

## Funding for Woodlands in the South East from the Rural Development Plan for England (RDPE) 2007-2013

<b>Funding Stream</b>	<b>Axis 1</b>	<b>Axis 2</b>	<b>Axis 3</b>	<b>LEADER</b>
<b>What is it for?</b>	Making agriculture, horticulture and forestry more competitive and sustainable	Enhancing the environment and the countryside	Rural quality of life and diversification of the rural economy	Rural development in specific sub regional areas joining up all the objectives of Axis 1-3
<b>Who is it for?</b>	Farming and forestry businesses – up to the primary processing	Landowners and managers	Farming and forestry businesses - up to primary processing	Local rural businesses (including farmers and foresters) and cross disciplinary community groups
<b>What kind of projects?</b>	Adding value to forestry products Renewable Energy supply chains Skills development for business efficiency & new entrants Entrepreneurship Climate change mitigation	Woodland management through applications to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Stewardship</li> <li>• English Woodland Grant Scheme</li> </ul> Meeting biodiversity targets, allowing more people to access the countryside	Rural tourism, crafts, non-agricultural diversification, co-operative ventures, Skills, enterprise and innovation needed most in rural areas	Locally specific innovative projects that address sub regional issues dealing with economic, social and environmental issues, delivering outcomes across all 3 Axes.
<b>Estimated funding pa</b>	£3-4million	£30million	£3-4million	£1.5-2million
<b>Source of funding (NB matched funding needed)</b>	European – mostly match funded from Exchequer	European - match funded from Exchequer	European – mostly match funded from Exchequer	European – match funded from Exchequer
<b>Who administers the funding?</b>	SEEDA	Natural England & the Forestry Commission	SEEDA	SEEDA working with Local Action Groups in up to 8 sub-regions
<b>Can the individuals apply to the funding administrators?</b>	Yes - but there is a preference for larger collaborative projects	Yes – land managers and owners can apply directly to Natural England and the Forestry Commission	Yes but there is a preference for larger collaborative projects.	Local partnerships must bid to SEEDA for overall programme approval, then individual projects bid to their local action group

<b>What do I need to apply?</b>	SEEDA application form, business plan including market research and marketing plan, all necessary consents eg planning approval, trading history for the applicant business, supporting evidence from regional organisations, information which demonstrates the eligibility of the applicant	Environmental Stewardship or English Woodland Grant Scheme applications forms	SEEDA application form, business plan including market research and marketing plan, all necessary consents eg planning approval, trading history for the applicant business, supporting evidence from regional organisations, information which demonstrates the eligibility of the applicant	Application forms will be available from Local Action Groups in the future.
<b>Weblinks</b>	<a href="http://www.seeda.co.uk/Work_in_the_Region/Rural_Issues/Rural_Development_Programme_for_England">http://www.seeda.co.uk/Work_in_the_Region/Rural_Issues/Rural_Development_Programme_for_England</a>			
<b>Previous related schemes</b>	Rural Enterprise Scheme, Vocational Training Scheme, Processing and Marketing Grants	Countryside Stewardship and Woodland Grant Scheme	Rural Enterprise Scheme, Vocational Training Scheme,	LEADER +

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