

Grants for Adding Value to Agri-Food

Rural Development Programme for England

This grant scheme is designed for processors of primary agricultural and horticultural products, including food and drink businesses in rural or urban areas. The grant can fund up to 40% of a project, with a minimum claim of £35,000. This threshold requires projects to have a total cost in excess of £87,500.



The RDPE is seeking to support projects that improve the processing of primary agricultural products, such as meat, milk, grain, fruit and vegetables. This is with the ambition to shorten supply chains and deliver benefits to primary producers. Grants can be used to pay for equipment, machinery and buildings associated with all aspects of processing primary agricultural products.

Project Examples:

- A dairy business building an extension and installing extra refrigerated storage
- Expanding facilities and equipment for a meat processor
- Adding value by installing potato grading and packing equipment
- A processor installing liquid egg processing equipment
- A collaboration of farmers investing in grain drying and cleaning equipment

Key Dates:

- 31st July 2017, Countryside productivity scheme first published
- 29th June 2018, Expression of interest deadline
- 31st December 2020, Successful applicants must have finished and paid for the project

Our local teams have considerable experience working with businesses to develop ideas and successfully make applications to the RDPE. If you would like to utilise this opportunity to develop your business, please discuss your idea with a member of the Strutt and Parker team.