**Heart of Wessex LAG**

**INITIAL ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST**

PROJECT NAME:……………………………………………………

Contact (name/email/tel):………………………………………………………

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| Is the project based within the Local Action Group [area](http://www.heartofwessex.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/HoW-LAG-area-FINAL-220714.pdf)? | YES / NO |
| Are you a farmer, grower, forester, local rural business or community organisation? | YES / NO |
| Is your organisation a private, public, or voluntary organisation? or are you someone who wants to start a business? | YES / NO |
| Does your business employ fewer than 50 employees and have a turnover of less than €10 million? | YES / NO |
| Have you (or your business) received public funding of less than €200,000 within the past 3 years? | YES / NO |
| Does your project fit under one of the national LEADER priorities (above)? | YES / NO |
| Does your project fit into our local priorities outlined in our [Local Development Strategy](http://www.heartofwessex.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Heart-of-Wessex-Local-Development-Strategy-FINAL.pdf)? | YES / NO |
| Does your project help support the local economy by creating jobs or improving productivity? | YES / NO |
| Is your project innovative and seek to bring wider benefits? | YES / NO |
| Is your project yet to start? and will it be completed by December 2020? | YES / NO |

**Check your project idea is eligible against the criteria below** (please delete asappropriate)

If your answer is “Yes” to all of the questions above you could be eligible for funding – please [contact](http://www.heartofwessex.co.uk/contact-us/) our Programme Management Team now!

For more details about ineligible costs please see overleaf…

There are some costs that are ineligible for support, and they cannot be included as match funding. A few examples are listed below:

* costs for standard agricultural equipment and inputs, like animals and annual crops
* cost of agricultural production rights and payment entitlements
* cost of getting any consents needed, for example planning permission
* costs for anything that’s a standard industry obligation, for example requirements of the Basic Payment Scheme
* costs that are incurred before the date of the grant funding agreement
* financial charges, such as interest, fines and maintenance
* reclaimable VAT
* any items the applicant already gets EU or national funding for
* projects the applicant is required to do by law or to meet a legal requirement
* like-for-like replacements
* costs connected with a leasing contract, such as lessor’s margin, interest refinancing costs, overheads and insurance charges
* salaries, running costs
* relocation of the business
* own labour
* licence fees, subscriptions and service charges
* standard computer and mobile equipment
* costs for renewable heat and energy systems covered by the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)  or Feed-In Tariffs (FITs)

(the scope of LEADER is very broad, so it’s impossible to list everything here – if you need clarification, please [contact](http://www.heartofwessex.co.uk/contact-us/) our Programme Management Team)

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