

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Decision Title: Business Innovation Fund grants (round three recommendations and round two updates)															
Decision reference number: 02.07.2022															
Decision date: 21 July 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 three grant applications were submitted and assessed against eligibility / scoring criteria. The Economic Development Managers and Business & Skills Directors of the West of England councils were consulted on the recommendations that emerged from this assessment process.</p> <p>Additional to decisions on round three grant applications, updates to the organisation(s) to which round two grants have been awarded were requested.</p> <p>The Chief Executives of the West of England councils were consulted on the proposals and were in agreement with the recommendations/requests.</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 ID</th> <th>Applicant Name(s)</th> <th>Grant value (£)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>BIF0187</td> <td>Tayve Ltd</td> <td>50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BIF0190</td> <td>Naturbeads Ltd</td> <td>49,753</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BIF0194</td> <td>Supplir.IO Limited</td> <td>50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BIF0195</td> <td>Eco Hygiene Care Ltd & Collaborator</td> <td>72,375</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Project ID	Applicant Name(s)	Grant value (£)	BIF0187	Tayve Ltd	50,000	BIF0190	Naturbeads Ltd	49,753	BIF0194	Supplir.IO Limited	50,000	BIF0195	Eco Hygiene Care Ltd & Collaborator	72,375
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BIF0196	Domin Fluid Power Limited & Collaborator	75,000
BIF0199	Biotip Ltd & Collaborator	46,912
BIF0201	Garage Fifty Six Ltd & Collaborator	75,000
BIF0203	UK Design Service Limited	21,000
BIF0205	Navigate Agency Ltd	50,000
Total		490,040

Approval given for the following grant recipients updates:

Project ID	Applicant Name(s)
BIF0096	Somnus Scientific Ltd
Grant recipient(s) updated to	
BIF0096	Somnus Scientific Ltd & Collaborator
BIF0100	Iletpro Ltd
Grant recipient updated to	
BIF0100	Kunpro Ltd
BIF0122	Intercede Ventures Ltd
Grant recipient(s) updated to	
BIF0122	Intercede Ventures Ltd & Collaborator
BIF0156	Kelp Industries Ltd
Grant recipient(s) updated to	
BIF0156	Kelp Industries Ltd & Collaborator
BIF0174	Hydrolize Ltd
Grant recipient(s) updated to	
BIF0174	Hydrolize Ltd & Collaborator
BIF0179	Spherics Technology Ltd
Grant recipient(s) updated to	
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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