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Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about funding for Legacy 90.1 FM.

We received this request on 15 August 2020 and have considered it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

Your request

You asked: *'Please can you provide all the funding since 2013 to 2022 Legacy 90.1fm have received?'*

Our response

You can find details of the funding awarded for Legacy 90.1 FM listed on our website, as shown below:

2022-2023: £15,937
2021-2022: £6,500
2019-2020: £9,386
2015-2016: £18,000

We can confirm that we did not award any grants to Legacy 90.1 FM for the years 2013, 2014, 2017 or 2018.

We can also confirm that during the public health crisis due to Covid-19, some community radio stations faced significant financial challenges. In response, the government announced £400,000 of emergency cash funding to help stations facing severe financial difficulty to meet the core costs of providing vital programming to local communities. The details of recipients of this emergency funding have not been made public.

Please see details here: [Award of grants 2020-21 Round 1 - Ofcom \(nationalarchives.gov.uk\)](https://nationalarchives.gov.uk)

[Award of grants 2020-21 Round 2 - Ofcom \(nationalarchives.gov.uk\)](https://nationalarchives.gov.uk)

[Award of grants 2020-21 Round 3 - Ofcom \(nationalarchives.gov.uk\)](#)

We are unable to confirm or deny if Legacy 90.1 FM received any of this emergency funding, as to provide such information would fall under the exemption in section 44 of the Act. In particular, section 44(1)(a) of the Act exempts disclosure of information if its disclosure is prohibited by or under any enactment. Section 393(1) of the Communications Act 2003 prohibits the disclosure of information which relates to a particular business (in this case, Legacy 90.1 FM) which we have obtained in the course of exercising our functions in relation to broadcast licensing, so long as that business continues to be carried on, unless we have the consent of that business or one of the statutory gateways under section 393(2) of the Act is met, neither of which applies here. Section 44 is an absolute exemption under the Act and therefore is not subject to a public interest test.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any further queries, then please send them to information.requests@ofcom.org.uk quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

Gloria Akinyemi

If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request for information and/or consider that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law you may ask for an internal review. If you ask us for an internal review of our decision, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom.

The following outcomes are possible:

- the original decision is upheld; or
- the original decision is reversed or modified.

Timing

If you wish to exercise your right to an internal review **you should contact us within two months of the date of this letter**. There is no statutory deadline for responding to internal reviews and it will depend upon the complexity of the case. However, we aim to conclude all such reviews within 20 working days, and up to 40 working days in exceptional cases. We will keep you informed of the progress of any such review. If you wish to request an internal review, you should contact information.requests@ofcom.org.uk.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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