



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-495, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

1. What funding (if any) do you offer to small businesses in the local area?
2. How many grants (if any) do you offer to small businesses in the local area?
3. If funding or grants are offered, please can you provide the specific monetary figures that are available to small businesses in the local area.
4. How many grants, or funding offers, were applied for and successfully granted to small businesses in the calendar years 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Response:

1. East Cambridgeshire District has received devolved funding from the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority which is available to local business across a number of programmes including Market Towns programme, UK Shared Prosperity Fund, Rural England Prosperity Fund. The latest District funding services are available on our website (<https://eastcambs.gov.uk/business/finance-funding>) including information on small business rate relief.
2. The district currently has one scheme available for small businesses – The Business Growth Fund – details at (<https://eastcambs.gov.uk/business/business-growth-funding>).
3. The total current available funding for the Business Growth Fund is £310,500. A further £75,000 will be available for Ely shop fronts upgrade in the summer of 2024.
4. A summary of funding available applications and grants awarded is detailed in the following table:

Year	2021	2022	2023
Funding	0	£694,789	£75,000
Applicants	N/A	220	22
Successful	N/A	40	5

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-495.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act. If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

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