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22 April 2025

Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2025/00383**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 8 April in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*Please could I request a list of the winning applicants for the Innovate UK Smart Grant November 2024 round, with results released to winners on the 28th of March 2025.*

**Our response:**

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

The information you have requested 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 successful grant applicants is in the public interest. However, funders panel decisions and subsequent award notifications are an agreement in principle that a project will be funded. Funding is not confirmed until a grant offer letter has been returned and the project set-up process completed.

Therefore, as all of the 43 successful applicants to the [Innovate UK Smart grants: November 2024](#)<sup>1</sup> competition are still in the project set-up phase, the requested data has not yet been confirmed and we are of the view that releasing this information as it currently stands would be potentially inaccurate 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 published to the [Innovate UK Transparency Data](#)<sup>2</sup> once all successful applicants have completed project set-up.

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](mailto:foi@ukri.org)

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

<sup>1</sup> <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2057/overview/94b01162-f7ac-45b1-aede-ce7663a3be3a>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ukri.org/publications/innovate-uk-funded-projects-since-2004/>

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](http://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](#)<sup>3</sup>.

Yours sincerely,

  
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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>