

Growth Programme Business Development



The poster features a central yellow lightbulb with a green plant sprout growing from it. To the right, the text 'WE CAN HELP YOUR IDEA GROW' is written in large, bold, white letters. Below the lightbulb are three circular images: a man in a headset, a modern interior space, and a person working at a computer. The top left corner has the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs logo, and the top right corner has the European Union flag. At the bottom, there is a QR code and the text 'Search for 'RDPE Growth' on WWW.GOV.UK (or scan our QR code)'.

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Business Development:
Grants to support growth in micro and small businesses (including social enterprises) in rural areas as well as farming businesses looking to diversify into non-agricultural activities.

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Grants are available to help rural businesses grow and create more jobs and can pay for constructing or improving buildings and buying new equipment and machinery.

Who can apply?

- Small rural businesses - new or existing; including farmers who want to diversify into non-agricultural activity

Not sure if you are eligible?

Contact RPA; phone 03000 200 301 or email GPEnquiries@rpa.gsi.gov.uk

You can find more information and EOI for on GOV.UK – search 'RDPE Growth Programme EOI'

How Much money can you apply for?

- Normally the grant amounts are a minimum of £35,000, although this does vary across some LEP areas. Make sure you check the minimum and maximums for your LEP area.
- When you apply for a grant, you're competing with other applicants in your LEP area. All applications are assessed for best fit with both national and local priorities and which projects provide best value for tax payers' money.

National priorities for funding

Projects are more likely to get a grant if they meet at least 2 of the National priorities

- Create Jobs – creates new, higher skilled or higher paid jobs. At least 1 FTE for every £30,000 of grant funding
- Grow your business – Increase the turnover and profitability of a business
- Improve productivity through innovation – Introduces new techniques, equipment or processes to a business to make it more productive
- Open new product markets – Helps your business sell goods or services to new customers or markets
- Export – Helps your business access export markets

Expressions of interest for the scheme can be submitted until 31 May 2018 with all projects complete and grants claimed by 31 December 2020.