

SUPPORT FOR INCREASING FORESTRY PRODUCTIVITY

Total programme budget (at 2015): **£190,699**

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| Programme Targets | |
| No. of Projects | 9 |
| No. of Businesses or Holdings Benefitting | 12 |
| No. of Jobs Created | 2 |

Local priorities:

To increase woodland management, productivity and resilience

Grant:

Minimum £2,500, maximum grant amount is £75,000 or 40%, whichever is the lower

Who can apply?

Owners of private forestry holdings or small and medium-sized forestry contracting businesses

What is eligible?

- Machinery and equipment to help the production, extraction, mobilising, processing and marketing of timber and non-timber forest products;
- The processing, mobilising and marketing of products for new forestry technologies;
- Enhancing forestry potential or adding value to forest products by processing, mobilising or marketing;
- The costs of developing wood-fuel supply chains;
- Production, processing and marketing of non-timber forest products, particularly wild venison. This shall include on-holding cold storage and butchery facilities.

Ineligible costs:

- Large scale or industrial processing undertaken by static machinery with an annual processing capacity that is more than 10,000m³;
- Hand tools (including chain saws);
- Investments in woodland creation or the management of woodland itself;
- The preparation of woodland management plans;

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- In-kind contributions
- Costs for standard agricultural equipment & inputs, like animals & annual crops
- Cost of agricultural production rights & 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; and
- Costs for renewable heat and energy systems covered by the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) or Feed-In Tariffs (FITs) aren't eligible.



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