



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 0316140
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European Structural Funds

Request:

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Could you please provide information held on recipients of;

1. Discretionary Rate Relief for the attraction of new commercial investment. Not including small business rate relief, section 44a or hardship reliefs – Possible Business Rate Dept.
[The Council does not currently have any specific discretionary rate relief schemes for the attraction of new commercial investment.](#)
2. European Structural Funds 2013 – 2020 – Possible Economic Development/Planning Dept.
[Since 2013, the city of Wolverhampton Council has been responsible as Accountable Body for the following EU funded projects from the last EU Structural Fund programme 2007-2013 which has now ended:](#)
[Please note that we have only included projects where Wolverhampton is accountable body for EU Structural Funds as you will need to approach the Managing Authority for other beneficiaries:](#)

Name of Recipient	Location of investment	Date of investment	Type of investment	Value of investment
Black Country GOLD (Growth Opportunities Local Delivery)	Black Country	2013-2015	Grants to SME's	£1.8m (50% ERDF with match from public sector and SME's)

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Black Country Local Broadband Plan	Black Country	2013-15	Support to SME's to get online and benefit from superfast broadband	£365,764 (50% ERDF and 50% Growing Places)
Neighbourhood Employment and Skills Service (accountable body on behalf of voluntary sector delivery partners)	Wolverhampton	2011-2015	Support to residents to move into training and employment located in deprived neighbourhoods	£2.19m 2014-15 (50% ERDF with match coming from delivery partners)

Note: currently under the 2013-20 European Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF) Programme, we have submitted 2 full bids to European Regional Development Fund for Black Country Advice Investment and Markets (AIM) and Transformational Growth Opportunities Local Delivery (GOLD) which are both pending approval. We are also partners in one European Social Fund/Youth Employment Initiative project Impact in the Black Country which is also pending approval. Wolverhampton has submitted a further two further outline applications have been submitted under the environment priority however confirmation is awaiting whether these have passed to full bidding stage. Further details are contained in Cabinet (Resource) Panel External Funding Update reports.

3. Growing Places Funding - Possible Economic Development/Planning Dept.

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BC Local Broadband Plan	Black Country	2013-15	Support to SME's to get online and benefit from superfast broadband	£365,764 (50% ERDF and 50% Growing Places)
Supporting Employment and Enterprise Development (SEED) – Accountable body on behalf of Access to Business	Black Country	2015	Enterprise support to residents to start up in business	£50k to match Access to Business's ERDF bid
Carvers - Canalside Quarter	Wolverhampton	2014-2016	Support to Carvers for the relocation of LPG storage facility	£600,000

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4. City Deal - Possible Economic Development/Planning Dept.

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Accord Housing (WCC partner)	Black Country – Bilston in Wolverhampton	Ongoing	Support to social housing tenants to move into employment	£2.8m across the BC

5. Public Works Loan Board - Possible Economic Development/Planning Dept.

Black Country Loan Fund	Black Country	Ongoing	(part funded by Public Works Loan Board) to enable upfront costs associated with ground conditions for remediation and professional fees	Contribution to be confirmed
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