

Rural Businesses & Diversification – £35 million of grant funding

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Defra has announced £35 million of guaranteed funding for rural businesses to purchase equipment and machinery for rural startup businesses. The government is looking to support applications from businesses with ambitious plans to grow their business and provide wider benefits for their local community. Example of projects which could benefit from the funding include farm diversification and tourism development.

What funding will be available?

A minimum grant of £20,000 will be available for eligible small businesses. The maximum grant available will be £750,000 for food processing business, or £180,000 for other rural businesses.

What are the timescales of application?

The programme is currently open for expressions of interest and closes on Sunday 16th February 2020. An initial submission will be required to outline how the project meets the scheme's criteria. If the project is found to be eligible, applicants will be invited to submit an application.

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