

17 August 2023

Request under The Freedom Of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 03 August 2023, in which you requested the following:

To ask how much money, if anything, your organisation has provided to the following organisations in each year since 2018/19.

*Blue Marine Foundation
 Community of Arran Seabed Trust
 Fidra
 Marine Concern
 Marine Conservation Society
 National Trust for Scotland
 Open Seas
 Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Scotland
 Royal Yachting Association
 Scottish Seabird Centre
 Scottish Environment Link
 Seal Scotland
 Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust
 Whale and Dolphin Conservation
 WWF Scotland*

We have considered your requests, and can respond as follows:

Most of the organisations identified have received no money from VisitScotland in the period specified. For those organisations where we have provided funding within the period specified, I have set these out in the table below.

NAME	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	TOTAL
RSPB	-	100.00	50.00	190.00	-	-	340.00
Scottish Seabird Centre	-	1,500.00	2,125.00	12,206.00	-	-	15,831.00
National Trust for Scotland – ES*	-	5,546.00	6,654.00	10,039.00	-	-	22,239.00
National Trust for Scotland	240.00	890.62	643.43	-	2,098.50	-	3,872.55
	240.00	8,036.62	9,472.43	22,435.00	2,098.50	-	42,282.55

*Money from VisitScotland's events directorate, EventScotland

Grand funding support for COVID-19 was also provided to the following:

NAME	2021/22
National Trust for Scotland	77,000.00
Scottish Seabird Centre	7,000.00

We hope this information is helpful to you. If, however, you are not satisfied with our response or the manner in which we have dealt with your application, you may in the first instance contact our Chief Executive, Malcolm Roughead, whose contact details are set out below:

Mr Malcolm Roughead
 Chief Executive
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 94 Ocean Drive
 Edinburgh, EH6 6JH
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 E-mail: malcolm.roughead@visitscotland.com

If you wish to request a review of your application under either the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 or the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, your request should be submitted to us in writing, or another permanent format (for example e-mail or voice recording), and be received by us within 40 days of the date of this letter. Any request for a review should also set out, in as much detail as possible, the reasons why you are not satisfied with our response or the manner in which we have dealt with your application.

If you are still not satisfied with our handling of your application after we have responded to your request for a review, you have a right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision on whether we have dealt with your request in accordance with the Act.

The Scottish Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Scottish Information Commissioner
 Kinburn Castle
 Doubledykes Road
 St Andrews, Fife
 KY16 9DS
 Telephone: 01334 464610
 Fax: 01334 464611
 E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

You also have the right to appeal to the Court of Session in Scotland on a point of law concerning our response.

Yours sincerely,