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FARMING INNOVATION PROGRAMME

Are you a farmer, grower, forester, business or researcher looking for innovation funding? Look no further…

£16.5 million will be available through two new research and development competitions that open for applications 31st August 2022.

This funding is part of the £270 million Farming Innovation Programme and it's the second round for both competitions. The Farming Innovation Programme supports England's farmers and growers to collaborate on the research and development of innovative methods and technologies.

There is no set theme for these competitions as there are no barriers to innovation. However, all projects must focus on improving the productivity, environmental sustainability and resilience of England's agricultural, horticultural and forestry sectors.

Feasibility Projects

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) will invest **up to £5.5 million** to fund feasibility projects. Feasibility Projects help businesses to check if a research idea works in practice.

Through these projects, Defra want to back new and innovative solutions, aid early-stage research, and encourage collaboration. Projects worth up to £500,000 and lasting up to 2 years can investigate new or early-stage solutions that have the potential to improve the overall sustainability, productivity and resilience of UK farming.

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Small Research & Development Partnership Projects

Defra will invest **up to £11 million** to fund small research & development partnership projects. Small R&D partnership projects help businesses to develop a new farming product or service further to take it towards commercialisation.

These can be used to develop your solution, once you know that it works in practice. Through this competition, Defra are looking for innovative solutions that have the potential to substantially improve productivity, sustainability, and resilience of the sectors with a focus on larger projects worth £1 million to £3 million up to 3 years.

If you have an interesting idea, or a proven solution that needs further development, then we'd encourage you to apply for funding.

Both competitions open for applications on 31 August 2022.

- The window to apply for feasibility projects will close on 12 October 2022. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by the end of the year. Successful projects will start from April 2023.
- The window to apply for small R&D partnership projects will close on 2 November 2022. Interviews will be scheduled for early next year. We expect successful projects to start from June 2023.

To find out more please visit: Farming Innovation Programme – Farming Innovation Programme (ukri.org)

If you require any advice or assistance with the Farming Innovation Fund then please contact one of our team.

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