



Sent by email: [REDACTED]

3 September 2020

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2020/00229

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 2 August in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I would like to have a list of the projects funded, and amount of funding provided for each, by UKRI (and its predecessor organisations if that information is available to you) since formation please. In particular, I am interested in the amount of funds provided to the major cities within the UK - these being Belfast, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Newcastle (plus also Oxford and Cambridge)

Our response:

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

Please find attached file "FOI202000229.xlsx" which contains research, innovation and fellowship data for the following Research Councils:

- Arts and Humanities Research Council
- Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council
- Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council
- Economic and Social Research Council
- Natural Environment Research Council
- Medical Research Council
- Science and Technology Facilities Council
- Innovate UK

This data goes back to 1973, but it is important to note that due to a change in the systems used by the Research Councils in 2011, data from before 2012 is incomplete and should not be taken as a complete record of all projects funded. To establish if additional data from before this period is available it would require each Council to access storage facilities and manually locate the requested information from hard copy documents, which would likely exceed the appropriate statutory limit as specified within Section 12 of the FOIA. Therefore, in response to your request, we have focused our search on what data is available electronically.

In order to try and better accommodate your highlighted area of interest, in regard to funding provided to major cities within the UK, our data team has added a "city" filter (column U in the attached spreadsheet) to the dataset as this was not already included in the source data. This filter was derived from the postcode of the organisation receiving the UKRI funding, in which two assumptions were made, firstly that "Manchester" includes Greater Manchester and secondly that "City of London" includes both Inner and Outer London.

It is important to note that the organisation receiving funding is not necessarily the lead organisation on a project, as Innovate UK in particular can have multiple participants on one project. The location of the organisation receiving the funding is also not necessarily the location where the research took place.

Information on projects funded by Research England, which was formed in 2018, is not held in the same database and is therefore not included in the attached data set.

Research England's funded project information is already in the public domain and can be found on the following links. Where funding amounts are not published it has been provided below for your reference. This information has been provided with details of the Research Organisation that was funded, therefore this can be used as a guide to help establish which city funds were provided to.

Research England Development (RED) Fund:

<https://re.ukri.org/funding/our-funds-overview/research-england-development-red-fund/>

<https://re.ukri.org/index.cfm?LinkServID=48AC2816-5F46-478C-8FAE7510D67BB13F>

Recently announced RED Fund Projects:

Provider	Project Title	Funding
City, University of London	CebAI: A National Centre for Creativity Enabled Artificial Intelligence	£3,569,113
Newcastle University	National Innovation Centre for Rural Enterprise (NICRE)	£3,755,829
Royal College of Art (London)	Design Age Institute	£4,996,543
University College London	Capabilities in Academic Policy Engagement (CAPE)	£3,953,144
University of Northumbria (Newcastle)	Purposeful Healthcare Growth Accelerator	£361,854
University of Cambridge	Policy Evidence Unit for University Commercialisation and Innovation (UCI)	£1,199,833
University of Cambridge	TenU-RE: coordinating US-UK university technology transfer good practice sharing and policy contribution	£260,500

Expanding Excellence:

<https://re.ukri.org/funding/our-funds-overview/expanding-excellence-in-england-e3-fund/>

UK Research Partnership Investment Fund (UKRPIF):

<https://re.ukri.org/funding/our-funds-overview/uk-research-partnership-initiative-fund/>

<https://re.ukri.org/documents/2019/ukrpi-fund-funded-projects/>

International Investment Initiative:

<https://re.ukri.org/funding/our-funds-overview/international-investment-initiative-i3/>

The Connecting Capability Fund:

<https://re.ukri.org/funding/our-funds-overview/the-connecting-capability-fund-ccf/>

Strength in Places Fund (SIPF) Wave 1 (UKRI Fund):

<https://www.ukri.org/funding/funding-opportunities/strength-in-places-fund/wave-1-seedcorn-funded-proposals/>

Lead Organisation	Project Title	Amount of Seedcorn Funding Awarded SIPF Wave 1
Artemis Technologies (Belfast)	Decarbonisation of Maritime Transportation	£50,000
University of Birmingham	Med Tech CONNECT West Midlands (Collaborative Network to enable and Enhance Cross-sector Transformation)	£50,000
University of Bristol	My World	£50,000
Cardiff University	CS Connected	£50,000

