

Strategy, selecting and funding projects which best meet the priorities for their area and support the delivery of their Strategy.

How do I apply?



The opening and closing dates for schemes/programmes supported under the Rural Development Programme are advertised and promoted widely. Contact your Local Action Group for information on what is currently open for applications together with further details of each scheme/programme and how to apply. Contact details for Local Action Groups are available on the Rural Development Programme website: www.rdpni.info

What happens next?



The application process is competitive, with assessment and selection of projects conducted by the Local Action Group. Successful applications will be issued with a contract (Letter of Offer), which, on return of a signed acceptance, allows eligible activities and expenditure to commence.

Frequently asked questions



Who can apply?

With the exception of the Diversification into Non-Agricultural Activities, which is directed specifically at farmers and farm families, there will be a wide variety of opportunities available to both individuals and community groups. Applicant businesses must be located in a rural area.

What types of projects can be funded?

The types of projects that can be funded will be dictated by the Local Action Group's Local Development Strategy. Each cluster will be required to deliver funding across all six previously mentioned elements.

What types of projects can't be funded?

- Agricultural products e.g. growing potatoes or breeding cows;
- Retail (except where integral part of production facility or farm shop);
- Mobile Infrastructure (except specialised infrastructure for specific project requirements);
- Any activity that could be funded by another statutory body; and
- Running costs, for example, heat, light etc.

Please Note: The above list is not exhaustive.