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21 February 2022

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2022/00031**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 24 January in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*With regards to ISCF Smart Sustainable Plastic Packaging: Demonstrators Round 2 Full Stage competition.  
Application number: 10014880*

*Please may I request the following information regarding the successful projects from this comp:*

- o Full name of the project*
- o Name of the lead applicant*
- o Financial amount awarded*

*Additionally, please can you confirm whether additional funding was made available for this competition and if so, how much additional funding was offered.*

**Our response:**

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold the information relevant to your request.

The information you have requested is exempt from disclosure under Section 22(1) of the FOIA as it is intended for future publication. Section 22 is a qualified exemption meaning that it is subject to the public interest test.

UKRI understand that being transparent in regard to successful applications for competitions is in the public interest. The information requested is being prepared for publication and is being done so in line with a carefully considered timetable that requires it is suitably formatted and presented in the correct context before being released to the public.

UKRI has therefore determined that it is not in the public interest to release information ahead of the existing publication schedules as this would place undue pressure and burden on the organisation to prepare the information for release earlier than anticipated. 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 sometime in March 2022 [here](#)<sup>1</sup>.

We can however confirm that additional funding was made available for this competition for the sum of £4.3m.

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

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ukri.org/publications/innovate-uk-funded-projects-since-2004/>

Email: [foi@ukri.org](mailto:foi@ukri.org) or [infogovernance@ukri.org](mailto:infogovernance@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: <http://www.ico.gov.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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