



15 November 2021

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2021/00465

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 19 October in which you requested the following:

Your request:

Please could you provide the following information in regards to the Smart Grants for each month from October 2020 to October 2021

- *the total number of applications*
- *the number of applications funded*
- *the location of applications funded*
- *the number of applications funded per 'innovation area'*
- *the regional breakdown of the 'innovation area' applications funded*
- *the average funding amount per project*

Our response:

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

Please note that the Innovate UK (IUK) Smart Grants competitions are not run monthly. In the timeframe you have specified, between October 2020 and October 2021, there have been four Smart Grants competitions, launched in [November 2020](#)¹, [January 2021](#)², [May 2021](#)³ and [August 2021](#)⁴.

At the time of your request, the May 2021 and August 2021 competitions were still on going and awards had not yet been determined or applicants notified, therefore please find below the requested information for the November 2020 and January 2021 competitions.

For details of when statistics for competitions are expected to become available, please refer to the 'Dates' tab on the competition overviews. It is standard practice for IUK to only release competition results and information once all applications have been notified of decisions.

- *Total number of applications; number of applications funded; average funding amount per project*

Competition	Total Applications	Applications Funded	Average Funding Amount
November 2020	1501	73	£351,871
January 2021	2617	74	£347,139

¹ <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/762/overview>

² <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/810/overview>

³ <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/937/overview>

⁴ <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/963/overview>

- *Location of applications Funded*

Project Location	Number of Funded Applications	
	November 2020	January 2021
East Midlands	7	5
East of England	10	6
London	23	23
North East	2	1
North West	3	8
Northern Ireland	0	1
Scotland	3	2
South East	10	10
South West	6	6
Unknown	2	0
Wales	1	2
West Midlands	2	4
Yorkshire and The Humber	4	6
Total	73	74

- *Number of applications funded per 'innovation area'; regional breakdown of the 'innovation area' applications funded*

November 2020

Innovation Area and Location	Number of Funded Applications
<i>Additive layer manufacturing (ALM)</i>	3
North East	1
South East	1
Yorkshire and The Humber	1
<i>Agricultural productivity</i>	5
East Midlands	2
East of England	1
North West	1
Yorkshire and The Humber	1
<i>Assembly, Disassembly, Joining</i>	1
South West	1
<i>Bioscience</i>	2
East Midlands	1
East of England	1
<i>Chemical / bio processes</i>	1
North West	1
<i>Composite materials</i>	1
East Midlands	1
<i>Creative industries</i>	2
South East	1
South West	1
<i>Diagnostics, medical technology and devices</i>	5
East of England	1

London	2
South East	1
West Midlands	1
<i>Digital health</i>	2
London	2
<i>Digital industries</i>	9
East of England	1
London	5
South East	1
South West	1
Unknown	1
<i>Digital manufacturing</i>	3
East of England	1
South East	1
Yorkshire and The Humber	1
<i>Digital technology</i>	11
East of England	1
London	6
South East	2
South West	1
Unknown	1
<i>Electronic materials and manufacturing</i>	3
London	1
South West	1
Wales	1
<i>Electronics, sensors and photonics</i>	2
North East	1
Yorkshire and The Humber	1
<i>Energy - other</i>	4
East Midlands	1
London	2
South East	1
<i>Energy efficiency</i>	1
South East	1
<i>Energy systems</i>	1
East Midlands	1
<i>Enhancing food quality</i>	2
North West	1
Scotland	1
<i>Independent living and wellbeing</i>	1
London	1
<i>Materials, process and manufacturing design technologies</i>	1
London	1
<i>Metals / metallurgy</i>	1
East of England	1
<i>Not Specified</i>	1

East of England	1
<i>Offshore wind</i>	2
Scotland	1
South East	1
<i>Resource efficiency</i>	1
East of England	1
<i>Robotics and autonomous systems</i>	2
Scotland	1
South West	1
<i>Smart infrastructure</i>	2
East of England	1
London	1
<i>Surface engineering, coatings and thin films</i>	1
East Midlands	1
<i>Sustainable materials</i>	2
London	2
<i>Transport - Rail</i>	1
West Midlands	1
Total	73

January 2021

Innovation Area and Location	Number of Funded Applications
<i>Additive layer manufacturing (ALM)</i>	2
South East	1
Yorkshire and The Humber	1
<i>Advanced therapies</i>	2
North West	1
Yorkshire and The Humber	1
<i>Aerospace</i>	1
London	1
<i>Agricultural productivity</i>	2
South East	1
South West	1
<i>Bioscience</i>	3
East Midlands	2
East of England	1
<i>Connected transport</i>	1
South West	1
<i>Creative industries</i>	1
London	1
<i>Diagnostics, medical technology and devices</i>	4
East of England	1
London	2
South East	1
<i>Digital health</i>	4
East Midlands	1

London	1
North West	1
South East	1
<i>Digital industries</i>	12
London	10
South West	2
<i>Digital manufacturing</i>	4
London	1
South East	1
South West	1
Yorkshire and The Humber	1
<i>Digital technology</i>	9
East Midlands	1
London	2
North West	2
South East	3
West Midlands	1
<i>Electronics, sensors and photonics</i>	1
North West	1
<i>Emerging technologies</i>	1
South East	1
<i>Energy - other</i>	1
Wales	1
<i>Energy efficiency</i>	3
London	1
South West	1
Wales	1
<i>Independent living and wellbeing</i>	1
Scotland	1
<i>Materials, process and manufacturing design technologies</i>	2
South East	1
West Midlands	1
<i>Metals / metallurgy</i>	2
East of England	1
Yorkshire and the Humber	1
<i>Not Specified</i>	4
East Midlands	1
London	2
Yorkshire and the Humber	1
<i>Offshore wind</i>	1
London	1
<i>Polymers and plastics</i>	2
East of England	1
North West	1
<i>Robotics and autonomous systems</i>	3
East of England	1

North East	1
North West	1
<i>Smart infrastructure</i>	2
West Midlands	1
Yorkshire and the Humber	1
<i>Space technologies</i>	1
North West	1
<i>Surface engineering, coatings and thin films</i>	1
East of England	1
<i>Sustainable materials</i>	1
London	1
<i>Therapeutic and medicine development</i>	1
Northern Ireland	1
<i>Transport - Marine</i>	1
Scotland	1
<i>Urban living</i>	1
West Midlands	1
Total	74

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:

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Yours sincerely,


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