



### **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 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016. Full applications will be invited from 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016, with the application deadline being 31<sup>st</sup> 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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