



FiPL at a glance (May 2026)

FiPL year 1, 2021/22

- Original grant budgeted to projects: £543,419.75
- Total project claims reimbursed £549,283.01
 - NB: A&G and admin underspend moved to project budget hence more claimed than budgeted
- Total project value¹ £1.6m
- Total number of projects supported 39
 - Total grant awarded £952,270
 - Total project value £1,539,297
- Total number of projects completed 17
- Total number of projects cancelled 1
- Total number of projects deferred² by panel 4

FiPL year 2, 2022/23

- Total revised budget (project grants, Admin, Advice & Guidance) £999,205.65
- Originally budgeted to projects: £857,084.00
- New budget (incl CS rate increase covered) £878,715.00
- Total project claims reimbursed £874,828 (99.6%)
- Total underspend (project grants, Admin, Advice & Guidance) £3,981
- New projects supported (approved) 42
 - Total grant awarded £1,117,576.75³ (some projects are multi-year)
 - Total project value £1,738,922
- Total active projects 2022/23 64 (includes approved and multiannual)
- Total number of projects completed 32⁴
- Total number of projects cancelled 0
- Total number of applications deferred 6
- Total number of applications rejected` 1

¹ Total project value is identified where the applicants add in additional funding from themselves or other funders. It does not include any additional costs for items with a Countryside Stewardship rate. Consequently, the Total Project Value figure is undervalued.

² Projects can be deferred, and subsequently approved by panel (counted in both sets of figures)

³ Figures adjusted to include CS rate increase from 1 Jan 2023

⁴ Updated from 31 as one projects no longer completed activity in Y3, so instead finished in Y2.


FiPL year 3, 2023/24

• Total allocation (projects, Admin, Advice & Guidance)	£1,369,083
• Total underspend (projects, Admin, A&G)	£2,847 ⁵
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• Project grant allocation budget	£1,183,693
• Total project claims reimbursed	£1,195,814
• Total projects <u>assessed</u>	53
○ Under £10k by Mark x 18	
○ By panel x 35	
• New projects <u>supported</u> (approved)	52 [Q1 – 9, Q2 – 5, Q3 – 24, Q4 – 14]
○ Total grant awarded during Y3	£1,749,323 (some projects are multi-year)
○ Total project value	£3,590,643
• Total active projects 2023/24	84 (includes approved & ongoing)
• Total number of projects completed	42
• Total number of projects cancelled	0
• Total number of applications deferred	1 (resubmitted and approved)
• Total number of applications rejected	1

FiPL year 4, 2024/25 (COT-146 to COT-203)

• Total allocation (projects, admin, advice & guidance)	£2,010,940
• Total underspend (projects, admin, A&G)	£17,367.88 (0.9% of overall budget)
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• Project grant allocation for projects	£1,766,746
• Grant allocated as at 31 March 24	£1,153,942
• Grant available for allocation as at 1 April 24	£612,804
• Yr 4 total grant awarded ^{5 6}	£1,937,135
• Total projects assessed (excl Historic Building)	58
○ Projects under £10k assessed (35)	
○ Projects over £10k assessed (22)	
○ Application withdrawn before panel (1)	
• New projects supported (approved)	44
○ Total grant awarded in Y4	£738,645 ⁵
○ Total project value	£1,229,045
• Total active projects during 24/25	86
• Total claims reimbursed	£1,771,318.19
• Total projects completed	83
• Total number of applications deferred ⁷	3
• Total number of applications rejected	12
• Total # approved projects cancelled by project	3 ⁸
• Number of panel meetings to assess projects	5 (2 May, 11 July, 26 Sept, 10 Dec & 25 Jan)

⁵ Any underspend is returned to Defra. Admin and A&G underspend can be transferred to the project budget. We over-programme and bring forward project spend where possible to allow us to minimise underspend.

⁶ This value includes the allocated grant for three projects that cancelled

⁷ Deferred projects may be resubmitted, and if approved, will also be included in the supported (approved) figure

⁸ Cancelled projects included in the active projects as they needed support until they decided to cancel



(no projects for assessment on 10 Dec 2024)

FiPL Year 5, 2025/26

• Total allocation (projects, admin, advice & guidance)	£1,369,084
• Total underspend (projects, admin, A&G)	£181,425.85 (13.25% of overall budget)
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• Project grant allocation for projects	£1,183,695
• Yr 5 total grant awarded ⁹	£1,162,102.13
• Total projects assessed	64
○ Projects under £10k assessed (30)	
○ Projects over £10k assessed (33)	
○ Application withdrawn before panel (1)	
• New projects supported (approved) ^{1 10}	59
○ Total grant awarded in Y5	£1,246,176.52
○ Total project value	£1,914,296.68
• Total active projects during 25/26	56
• Total claims reimbursed	£1,030,324.04
• Total projects completed	54
• Total number of applications deferred ¹¹	1
• Total number of applications rejected	2
• Total # approved projects cancelled by project ¹²	1
• Number of panel meetings to assess projects	5 (22 May, 25 June, 30 July, 17 Sept, 29 Oct & 10 Dec)
(Six projects were assessed by email correspondence in February 2026)	

FiPL Year 6 2026/27

Total allocation (projects, admin, advice & guidance)	£1,375,887
Grant available for projects	£1,174,656
Grant allocated inc rollover	£71,370
Grant available for projects as at 1 April 26	£1,103,286

Programme totals at May 2026

• Total grant available to projects	£6.9m
• Total grant awarded to date	£5.6m
• Total project value (approved projects)	£10m
• Total applications submitted	264
• Total projects supported (approved)	236
Total projects completed	228

⁹ These values include the allocated grant for one project that cancelled

¹⁰ These values include the allocated grant for projects approved in Y5, with delivery in Y6-Y9.

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¹² Cancelled projects included in the active projects as they needed support until they decided to cancel