

FAQ's

How much grant is available?

To answer this you need to look at the "Call for Projects" booklet 2009. Depending upon the focus of your proposed project, support ranges from £5000 to £150,000. All of the project guidelines have slightly different levels as to how much LEADER will fund. This has been determined by the availability of other sources of money that can help the projects happen.

Is there a minimum amount of LEADER we can ask for?

LEADER will only fund projects that are requesting £5000 or more.

What do the RDPE LEADER measures in the Local Development Strategy refer to?

They refer to the measures as set out in the Rural Development Programme for England 2001-2013, published by Defra, specifically [chapter 5](#).

Can I apply for funding for a salary?

The Local Action Group will provide a grant for a salary, or project management costs, as long as there is a clear indication as to where the salary will be coming from once LEADER support comes to an end.

I run a social enterprise, can I apply to LEADER?

No, there are other strands of the RDPE that are more appropriate to social enterprise and individual businesses. Please visit the RDPE website for more information.

What does LEADER not fund?

The Dales LEADER Coordinator can give individual advice but the following activities are unlikely to be eligible (this list is not exhaustive):

- Core agricultural production, for example, erection of farm buildings for primary farming purposes.
- Purely environmental projects.
- Certain tourism provision in areas where there is already oversupply of facilities.
- Activities that might be funded elsewhere by other grant programmes.

Further Ineligible Activities

LEADER is unable to support the following activities

- On-going running costs
- Replacement/duplication of statutory funding
- Existing project activity
- General maintenance
- Endowment/loan repayments
- Animal Welfare
- Fundraising events
- Prizes
- Projects that require repeat funding
- Foreign trips not related to LEADER
- Unfairly supporting a competitive business
- Activities promoting religious or political beliefs
- Non-educational trips to or from the Yorkshire Dales LEADER area
- Goods/services already ordered or purchased
- Anything that unreasonably damages the Yorkshire Dales LEADER area
- Bursaries or funding passed on to a third party
- Projects which duplicate the existing or imminent work taking place in the Yorkshire Dales LEADER area.

Who makes the decisions on grant funding?

The Yorkshire Dales Local Action Group is made up of representatives from businesses, public agencies and local community bodies. Every two years this group appoints a Management Team to consider grant applications, recommend which projects receive funding and act as a steering group for the programme. Grant applications are also appraised by North Yorkshire County Council and the final investment decision is made by Regional Development Agency, Yorkshire Forward.

How do the Management Group decide who will get funding?

The Management Group will be looking for projects which meet the eligibility criteria, deliver the objectives and outcomes within the Call for Projects 2009 and deliver the priorities set out in the Yorkshire Dales LEADER Local Development Strategy. All applications go through an appraisal process based on these priorities.

How can you be sure there won't be a conflict of interest from the Management Group members?

All Local Action Group members have to declare whether they have an interest in any project and comply with the defined Conflicts of Interest Policy. If there is a conflict of interest, the member concerned is not involved in the voting decision and leaves the room whilst the project is discussed.

**We hope that these FAQ have answered your query.
If not please [contact us](#).**