

Support for increasing forestry productivity



National objectives:

- To improve the overall performance and sustainability of forestry

Heart of Wessex objectives:

- Generating a diverse and sustainable rural economy and support for entrepreneurial activities
- Realising the benefits from the high quality natural environment, culture and heritage

Eligible activity:

- Collaborative forestry projects that increase productivity
- Projects that reduce the supply chain in woodland products
- Projects that bring unmanaged areas of woodland back into management and supply a local market
- Purchase of machinery and equipment
- Support for new technologies, processing, mobilising, processing and marketing of timber and non-timber products
- Enhancing forestry potential or adding value to forest products

Available funding:

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

Grant intervention rate:

Maximum 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. Reimbursement of grant claims are usually paid quarterly.

Who can apply?:

Farmers, land owners, private woodland owners

Heart of Wessex LAG Programme Targets:

● Budget allocation 2015-2020	£142,516
● Number of projects supported	7
● Number of businesses benefitting	9
● Number of jobs created	2
● Number of jobs safeguarded	4
● Number of forests/woodlands/holdings benefitting	6

Other information:

There will also be funding available under the Countryside Productivity Scheme (CPS). More details and contact information is available at www.gov.uk

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 more detail.

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