



22 May 2026

Dear

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00370**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 27 April in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*I would like to request the following information in relation to the previous Battery Innovation funding competition administered by Innovate UK:*

1. *The full list of funded projects, including project titles and lead organisations.*
2. *The total number of applications received and the number of successful applications.*
3. *The total value of grant funding awarded through this competition.*
4. *The individual grant amounts awarded to each successful project, where this information is not commercially sensitive.*
5. *A breakdown of funded projects by technology focus area (e.g. cell chemistry, battery management systems, recycling/second life, manufacturing, etc.)*
6. *The Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs) targeted by funded projects, where available.*

**Our response:**

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) does hold some information relevant to your request. Please see the information below and attached.

The Innovate UK (IUK) Battery Innovation funding competition is split into two strands; [Feasibility Studies Round 1](#)<sup>1</sup> and [Concept Development Round 1](#)<sup>2</sup>.

1. *The full list of funded projects, including project titles and lead organisations.*

The list of funded projects, split by strand, is included in the attached "FOI2026\_00370 Annex 1".

2. *The total number of applications received and the number of successful applications.*

	<b>Feasibility Studies Round 1</b>	<b>Concept Development Round 1</b>
<b>Total number of applications</b>	82	68
<b>Total number of assessed applications</b>	64	63
<b>Total number of successful applications</b>	12	10

<sup>1</sup> <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2313/overview/508ab35f-0e07-4e84-8e31-bbbcb619bc9e>

<sup>2</sup> <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2314/overview/4d1e65d7-b380-41b7-8dcf-b25cd26b9ab5>

3. *The total value of grant funding awarded through this competition.*

The Battery Innovation funding was launched with an indicative funding allocation of £20 million, split across the two strands. Approximately £21.75 million in grant funding was committed in total.

4. *The individual grant amounts awarded to each successful project, where this information is not commercially sensitive.*

Under Section 22 of the FOIA, the requested information is intended for future publication; successful and confirmed awards, including individual funding amounts, are available in the public domain from [Innovate UK's Transparency Data](#)<sup>3</sup>.

Section 22 is a qualified exemption meaning that it is subject to the public interest test.

We consider that premature release would put undue pressure on UKRI to publish outside of our scheduled timeframes which would lead to a disproportionate burden on the organisation. This would not be in the public interest.

We have therefore determined that the outcome of this test is that the public interest is insufficient to justify immediate disclosure. This information is likely to be available in July 2026.

5. *A breakdown of funded projects by technology focus area (e.g. cell chemistry, battery management systems, recycling/second life, manufacturing, etc.)*

A breakdown of the funded projects by technology focus area (sector classification) is included in the attached "FOI2026\_00370 Annex 1".

6. *The Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs) targeted by funded projects, where available.*

This information is not held. Specific TRL values are not assigned to individual projects. Instead, projects are categorised by programme strand, with the portfolio comprising feasibility-stage projects and early development activities through the Feasibility Studies strand and more mature innovations supported through the Concept Development strand.

## Your rights

If you have any queries regarding our response please do let us know. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review, explaining which elements of this decision you disagree with and why. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of our response and should be addressed to:

Head of Information Governance  
Email: [foi@ukri.org](mailto:foi@ukri.org)

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.ukri.org/publications/innovate-uk-funded-projects-since-2004/>

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see [UKRI's complaints procedure](#).<sup>4</sup>

Yours sincerely,

  
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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>