

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Decision Title: Business Innovation Fund grants (round two)																					
Decision reference number: 01.03.22.																					
Decision date: 3 March 2022																					
<p>Background / reason for decision:</p> <p>Delegated authority has been granted to the West of England Combined Authority Chief Executive to take decisions on the award of Business Innovation Fund grants in consultation with the Chief Executives of the West of England councils.</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>The West of England Combined Authority 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 councils were consulted on the recommendations that emerged from this assessment process.</p> <p>The Chief Executives of the West of England council 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>																					
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BIF0082	Fresh Works Ltd	20,000
BIF0091	Greyfly Ltd	20,000
BIF0089	HBXL Group	20,000
BIF0174	Hydrolize Ltd	50,000
BIF0100	Iletpro Ltd	20,000
BIF0122	Intercede Ventures Ltd	50,000
BIF0156	Kelp Industries Ltd t/a Kelpi	50,000
BIF0116	Le Can	20,000
BIF0090	Modernise UK Ltd	20,000
BIF0149	Neuronostics Ltd	20,000
BIF0087	Open Bionics Ltd	20,000
BIF0109	Propflo Ltd	20,000
BIF0118	PyTerra Ltd	20,000
BIF0108	Service Robotics Ltd	20,000
BIF0183	Snow Squared Ltd	20,000
BIF0096	Somnus Scientific Ltd	50,000
BIF0179	Spherics Technology Ltd	50,000
BIF0151	Tethir Ltd	20,000
BIF0133	The Teff Cookie Company Ltd	20,000
BIF0111	Tivarri Limited	20,000
BIF0160	Web App Services	20,000
BIF0095	ZeroEV Conversions Ltd	20,000

Total **710,000**

Consultation:

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

Officer making decision: Patricia Greer

Position: Chief Executive – West of England Combined Authority

Report / appendices / background documents:

None