



1 March 2021

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2021/00062

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

Your request:

For the Innovate UK Smart Grants: August 2020 competition:

- 1. How many applications were received?*
- 2. How many applications were from SMEs and how many from large companies?*
- 3. How many successful applications were there, who are they from, what are the project public descriptions and what is the average grant awarded?*

Our response:

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

- 1. How many applications were received?*

2183 applications were submitted for the Innovate UK Smart Grants: August 2020 competition.

- 2. How many applications were from SMEs and how many from large companies?*

Organisation Size	Number of Applications
Large	24
Medium	94
Micro or Small	2065
Total	2183

The above information is based on the lead organisation of each application, with the total number of small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) being 2159.

- 3. How many successful applications were there, who are they from, what are the project public descriptions and what is the average grant awarded?*

Stream	Number of applications funded
Stream 1	63
Stream 2	11
Total	74

Stream	Average grant awarded
Stream 1	£268,690
Stream 2	£708,533

Please note that applications to the Innovate UK Smart Grant: August 2020 competition were split into two streams. Stream 1 consisted of projects 18 months or less in duration, with total project cost of £500k or less. Stream 2 consisted of projects either over 18 months in duration and/or £500k project costs.

The information you have requested on who successful applications are from and their project descriptions 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 this information is in the public interest. However, the data is still incomplete and we are of the view that releasing the information as it currently stands would be inaccurate, incomplete and misleading and thus not 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 will be made available through [Innovate UK's Transparency Data](#)¹ once successful projects have completed setup and gone live.

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 or 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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¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/innovate-uk-funded-projects>