16 December 2022

Dear ██████████,

Freedom of Information request: FOI2022/00386

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 25 November in which you requested the following:

Your request:

For Innovate UK's Farming Innovation Programme- feasibility projects competition (2021), please could you release the following information:

1. *The number of applications.*
2. *The number of assessed applications.*
3. *The number of successful applications.*
4. *The success rate.*
5. *The minimum successful score.*
6. *The maximum successful score.*
7. *Average score of failed applications.*
8. *Average grant fund value per project.*
9. *Average score of funded projects.*
10. *The score distributions of the applications (e.g. % (or number) of applications which scored <70, 70.1-75, 75.1-80, 80.1-85, 85.1-90, 90.1-95, 95.1-100).*
11. *The count of assessed applications by industry subsector (livestock, plants, novel food production systems, bioeconomy and agroforestry).*
12. *The count of successful projects by industry subsector.*
13. *The number of successful projects that were a consortium of 2 partners*
14. *The number of successful projects that were a consortium of 3 partners*
15. *The number of successful projects that were a consortium of 4 or more partners.*
16. *The number of successful projects that had a university partner.*
17. *The number of applicants that had a university partner.*
18. *The number of unsuccessful applications, if any, which scored above the minimum funded score.*

Our response

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

1.	The number of applications.	121
2.	The number of assessed applications.	115
3.	The number of successful applications.	25
4.	The success rate.	21.74%
5.	The minimum successful score.	78.56%
6.	The maximum successful score.	86.64%
7.	Average score of failed applications.	68.55%
8.	Average grant fund value per project.	£310,601

9.	Average score of funded projects.	82.52
10.	The score distributions of the applications (e.g. % (or number) of applications which scored <70, 70.1-75, 75.1-80, 80.1-85, 85.1-90, 90.1-95, 95.1-100).	See below
11.	The count of assessed applications by industry subsector (livestock, plants, novel food production systems, bioeconomy and agroforestry)	See below
12.	The count of successful projects by industry subsector	See below
13.	The number of successful projects that were a consortium of 2 partners	11
14.	The number of successful projects that were a consortium of 3 partners	6
15.	The number of successful projects that were a consortium of 4 or more partners.	8
16.	The number of successful projects that had a university partner.	15
17.	The number of applicants that had a university partner.	68
18.	The number of unsuccessful applications, if any, which scored above the minimum funded score	6

As a further explanation for question 18, Innovate UK applied a portfolio approach to this competition, which is explained in the Farming Innovation Programme Scope.[1] The applications were assessed by 5 relevant and experienced external assessors, then ranked by score. Applications were then recommended for funding descending from the top score and then selected to create a balanced portfolio across the scope areas. More information on the portfolio approach can be found in the Innovate UK General Guidance.[2]

10. The score distributions of the applications	<70	70.1-75	75.1-80	80.1-85	85.1-90	90.1-95	95.1-100	Total
	40	23	31	15	6	0	0	115

Each question in this competition was weighted, the final score was calculated using the assessor scores and weighting them as indicated to applicants in the competition documentation online.

11. Assessed applications (interim classifications)

Category	No of Projects
Broadacre	41
Horticulture	38
Forestry / Bioeconomy	8
Livestock	27
N/A (other General Agriculture)	1
Grand Total	**115**

12. Successful projects (interim classifications)

Category	No of Projects
Broadacre	8
Horticulture	10
Forestry / Bioeconomy	1
Livestock	6
Total	**25**

Applicants did not self-select any categories at the application stage. Interim classifications are assigned for the purpose of scope checks and are based upon our own judgement and are subject to revision. Applications are only given one classification even if the proposal may span multiple sectors.

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[1] https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/1048/overview#scope
[2] https://www.ukri.org/councils/innovate-uk/guidance-for-applicants/general-guidance/what-happens-after-you-have-submitted-your-application/?_ga=2.70744656.1770083017.1663756381-2126497687.1663161362#contents-list

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Yours sincerely,

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