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23 February 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00061

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 27 January in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I've checked your previous information release database and I can't find anything, but can you tell me whether an FOI request has already been made, for how much Innovate UK spends per annum on supporting disabled applicants apply for Innovate UK funding? I used keywords 'Accessibility' and 'Access' and 'Access Support'.

If not, can I please make a request for the following:

*What the annual budget/expenditure is, for Innovate UK, to support disabled applicants to apply for Innovate UK funding, due to your online application process not being accessible to all.
Annual spend in 2024 or 2025.*

Our response

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

Innovate UK through Innovate UK Business Connect (IUKBC) provides a dedicated Reasonable Adjustment Service to support disabled and neurodivergent applicants in applying for Innovate UK competitions. This service operates as a standalone programme of tailored assistance.

As an organisation, IUKBC connects innovators from diverse backgrounds, including disabled and neurodivergent innovators, to suitable opportunities including funding. Much of this work is embedded in networking and programme activity and therefore is not recorded as a separate cost centre.

Of the costs that are accounted for separately, the IUKBC Reasonable Adjustment direct spend includes:

- 2024/25 full year spend of over £53,299
- 2025/2026 year-to-date (as of January 2026) actual spend of approximately £66,720 and approximately £35,000 in additional legal, communications, and management costs

To advise and assist you, you may also find the attached [previous FOI response](#) published on our disclosure log helpful.¹

¹ <https://ukri.disclosurelog.co.uk/disclosures/525c01cc-01ef-4c5b-b0b3-bad198c3ae46?preserveHistory>

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>