

SUPPORT FOR CULTURAL AND HERITAGE ACTIVITY

Total programme budget (at 2015): **£95,350**

Programme Targets	
No. of Projects	4
No. of Businesses or Holdings Benefitting	4
No. of Jobs Created	2

Local priorities:

Encouraging increased visitor numbers to northern Devon by raising the profile of our locally-derived culture and heritage

Assisting local partnerships and communities to define, celebrate and market their own heritage and culture

Increasing the sustainability of culture and heritage organisations

Grant:

Up to 100% grants available. 100% grants will be offered only in exceptional circumstances and applicants will be expected to demonstrate that efforts have been made to secure other funds to match. Minimum grant amount £2,500

Who can apply?

- Rural communities
- Local authorities (in exceptional circumstances, in addition to statutory requirements)

What is eligible?

- The costs to enhance, restore and upgrade the cultural and natural heritage of villages and rural landscapes and nature value sites;
- The costs to enhance cultural and community activities and venues providing cultural and heritage activity;
- The capital costs for events linked to cultural activity.

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Ineligible costs:

- Computers, software and printers that are used for the general running of a business, such as processing orders and accounts;
- Access to broadband services;
- Landscaping - unless it is part of 'making good' for an application for a major attraction or accommodation expansion. In which case, only the landscaping contractor's fees would be eligible, not plants, seeds, turf or trees;
- Projects to meet statutory requirements for disabled access, fire regulations or emergency exits, unless the costs of providing access, exit and complying with regulations form part of the normal costs for a major expansion project;
- 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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