

Grants to Improve Forestry Productivity

Rural Development Programme for England

This grant scheme is designed for private forest holders managing at least 10ha of forest and forestry contractor businesses. This grant can fund up to 40% of a project, with the minimum application set at £35,000. This threshold requires projects to have a total cost in excess of £87,500.



The RDPE is seeking to increase forestry productivity by improving felling and extraction efficiency and adding value to timber through primary processing. Funding can be used to pay for equipment, machinery and structures that increase forestry productivity. Smaller forestry projects may be eligible for grant support through LEADER funding.

Project Examples:

- A forestry contractor investing in an articulated forwarder
- Investing in firewood processing equipment and a covered area to season timber
- Two forest holders collaborating to purchase a harvester

Key Dates:

- 31st July 2017, Countryside productivity scheme first published
- 3rd April 2018, Expression of interest deadline
- 31st 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 business, please discuss your idea with a member of the Strutt and Parker team.