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12 October 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2023/00701**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 15 September in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*I'm writing to ask about which grants are available to support innovation in West Yorkshire, in particular in Wakefield area.*

*In the levelling up plan, the government announced R&D investment in regions outside the south east. This funds would be available to Innovate UK, and other institutions, under the current financial review period.*

*However, I cannot find any grant available for the few biotech companies that exist in West Yorkshire. So, where is the money going?*

*How much money has been made available for this region and how is it being distributed? Is it going to SME or universities?*

*Therefore, I am making a freedom of information request to ask the budget allocated for West Yorkshire for the financial year 2023/2024.*

**Our response:**

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) holds some information relevant to your request and much of this information is already publicly available. Please see the information below.

*I'm writing to ask about which grants are available to support innovation in West Yorkshire, in particular in Wakefield area. I cannot find any grant available for the few biotech companies that exist in West Yorkshire. So, where is the money going?*

- Details of our current and forthcoming funding opportunities can be found by searching [Innovation competitions](https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/search)<sup>1</sup> or the [Innovation Hub](https://ukinnovationhub.ukri.org/)<sup>2</sup>. Organisations in West Yorkshire are eligible to apply to all UK-wide Innovate UK competitions, subject to eligibility criteria.
- Information on previous funding is available through the [IUK's Transparency Data](https://www.ukri.org/publications/innovate-uk-funded-projects-since-2004/).<sup>3</sup>

*How much money has been made available for this region and how is it being distributed? Is it going to SME or universities?*

<sup>1</sup> <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/search>

<sup>2</sup> <https://ukinnovationhub.ukri.org/>

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

- Details of awards made, and how funding has been distributed geographically is available on UKRI's [Geographical distribution of funding](#)<sup>4</sup> page.
- Further detail is available through the [UK's Transparency Data](#)<sup>5</sup>, where grant funding can be filtered by organisation type, address region, address LEP and address local authority.

*I am making a freedom of information request to ask the budget allocated for West Yorkshire for the financial year 2023/2024.*

Organisations in West Yorkshire are eligible to apply to all UK-wide Innovate UK competitions, subject to eligibility criteria. UKRI therefore has not allocated a budget specifically for West Yorkshire for the financial year 2023/2024.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact:

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).

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 policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,

  
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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.ukri.org/what-we-do/what-we-have-funded/geographical-distribution-of-funding/>

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