



Welsh Government's Rural Community Development Fund (RCDF) Information

The Welsh Government is administering a rural community development fund directly to organisations, providing no more than 80% of total eligible project costs (overall project costs up to £160,000). This is a Capital fund.

The deadline for receiving expressions of interest is 31st January 2016. Full applications will be invited from 30th April 2016, with the application deadline being 31st October 2016.

Areas covered by the Rural Community Development Fund

- support for investments in the creation, improvement or expansion of all types of small scale infrastructure, including investments in renewable energy and energy saving
- support for broadband infrastructure, including its creation, improvement and expansion, passive broadband infrastructure and provision of access to broadband and public e-government
- support for investments in the setting-up, improvement or expansion of local basic services for the rural population including leisure and culture, and the related infrastructure
- support for investments for public use in recreational infrastructure, tourist information and small scale tourism infrastructure
- Support for studies and investments for maintenance, restoration and upgrading of cultural and natural heritage
- support for investments targeting the relocation of activities and conversion of buildings or other facilities located inside or close to rural settlements, with a view to improving the quality of life or increasing the environmental performance of the settlement

Organisations should reference the Local Action Group/Local Development Strategy in any application.

Enterprises will be encouraged to submit applications directly.

Here is the link to the documentation:

<http://gov.wales/topics/environmentcountryside/farmingandcountryside/cap/ruraldevelopment/wales-rural-development-programme-2014-2020/rural-community-development-fund/?lang=en>

Other Welsh Government RDP Funding

There are a number of other schemes which could provide funding through the wider Rural Development Programme which you might be interested in:

Rural Business Start-up Scheme
Rural Business Investment Scheme
Rural Business Advisory Scheme
Young Farmers Start-up Scheme
Farm and Forestry Scheme
Forest Monitoring and Risk Management Scheme
Sustainable Production Grant Scheme
Timber Business Investment Scheme
Food Business Investment Scheme
European Innovation Partnership Scheme
Co-operation Scheme
Farming Connect
Glastir
Glastir Woodlands

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