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11 February 2020

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2020/00011**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 13 January 2020 in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*“Can I please request what the following information for the July 2019 Smart Grant competition;*

- 1. How many projects were funded?*
- 2. What percentage of submitted applications were funded?*
- 3. What was the lowest successful project score?*
- 4. Was there a quality level score in order to be successful and if so what was it?*
- 5. How many successful applications were granted to SME's?*
- 6. How many projects funded were from individual applicants without a partner?*
- 7. How many previously successful applicants of Smart grants were successful with applications in this round?”*

**Our response**

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

*4. Was there a quality level score in order to be successful and if so what was it?*

In regard to the threshold funding score, Innovate UK will rarely consider applications that score below 70. The principle driver for funding decisions is the amount of funding available to a competition. Funding is often allocated from the highest scoring application downwards until either the funding or the number of applications scoring 70 and above has been depleted.

*5. How many successful applications were granted to SME's?*

As per the eligibility requirements of the Smart grant July 2019 competition, all applicants had to include an SME. As this is the case all successful applications were granted to SMEs.

The eligibility criteria for the competition can be found on the below link:

<https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/389/overview#eligibility>

*7. How many previously successful applicants of Smart grants were successful with applications in this round?”*

Please find information on the number of resubmissions in **Annex A\_2020.00011** attached with this letter. A resubmission is a project that has previously been unsuccessful in an Innovate UK competition and is being submitted again. Please note the same project can be resubmitted once, for a total of two assessments, if it is unsuccessful a second time no other resubmissions of the project will be accepted.

For information on all projects that Innovate UK have funded, which includes the competition they were successful in, please see the transparency data published on the link below. Information on the Smart Grants July 2019 competition will be published once all checks have been completed.

Innovate UK transparency data: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/innovate-uk-funded-projects>

Please find all other information you have requested attached with this letter on **Annex A\_2020.00011**.

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

Head of Information Governance

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 not content with the outcome of our internal review you are entitled to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner's Office 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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