



Culture & Heritage Call for Projects – March 2017 onwards

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| Call Context | <p>The North York Moors, Coast and Hills Local Development Strategy (LDS) sees a clear need to support the cultural, natural and built heritage. The area has a wide range of valuable heritage assets which benefit from the high quality landscape that surrounds us. There is an essential relationship that exists between this heritage, local businesses and communities. This call seeks to maximise these opportunities but without any negative or detrimental impact on the natural environment.</p> |
| Call Overview | <p>The Culture & Heritage priority will operate as an open call and is seeking a range of applications which use the cultural, natural and / or built heritage to achieve economic gains, support the tourism sector and which will reinvest in the landscape which supports their existence.</p> <p>The Programme is looking to support applications for capital projects which will achieve one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical investment in un-used or under-used buildings; • Support for protecting cultural features from damage or degradation; • Activity directly related to the development and delivery of visitor services, facilities, experiences and attractions; or • Promote, enhance and maintain locally distinctive cultural heritage events. <p>Applicants must ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They meet the basic eligibility criteria as outlined in the Applicants Handbook; • They have read and understood the eligible areas of expenditure within the Programme; • They have considered all other RDPE grant schemes, in particular any call made through or linked to the Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs); • They can provide match funding the eligible project costs from a private source of funding (eg: own funds). <p>The North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER Programme Executive Group are also particularly interested in applications which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create new or extend existing employment opportunities; • Sees two or more businesses, communities or organisations working in partnership or in a mutually beneficial way; • Are innovative either in terms of the geographical location of the project or in terms of what they are proposing to develop; and • Will result in re-investment in the natural environment. <p>Potential activity looking for support from the LEADER Programme could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction and / or restoration of buildings and other physical assets; • Enhancement, restoration and upgrading of the cultural and natural heritage of villages and rural landscapes and high nature value site; • Conservation of small scale built heritage; and • Events linked to cultural activity. <p>This list is not exhaustive and all ideas which contribute to the aim of the call will be considered; however please note the basic eligibility criteria in the Applicant Handbook which includes the types of expenditure which are ineligible for LEADER funding.</p> |
| Outputs | <p>The strongest applications will create additional employment opportunities as a result of the funded activity, however applications which meet other criteria listed above will also be considered.</p> |

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| | <p>We expect that all the projects supported by the Programme under the Culture and Heritage priority will together result in new or extended employment opportunities.</p> |
| How to Apply | <p>The LEADER Programme operates a two stage application process – an initial Outline Application which will be assessed for its eligibility and completeness, followed by a Full Application.</p> <p>Support in making Outline and Full Applications can be provided by the Programme.</p> <p>It is strongly advisable to contact the Programme directly in advance of making your application to discuss the project and its eligibility.</p> <p>Contact: Amy Thomas Tel: 01439 772700 Email: a.thomas@northyorkmoors.org.uk</p> <p>Outline Applications can be downloaded from www.moorscoastandhills.org.uk and all applicants must ensure they have read the North York Moors, Coast and Hills Applicant Handbook and Guidance Notes prior to completing the form.</p> |
| Information to Consider Prior To Making An Application | <p>Applications must ensure that all project spend is completed by March 2019. Additional time may be permitted in exceptional circumstances; please discuss any potential requirements with Programme staff.</p> <p>Full Applications are competitive and all decisions on these will be made by the North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER Programme Executive Group.</p> <p>Applicants must consider how they will cash flow the project as funding can only be provided on a defrayed expenditure basis. This means that applicants must make the initial expenditure before they can reclaim the funding from the Programme.</p> <p>LEADER will pay the agreed % of all eligible costs within a project, and cannot pay 100% towards a single item within a larger project.</p> <p>Activity and spend related to the project can only occur following confirmation of the Executive Groups decision. This includes ordering or paying a deposit on materials or equipment. The funding of any part of an application retrospectively will not be eligible.</p> <p>The North York Moors, Coast and Hills LDS provides lots of useful information about the priorities of the Programme and the identified needs and opportunities of the area. Pages 10-20 of the LDS may be particularly helpful.</p> |
| Support | <p>Grant funding is available primarily for capital activity. Applications for revenue funding will be considered on a case by case basis and must offer significant longer term value to the Programme.</p> <p>Minimum grant - £5,000 Maximum grant – no maximum limit set Maximum Intervention Rate – up to 40% for commercial enterprises, up to 80% for non-profit making applicants but where some income is generated, and up to 95% where no income is generated and there are exceptional circumstances.</p> |
| Submission Details | <p>Outline Applications (and any supporting documentation that is required) will be accepted on a rolling basis and must be submitted in the proscribed electronic format to Amy Thomas at the above email address otherwise they cannot be accepted. These will be checked to ensure that they are eligible and complete.</p> |

The outcome of the Outline Application will be communicated within approx. 2 weeks.

If the Outline Application is eligible to proceed the applicant will then be invited to complete and submit a Full Application Form. Further guidance on completing a Full Application will be made available at this point.

Completed Full Applications will undergo an appraisal process by the LEADER team before being considered by the Executive Group at the next available meeting.