

8 April 2010

Your ref: Funding for NCGE Over Past 5 Years
Our ref: R00204

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your FOI request dated 9 March 2010.

Your Request

"I am seeking information on the total funding given by SEEDA to the National Council for Graduate Entrepreneurship over the past 5 financial years.

Can you please disclose total funding given to the organisation each year, broken down into individual projects, initiatives and/or events?

I also wish to establish any and all targets tied to any funding for Flying Start and Make It Happen events/projects and whether these targets were met by the NCGE. For each of these projects/events can you also please disclose the target number of students / graduates/individuals NCGE was to engage and the actual number engaged?

If possible, can you also please share any contracts, partnership documents and/or agreements between SEEDA and NCGE?"

Information Held

I can confirm that SEEDA has funded the National Council for Graduate Entrepreneurship to deliver certain projects and programmes. The table overleaf provides details of the funding as requested.

Year	Project Name and Number	Amount Spent (Contract Value)
2005/6	SE 21895 Developing Entrepreneurial Futures (Flying Start)	£60k
2006/7	SE 227701 Audit of Enterprise Activity in FE	£50k
2006/7	SE 22701 Entrepreneurial Futures (Flying Start)	£33k
2007/8	SE 23590 Make a Difference (MAD) Ideas Competition	£80k
2009/13	SE 24469 STEM University Enterprise Network	£190k (£760k)

The targets for the “Developing Entrepreneurial Futures (Flying Start)” projects were defined and met in the following manner:

Year	Project Name and Number	Targets	Targets Achieved
2005/6	SE 21895 Developing Entrepreneurial Futures (Flying Start)	500 assisted with their skills development	Registered online 455, attended 270
2006/7	SE 22701 Entrepreneurial Futures (Flying Start)	About 500 learning opportunities, marketing to reach 25 universities and 3,000 students in the South East	442 students registered, 204 attended, 23 universities reached, 4,295 students in the South East reached

SEEDA has not funded any “Make It Happen” projects.

I have also reviewed the relevant documents that you requested, about Flying Start, including grant agreements, contracts and project reports.

Process Followed

We have reviewed all the material, and applied public interest tests to all the information subject to the exemptions listed in the Freedom of Information Act. Given the nature of information disclosed therein, we have decided that only one exemption from the Act needs to be considered:

The exemption we have considered is:

- Section 40(2) personal data, the release of which is likely to breach the Data Protection Act 1998

Given the nature of the information in the documents we consider that only the Personal Data exemption, Section 40(2) concerning the release of Personal Data which is likely to breach the Data Protection Act 1998, applies.

Information Disclosure Policy

Exemption	Disclosure Policy and Rationale
Section 40(2) Names, email addresses and other personal data	SEEDA's policy is that it is not in the public interest to disclose the names of individuals unless they are Senior SEEDA Staff, who are asked for their consent, or individuals who are already well known in the public domain. All other personal data has been redacted.

Implementation of Information Disclosure Policy

The Disclosure Policy has been implemented in the following manner:

- Adobe Acrobat Documents: by printing a hard copy, manually redacting personal data where appropriate and rescanning the document. Some sections were redacted in their entirety, either due to containing a high volume of personal data or because they were not applicable to SEEDA's region.
- Word Documents: by editing the original to redact (remove) the exempt text and creating a new copy. Redactions are highlighted.

The resulting documents are listed in Appendix 1 and have been provided as separate attachments to this letter.

Important Notes

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Appendix 1: List of Disclosed Documents

1. SE 21895 SEEDA Learning and Skills Contract
2. SE 22701 SEEDA Grant Framework Agreement
3. SE 21895 Project Report: Flying Start
4. SE 22701 Project Report: Flying Start