



Rural Services Call for Projects – March 2017 onwards

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| Rural Services | |
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| Call Context | <p>The North York Moors, Coast and Hills Local Development Strategy (LDS) sees a clear need to assist rural communities to implement and deliver a range of services that meet a clear and identified local need / demand, and which will make a contribution to the local rural economy.</p> |
| Call Overview | <p>The Rural Services priority will operate as an open call which looks for applications which will support new or existing businesses providing for the needs of local communities.</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 existing or emerging community enterprise; • Activity directly related to the development and delivery of local services and facilities; or • Streetscape or public realm projects where they are clearly to be the catalyst for further investment. <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 an alternative local authority funding and 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 • We result in the development of alternative social enterprise models of delivery. <p>Potential activity looking for support from the LEADER Programme could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • setting up, improving or expanding of essential rural services for the local community; • creation, improvement or expansion of small-scale village infrastructure projects, including amenity buildings and village access; • setting up, improving or expanding essential services (for example transport) for the local community; and • New and innovative forms of delivery which utilise new forms of technology. <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 Rural Services 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.