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**Our reference:**  
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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your email of 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018 in which you requested the following information: "How much did DAERA spend on tackling air pollution in 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18? And what projects was this funding allocated to?"

I am writing to advise that the Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs has completed its search and can confirm that we hold the information, which you requested in your email of 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018.

Money spent by the Department on air quality is in the form of grant aid to local authorities (district councils) as well as to a charitable organisation, for the purposes of monitoring, assessing and/or improving air quality. In addition, the Department has spent money on maintaining an air quality website, [www.airqualityni.co.uk](http://www.airqualityni.co.uk), as well as producing reports on air pollution.

All spending is paid a year in arrears and whilst all figures quoted below have not all been paid, budget has been allocated for this purpose.

All figures quoted below cover the financial year period of 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> March.

Grantee	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 (estimate)	Total for the three years
The funding listed below was issued to Northern Ireland district councils to support their statutory duties to monitor, review and assess air quality				
Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council	3041.58	4850.03	4872.60	12764.21
Ards and North Down Borough Council	3534.50	20067.50	16648.97	40250.97
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council	2343.25	12279.65	11277.03	25899.93
Belfast City Council	11539.77	51205.13	86149.17	148894.07
Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council	2509.80	10904.10	5343.30	18757.20
Derry City and Strabane Borough Council	9812.19	23542.94	25543.44	58898.57
Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council	4404.04	3455.92	2635.38	10495.34
Mid and East Antrim Borough Council	4950.02	12448.22	14320.47	31718.71
Mid Ulster District Council	412.00	3669.84	4902	8983.84
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	6934.98	17433.89	7000.71	31369.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>49482.13</b>	<b>159857.22</b>	<b>178693.07</b>	<b>388032.42</b>
The money listed below has been used to maintain the Department's Air Quality Website and to produce the annual Air Pollution in Northern Ireland report (figures do not include VAT)				
2015/16	65404.19			
2016/17	39309.77			
2017/18 (estimate)	39014.52			
Total for the three years	<b>143728.48</b>			
Grantee	N/A	2017/18 (estimate)	2018/19 (estimate)	Total for the two years
The funding listed below has been allocated to Sustrans NI for 2017-2019 to support the CHIPS project (Cycle Highways Innovation for smarter People Transport and Spatial Planning), as this project has the capacity to deliver benefits to air quality by promoting modal shift away from car use.				
Active Travel Officer	N/A	14428	32042	46470

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