Fintech Scotland (Edinburgh)	Global Centre of Excellence in Open Banking (COB)	£50,000
University of Glasgow	The Living Lab: driving economic growth in Glasgow through real world implementation of precision medicine	£50,000
University of Strathclyde (Glasgow)	Accelerating the 4th industrial revolution across Scotland's Central Belt	£50,000
University of Glasgow	Clyde Waterfront Innovation Campus	£50,000
Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine	Delivering Integrated Solutions for Human Infections	£50,000
University of the Arts London	Performing Productivity: Screen, Stage and the Performing Arts for Economic Growth in the Thames Estuary Production Corridor	£50,000
Newcastle University	North East Cluster for Healthy Ageing and Independent Living (NE-CHAIN)	£50,000

Strength in Places Fund (SIPF) Wave 2 (UKRI Fund):

<https://www.ukri.org/funding/funding-opportunities/strength-in-places-fund/wave-2-seedcorn-funded-proposals/>

Please note, funding has not yet been issued under SIPF Wave 2.

Enhancing Place-based Partnerships in Public Engagement (UKRI Fund):

<https://www.ukri.org/files/news/ukri-place-and-citizen-science-project-summaries/>

Institution	Project Title	Project award
Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine	Formative study to evaluate period poverty among homeless and impoverished women in North-west England	£21,224
University of Essex (Colchester)	Community Research and Engagement Programme (COURAGE)	£30,275
University of Plymouth	SoilSCAN: Soils, Science and Community Action; GlacierMap: mapping glacier change in the Peruvian Andes; The Pop-up Centre for Health Technology in Stonehouse	£32,401
University of Stirling	Re-energising Clackmannanshire: engaging communities around energy for a healthier, wealthier and greener future	£39,329
University of York	Stories in the Sky: digital placemaking	£17,846
City, University of London	Prolific Offenders on the Andover Estate: Journeys and Turning Points	£39,612
Edinburgh Napier University	The Seven Kingdoms of Wester Hailes: Developing Researchers in Place	£40,000
Open University (Milton Keynes)	EDUcating Citizens and organisations in Citizen Science methodologies (EduCS); - Exploring Community Responses to Health-related Community Displays; BG Reach (Blaenau Gwent residents engaging in arts, community and heritage)	£37,482
Rothamsted Research (Harpenden)	Delivering a community supported vision for achieving net zero carbon targets within a livestock farmed environment - impacts on the landscape, communities and livelihoods in the Ruby Country, Devon	£36,483
Swansea University	Citizen and Community Science with Oriel Science; Copperopolis: Place-making, engagement and heritage-led regeneration	£26,280
University of Hertfordshire (Hatfield)	Building a health and wellbeing research partnership with children and their families living in deprived neighbourhoods in Stevenage	£25,406
University of Manchester	Developing community co-researchers to investigate air quality, health and well-being in Brunswick	£34,174
University of the West of Scotland	Evidencing the impact of cultural regeneration on poverty: A collaborative approach	£22,595
University of Wolverhampton	CAPTURE: Community Action-research Partnership Training University Research and Engagement	£36,213

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Teesside University (Middlesbrough)	TV Lab: establishing a partnership approach to intra- and inter-community engagement	£27,585
University of Cambridge	Using data to improve health: are the publics engaged?	£31,759
Staffordshire University (Stoke-on-Trent)	How to 'Keep Talking': sustainable community research teams in deprived areas	£37,377
University of Exeter	Using nature to foster stronger communities; Assessing the value and challenges of using citizen-science to understand plastic pollution in the marine environment	£38,490
Keele University	Social Innovation through University Partnership (SIT-UP]: Developing a Keele Deal for Social Inclusion	£39,866
Museum of London Archaeology	Evidence from the Edge: materialising poverty present and past	£37,055
Aston University (Birmingham)	Crowd Sourcing SuperYeast	£39,818
University of Liverpool	The City Conversation – Building Place Based Partnerships for Inclusive Growth	£40,000
Manchester Metropolitan University	100 Year Street	£37,557
University of Bradford	Bradford community connectors: shaping research into healthcare improvement	£27,592
University of Leicester	Raising community voice for future health research	£35,086

University Enterprise Zones:

<https://re.ukri.org/news-opinions-events/news/higher-education-labs-to-boost-local-innovators-and-fuel-growth/>

Student Engagement in KE (projects jointly funded with the Office for Students):

<https://re.ukri.org/news-opinions-events/news/funding-boost-for-students-to-work-with-business-and-communities/>
<https://re.ukri.org/documents/2020/student-engagement-in-knowledge-exchange-project-summaries/>

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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