

London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 4EW 25 June 2020 Our ref: 6326252

Thank you for your request received on 28 May 2020, for the following information:

Dear Sirs

Please can you provide me with the following information under the Freedom Of Information Act 2000: -

- 1). Please confirm how much funding has been received by the local council from central government to support Small Business Grants Fund (SBGF) scheme in England during corona virus?
- 2). How many hereditaments has the local authority identified may be in scope to receive the Small Business Grants Fund (SBGF) scheme? Please provide the relevant BA reference numbers?
- 3). How many Small Business Grants Fund (SBGF) scheme payments have been made to hereditaments to date (please confirm the date of extract)?
- 4). Please confirm the total amount of money that the local authority in England has distributed for Small Business Grants Fund (SBGF) scheme to date (please confirm the date of extract)?
- 5). A list of NNDR Business Rates accounts who were in receipt of small business rate relief or rural rate relief or whom subsequently became entitled to such relief as of 11 March 2020 for all incorporated companies within the authorities billing area, including the following information: i). The name of each incorporated company in respect of which account is held. ii). The properties address in which the account relates to. iii). A write to address and write to company name, if applicable.

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The Council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below:

1). Please confirm how much funding has been received by the local council from central government to support Small Business Grants Fund (SBGF) scheme in England during corona virus?

The London Borough of Barnet has been given a total fund allocation of £65,756,000, however this is not split by fund type.

2). How many hereditaments has the local authority identified may be in scope to receive the Small Business Grants Fund (SBGF) scheme? Please provide the relevant BA reference numbers?

Properties eligible for the Small Business Grant Fund can be located here: https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/businessratesregister

- 3). How many Small Business Grants Fund (SBGF) scheme payments have been made to hereditaments to date (please confirm the date of extract)?
- 1,658 Small Business Grant Fund payments have been issued to date
- 4). Please confirm the total amount of money that the local authority in England has distributed for Small Business Grants Fund (SBGF) scheme to date (please confirm the date of extract)?

£16,580,000 has been distributed in respect of the Small Business Grant Fund to date

5). A list of NNDR Business Rates accounts who were in receipt of small business rate relief or rural rate relief or whom subsequently became entitled to such relief as of 11 March 2020 for all incorporated companies within the authorities billing area, including the following information: i). The name of each incorporated company in respect of which account is held. ii). The properties address in which the account relates to. iii). A write to address and write to company name, if applicable.

Properties in receipt of Small Business Rate Relief can be located here: https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/businessratesregister

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. http://open.barnet.gov.uk/

Advice and Assistance: Direct Marketing

If you are a company that intends to use the names and contact details of council officers (or other officers) provided in this response for direct marketing, you need to be registered with the Information Commissioner to process personal data for this purpose. You must also check that the individual (whom you wish to contact for direct marketing purposes) is not registered with one of the Preference Services to prevent Direct Marketing. If they are you must adhere to this preference.

You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link www.ico.org.uk

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marketing via any media and expressly does not constitute a 'soft opt-in' under PECR.

Your rights

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If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.