

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Decision Title: Business Innovation Fund grants (round one)																		
Decision reference number: 04.04.21																		
Decision date: 15 April 2021																		
<p>Background / reason for decision:</p> <p>Delegated authority has been granted to the WECA Chief Executive to take decisions on the award of Business Innovation Fund grants in consultation with the Chief Executives of the West of England unitary authorities.</p> <p>The Business Innovation Fund is a support programme open to West of England based Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs) seeking to progress research and development (R&D) activity, at experimental development stage, that will lead to the creation of new products, process and/or services.</p> <p>WECA secured £1.45m of European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) support from the Ministry of Housing, Communities, and Local Government (MHCLG) towards a £3.23m total project cost to deliver this programme.</p> <p>Round one grant applications were submitted and assessed against eligibility / scoring criteria. The Business and Skills Directors of the West of England unitary authorities were consulted on the recommendations that emerged from this assessment process.</p> <p>The Chief Executives of the West of England unitary authorities were consulted on the proposals and were in agreement with the decision.</p>																		
<p>Options considered:</p> <p>Not applicable in relation to this specific decision, i.e. this was the option considered.</p>																		
<p>Decision:</p> <p>Approval given to the following grant allocations:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Project</th> <th>Grant</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Project ref: BIF0004 - HBXL Group</td> <td>£20,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Project ref: BIF0035 - Motion Impossible Ltd</td> <td>£20,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Project ref: BIF0052 - PMG Services (Bristol) Ltd</td> <td>£20,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Project ref: BIF0065 - Clean Energy Prospector</td> <td>£50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Project ref: BIF0071 - Calyo Limited</td> <td>£20,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Project ref: BIF0031 - Seetru Limited</td> <td>£20,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Project ref: BIF0049 - Nu Nano Ltd</td> <td>£20,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Project ref: BIF0066 - Cookie Dough Franchise Ltd</td> <td>£20,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Project	Grant	Project ref: BIF0004 - HBXL Group	£20,000	Project ref: BIF0035 - Motion Impossible Ltd	£20,000	Project ref: BIF0052 - PMG Services (Bristol) Ltd	£20,000	Project ref: BIF0065 - Clean Energy Prospector	£50,000	Project ref: BIF0071 - Calyo Limited	£20,000	Project ref: BIF0031 - Seetru Limited	£20,000	Project ref: BIF0049 - Nu Nano Ltd	£20,000	Project ref: BIF0066 - Cookie Dough Franchise Ltd	£20,000
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Project ref: BIF0020 - Trigger Stuff CIC	£20,000
Project ref: BIF0017 - Inclusive Media Solutions Ltd	£20,000
Project ref: BIF0022 - BIRAL	£20,000
Project ref: BIF0059 - Bristol 247 CIC	£20,000
Project ref: BIF0032 - Auroch Digital Ltd	£20,000
Project ref: BIF0068 - Deathio Limited	£20,000
Project ref: BIF0042 - Punk Couplings Limited	£50,000
Project ref: BIF0007 - Gridlock Technology Ltd	£20,000
Project ref: BIF0021 - Tallt Ventures	£20,000
Project ref: BIF0048 - Upfront Analytics Limited	£20,000
Project ref: BIF0009 - Complete Control (UK) Ltd	£50,000
Project ref: BIF0054 - IRIS Intelligence Ltd	£20,000
Total	£510,000

Consultation:

The Chief Executives of the West of England unitary authorities were consulted on this proposal.

Officer making decision: Patricia Greer

Position: Chief Executive

Report / appendices / background documents:

None