.uk or by post to SEEDA, Cross Lanes, Guildford, GU1 1YA. You will be notified of the outcome within 20 working days.

If you are still dissatisfied after pursuing our Complaints Procedure, then under Section 50 of the Act, you are entitled to appeal to the Information Commissioner (Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, telephone: 01625 545700, fax: 01625 524510).

Please contact me if you have any other queries.

Yours sincerely

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