

# Grants for Water Resource Management

Rural Development Programme for England

This grant scheme is targeted towards arable and horticultural businesses seeking to improve farm productivity by securing water supplies and using it for irrigation. This grant can fund up to 40% of a project, with a minimum claim request of £35,000. This threshold requires projects to have a total cost in excess of £87,500.



The RDPE is seeking projects that will improve farm productivity through the construction of reservoirs, installation of pumps, pipework and water metering equipment and investment in application apparatus and software that optimises water use. This is with the aim to improve farm resilience, efficiency, innovation, productivity and enable business growth.

## Project Examples:

- Reservoir construction
- Installation of pumps and pipework for peak flow abstraction
- Irrigation pumps
- Underground water distribution main and hydrants
- Purchase and installation of a boom or trickle irrigation system

## Key Dates:

- 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017, Countryside productivity scheme first published
- 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018, Application deadline
- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, 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 farm business, please discuss your idea with a member of the farming department.