

Support for cultural and heritage activity



National objectives:

- Help conserve and enhance the natural rural heritage
- Support rural economic growth

Heart of Wessex objectives:

- Realising the benefits from the high quality natural environment, culture and heritage
- Sustaining community facilities and services

Eligible activity:

- Projects which promote growth in the tourism economy
- Project which create a sense of improved identity through raised awareness
- Protection of cultural heritage features against climate change
- Restoration and upgrading of cultural and natural heritage of villages and rural landscapes and high value sites
- Support events and venues linked to cultural activity

Available funding:

Minimum grant approximately £10,000. Maximum grant approximately £150,000

Grant intervention rate:

Maximum grant rate is 100% for investments which are non-profit making, but have a benefit in terms of value added the wider economy. For applications from businesses, the maximum grant intervention is 40% of the total project's eligible costs. Grant payments are paid in arrears and therefore applicants need to demonstrate that they have sufficient funds to bankroll the project until grant payments are received. Claims for grant reimbursement are usually paid quarterly.

Who can apply?:

Farmers, growers, landowners, rural businesses, rural communities

Heart of Wessex LAG Programme Targets:

● Budget allocation 2015-2020	£71,258
● Number of projects supported	3
● Number of businesses benefitting	10
● Number of jobs created	1
● Number of jobs safeguarded	2

For more information:

This information sheet is intended for use as a brief introduction. Please contact a member of the Heart of Wessex Programme Management Team for a more detail.

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