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17 March 2021

Dear [Redacted],

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2021/00120**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 26 February in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*You have stated previously that your competitions remain extremely popular. In particular the Smart Grant competitions are attracting huge numbers of high-quality applications.*

*Can you please make available the numbers of applicants in ALL UK Smart Grant applications to Innovate UK including COVID related competitions as a total number and then a number of successful applicants.*

**Our response:**

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

Smart Grant Competition	Total Submitted Applications	Successful Applications	
		Stream 1	Stream 2
February 2019	1273	83	11
April 2019	1032	71	11
July 2019	968	72	9
October 2019	886	63	14
January 2020	2728	129	23
August 2020	2183	53	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>9070</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>79</b>

Please note that:

**Stream 1:** Projects 18 months or less in duration, with total project cost of £500k or less

**Stream 2:** Projects either over 18 months in duration and/or £500k project costs

No Innovate UK Smart Grant competitions have been geared towards proposals that address COVID-19, each round has remained open scope.

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

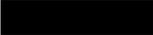
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Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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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