

Grants for Food Processing

Rural Development Programme for England

This grant scheme is designed for food and drink businesses that process agricultural and horticultural products. Farmers looking to diversify can also apply. The grant can fund up to 40% of a project that enables a business to grow and create more jobs. The normal minimum claim is £35,000. In order to meet this threshold, projects must have a total cost in excess of £87,500.



The RDPE is offering grants for projects that will enable food processing businesses to increase productivity, improve efficiency and create jobs. The grant can be used to construct or improve buildings and purchase new machinery and equipment that will be used to process agricultural products, such as meat, milk, grain and root vegetables.

Project Examples:

- Meat processing equipment that enables a business to produce ready-to-cook meals, whole cuts and sausages.
- A milk processing facility, established by a group of farmers, which allows them to develop a local supply chain with a retailer.
- Soft fruit processing equipment that enables a business to supply the smoothie, purée and juice market.

Key Dates:

- 25th January 2017, RDPE growth programme first published
- 31st May 2018, Expression of interest deadline
- 31st December 2020, Successful applicants must have finished, paid for the project and submitted their application.

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.