

What types of projects have received funding already?

Firewood processors to improve the efficiency and safety of firewood businesses.



Woodchipper for a woodfuel business to supply quality chip.



Mobile sawbenches to add value to timber at source.

A storage barn for kiln dried timber.



Infrastructure for the expansion of a business making sweet chestnut paling fencing.

Buildings for woodchip storage for a woodfuel supply business.

Rural Development Programme for England Business Support, is part of Solutions for Business, the Government's package of publically funded business support designed to help companies start and grow

Where can I find out more?

For more information on ALL these funding opportunities

www.forestry.gov.uk/segrants

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RDPE Direct

RDPE Manager - South East England
Forestry Commission

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LEADER

www.seeda.co.uk

(quick links, select RDPE, then Rural Investment)

Supports the same types of projects as RDPE Direct, only smaller scale (up to £50,000 grant), within 14 specific LEADER areas. Available until 2013.

LandSkills South East

www.lantra.co.uk/landskillssoutheast/

Subsidised training in woodland management, forestry skills, business development, health and safety with selected training providers. Managed by LANTRA on behalf of SEEDA. Available until 2011.

English Woodland Grant Scheme

www.forestry.gov.uk/ewgs

Supports the creation, improvement and management of woodlands which deliver public benefits. Managed by the Forestry Commission.

What other support is available?

If you need help with your business planning, Business Link offer a free business review

0845 6009006

www.businesslink.gov.uk/southeast

Funding for Forestry in South East England

Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE)

Are you considering adding value to forestry products?

Do you want to improve the economic value of your woodland?

Grants are available now for you to invest in your forestry business.



Solutions for Business

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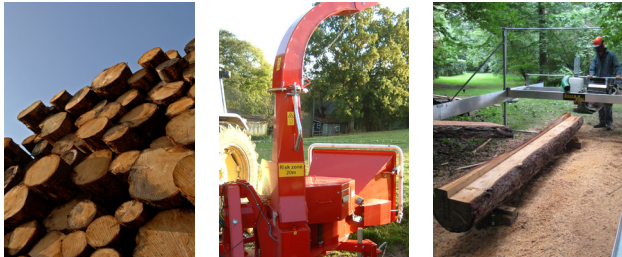
Managed by the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA)

Tell me more about the grants

These grants allow the forestry and timber sector to secure the management of the South East's woodland through strengthening the supply chain and products available from the region's woodland.

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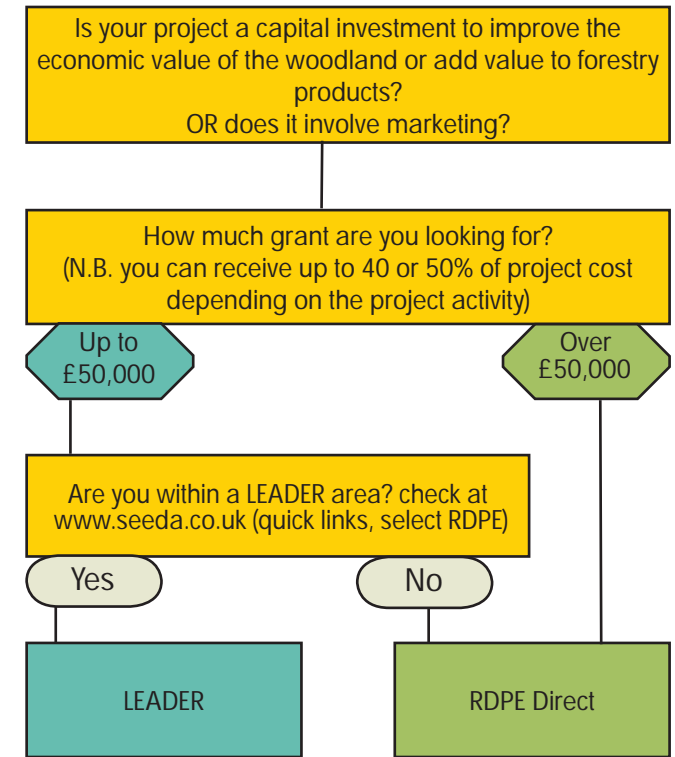
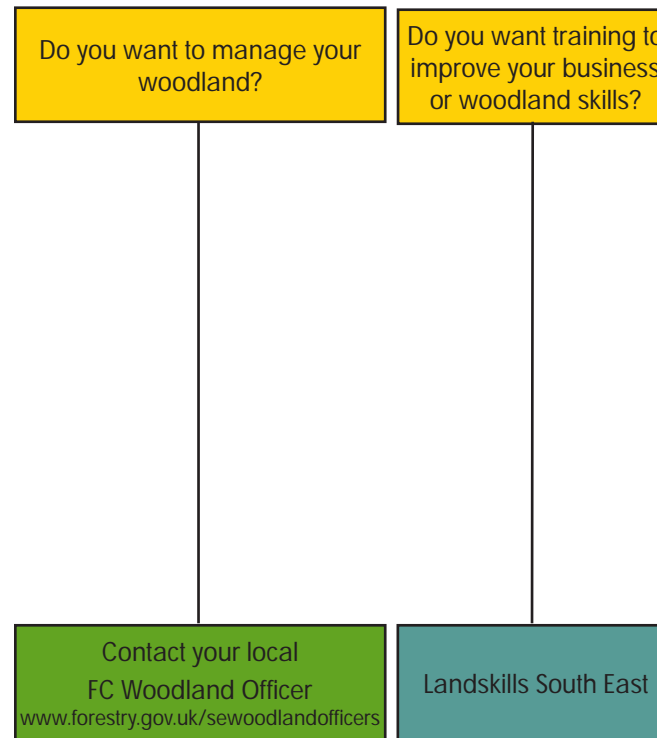
Capital funding for woodland owners, foresters and contractors to invest in woodlands and businesses through purchase of capital equipment or buildings for woodland management, timber processing and adding value. There is support for the creation of woodfuel supply chains and diversification into recreation.



What is eligible for funding?

Applicant	Activity	Usual Grant Rate
Woodland Owners (includes organisations and local authorities)	Increase the economic value of your woodland by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • purchasing forest management equipment • developing the forest infrastructure • undertaking recreation feasibility studies 	Up to 50%
New or Existing Forestry Micro-Enterprises (eg. forestry contractors) Micro-enterprise - an enterprise which: employs fewer than 10 persons, and has EITHER an annual turnover of less than EUR 2 million OR has an annual balance sheet total which does not exceed EUR 2 million.	Support the development of your business through capital investment in equipment and buildings to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • add value to forest products • develop new markets for your products • improve the efficiency and safety of your production • develop new products • develop the woodfuel supply chain • feasibility studies • marketing 	Up to 40%
Land based businesses	Training in woodland management, business, marketing, health & safety	Varies up to 70%

Which grant scheme is best for me?



How do I apply for funding?

