

Rural Development Programme for England 2007 - 2013

A guide to funding available in the East Midlands



East Midlands Development Agency (*emda*) is delivering the socio-economic elements of the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE). Grants are available for land based businesses involved in agriculture, livestock, horticulture and forestry. This leaflet highlights the criteria for RDPE and some examples of eligible activities.

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These are just a **few** examples of how RDPE funding can benefit businesses throughout the East Midlands. The ideas provided in the leaflet are not exhaustive. See www.emda.org.uk/rdpe for more information.

Diversification

WHAT CAN I GET FUNDING FOR?



Retail

Retail outlet for locally sourced produce, including specialist butchery facilities and equipment.



Self-made products

Establishment of ice cream production unit, ice cream parlour and on farm restaurant.



Service industries

Renovation of farm buildings to create office space, meeting rooms and crèche facility.



Environmental services

Development of a recycling centre, creating new products and additional income from local waste.

emda will support farm businesses wishing to restructure through the development of diversified activities that provide alternative income sources.

Support for diversification will only be available to members of a farming business exercising an agricultural activity at the time of application.

More details can be found in the 'Prospectus' available at www.emda.org.uk/rdpe

Renewable energy

WHAT CAN I GET FUNDING FOR?



Renewable energy is a key priority activity in the region and there are a range of opportunities available for small scale renewable energy projects in the East Midlands through RDPE.

Heating and power generation fuelled by biomass, solar, hydro or wind

Anaerobic digestion

Project examples include:

Horticultural business replacing oil fuelled heating with biomass system.

Poultry farm saving energy costs and improving animal welfare through wind power to operate high specification ventilation system.



emda cannot support the planting or growing of energy crops. For further information on this topic please contact Natural England.
www.naturalengland.org.uk

Improving the economic value of forests

WHAT CAN I GET FUNDING FOR?



Support is available to enhance market opportunities for primary forest products. This could be achieved through harvesting, production and marketing of a variety of timber products.

Adding value to agricultural, livestock, horticultural and forestry products

WHAT CAN I GET FUNDING FOR?



Meat

Development of on farm abattoir, processing and retailing business, to sell home reared and locally produced meat.



Milk

Dairy farmers can consider adding value to their milk by developing their own brand of products such as ice cream, cheese or yoghurt.



Grain processing

Collective grain storage, handling, drying and processing facilities to improve the efficiency and performance of many farm businesses.



Grain products

Value added to locally grown wheat to produce flour, biscuits, breakfast cereals, etc.

For more information visit www.emda.org.uk/rdpe

Cooperation for the development of new products

WHAT CAN I GET FUNDING FOR?



Supporting producers and processors to develop new products, processes and technologies such as:

Establishing cooperative business activities

Developing a new supply chain

Farmers working together to set up new processing and abattoir facilities

Water resource and nutrient management

WHAT CAN I GET FUNDING FOR?



Support to develop and adapt agricultural and horticultural water and nutrient use to meet challenges like climate change by utilising resources more efficiently and effectively.

Improvement of irrigation networks

Water catchment, harvesting, treatment and recycling on livestock, horticultural and arable holdings

Development of winter storage reservoirs

Nutrient testing

Other types of projects might include the development of innovative nutrient and slurry management systems that could be examples of best practice for the industry.



Vocational training and skills

WHAT CAN I GET FUNDING FOR?



Support is available for training opportunities for agricultural, livestock, horticultural, food and forestry businesses. Training providers and trainees may apply.

Management skills

ICT and use of new technology

Animal health and welfare

Benchmarking

Resource use efficiency

See www.emda.org.uk/rdpe for the latest information.

The LEADER Approach



WHAT CAN I GET FUNDING FOR?



Local Action Groups are operating in selected areas of the region to deliver the LEADER Approach element of RDPE.

Types of projects which may be supported through the LEADER Approach are:

Diversification

Support for creation and development of micro-enterprises promoting entrepreneurship and creating employment opportunities

Encouragement of tourism activities, making rural tourism business more sustainable through collaboration and resource efficiency

Conservation and upgrading of rural heritage and culture

Provision of training and information

See www.emda.org.uk/rdpe for more details.

Further information and contacts

The European Union and Defra have devolved £60 million to *emda* to deliver the socio-economic elements of the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) until 2013.

This leaflet provides an overview of the areas of activity that can be supported through RDPE in the East Midlands, however the ideas provided in the leaflet are not exhaustive.

More information on each of the themes set out in the leaflet and details on how to apply for funding, eligible costs and possible grants available is available in the 'Prospectus for Funding in the East Midlands'.

Applicants interested in applying for an RDPE grant are invited to complete an Expression of Interest form (EOI). This form, along with helpful guidance notes

and the Prospectus are available from the RDPE section of the *emda* website. Our website also contains latest updates and information on RDPE in the region.

Visit www.emda.org.uk/rdpe for more information.

Alternatively, please contact the RDPE Team directly to discuss your project ideas.

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