UK Research and Innovation

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6 October 2026

Dear [redacted]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00764

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

Your request:

We would be grateful if you could provide the following information for the 2025/26 financial year:

- *The number of Oxfordshire-based businesses supported through Innovate UK grant funding or funding opportunities, and the total value of funding awarded.*
- *The number of Oxfordshire-based businesses supported through Innovate UK innovation loans, and the total value of loans issued.*
- *The number of Oxfordshire-based businesses supported through Innovate UK investor partnerships, and the total value of Innovate UK funding awarded.*

By Oxfordshire, we mean the county as a whole. If the information is held by individual local-authroity area, a breakdown across these five areas would also be helpful.

We understand that this information may not be readily available, so any relevant Oxfordshire-level data you are able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Our response:

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

Under Section 21 of the FOIA, information already reasonably accessible, the following information you have requested is already available in the public domain from Innovate UK's Transparency Data[1]:

- *The number of Oxfordshire-based businesses supported through Innovate UK grant funding or funding opportunities, and the total value of funding awarded.*
- *The number of Oxfordshire-based businesses supported through Innovate UK investor partnerships, and the total value of Innovate UK funding awarded.*

This data can be filtered by competition year and either postcode, address region, LEP or local authority to identify the projects within scope of your request. The data includes the amount of the award offered, start and end dates of the project, as well as competition and programme titles which will allow you to identify specific funding provided through Innovate UK's investor partnerships.

[1] https://www.ukri.org/publications/innovate-uk-funded-projects-since-2004/

Section 21 is an absolute exemption which means that there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

- *The number of Oxfordshire-based businesses supported through Innovate UK innovation loans, and the total value of loans issued.*

For the 2025/26 financial year three Oxfordshire-based businesses were funded through Innovate UK Innovation Loans, to the value of £4,186,199.

Your rights

If you have any queries regarding our response please do let us know. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review, explaining which elements of this decision you disagree with and why. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of our response and should be addressed to:

Head of Information Governance
Email: 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.

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 procedure[2].

Yours sincerely,

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[2] https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target