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19 February 2025

Dear ▓▓▓▓▓▓▓

Freedom of Information request: FOI2025/00104

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 29 January in which you requested the following:

Your request:

For Innovate UK's Innovate UK Smart grants: November 2024 competition both the <18 month <£500k and >18 month streams, please could you release the following information:

1. *The number of applications.*
2. *The number of assessed applications.*
3. *The number of successful applications.*
4. *The success rate.*
5. *The minimum successful score.*
6. *The maximum successful score.*
7. *Maximum score of failed applications.*
8. *Average grant fund value per project.*
9. *Average score of funded projects.*
10. *The score distributions of the applications (e.g. % (or number) of applications which scored <70, 70.1-75, 75.1-80, 80.1-85, 85.1-90, 90.1-95, 95.1-100).*
11. *The count of assessed applications by innovation area.*
12. *The count of successful projects by innovation area for each strand.*
13. *The count of assessed applications by research category (feasibility studies, industrial research, experimental development).*
14. *The count of successful projects by research category.*
15. *The number of unsuccessful applications, if any, which scored above the minimum funded score.*

Our response

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) do not hold information relevant to your request at this stage. To explain further, the Innovate UK Smart grants: November 2024 competition will not be finalised until all participants have been notified of their results.

We would recommend resubmitting your request after the 28 March 2025. We anticipate that the competition results will have been finalised by this date and shared with all participants, allowing us to proceed with your request for information.

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[1].

Yours sincerely,

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