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Dear Adam

OIA request 2021-0738

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 3 June 2021.

You requested –

I wish to request under the Official Information Act all documents, assessment notes and information relating to any application for funding for St Gerard's Church in Wellington.

The Department has prepared a partial response to your request at this time. In this response I can provide you with the following information.

All applications for funding in relation to Saint Gerards Church in Wellington have been applied for under the Lottery Environment and Heritage fund.

The Lottery Environment and Heritage fund provides grants for plans, reports and one-off projects that will protect, conserve and promote New Zealand's natural, cultural and physical heritage.

There are 4 applications that fall within the scope of your request.

Grants applied for between 2010-2014

Please find attached at Appendix A – information relating to 3 applications applied for between 2010 and 2014. Please note, these requests were administered in the Department's old grant application system that is no longer in use. We have been able to provide you with an extract only of the information that the Department still holds about these grants from this historic system.

Grant applied for in 2017

Attached at Appendix B, you will find the most recent application for funding in relation to Saint Gerards Church in Wellington. This application form has been extracted from the current Grant Central Management System, hence why the information appears differently to those grants above.

You will note on the form that some information has been withheld as outside the scope of your request. This is the Department's view of the application form and shows internal information that was not submitted by the group. Assessment notes written by the Advisor working on the request are still included as requested.

Personal information relating to the individuals who submitted the request on behalf of their organisation such as names and contact details has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA – to protect the privacy of natural persons including that of a deceased natural person.

Supporting documentation for 2017 grant

The supporting documentation supplied for this grant also falls within the scope of your request. The Department will respond to this part of your request as soon as consultations necessary to make a decision on the information are completed. We expect this to be within the next two weeks.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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