



NI RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2014-2020



The Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme (NIRDP) 2014-2020 is part financed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development. The programme will offer a range of support under various Priorities.

The Causeway Coast and Glens Local Action Group will be responsible for delivery of Priority 6 – Social inclusion, poverty reduction and rural economic development.

The main aims of Priority 6 of the NIRDP 2014 – 2020 are:

- To increase economic activity and employment rates within the wider rural economy through encouraging and supporting the creation and development of micro and smaller enterprises including on-farm diversification into non-agricultural activities
- To improve the living conditions and general wellbeing of rural dwellers through the provision of more, better and sustainable basic services
- To regenerate villages and their surrounding areas
- To provide community based solutions to broadband black spots in rural areas

The Causeway Coast and Glens Local Action Group will deliver up to £7.87 million of project funds over a five year period.

There are 5 Schemes of funding available:

- Rural Business Investment Scheme
- Rural Basic Services Scheme
- Village Renewal Scheme
- Rural Broadband Scheme
- Co-operation Scheme

What is the application process?

Causeway Coast and Glens Local Action Group will open a call for applications under the various schemes within Priority 6.

Application to the Rural Development Programme is a competitive process. Projects will be assessed and scored based on the information provided at the time of application. Applicants scoring above the required threshold will be offered funding towards the proposed project.

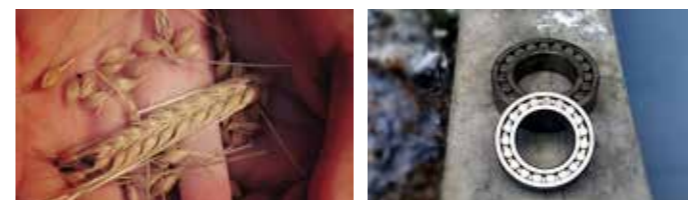
Successful applicants will subsequently be awarded a Letter of Offer for funding. Projects must not commence prior to the applicant acceptance of a Letter of Offer. Grant aid will be paid retrospectively on submission of a claim. Advances and phased payments will be permissible under some of the schemes. For further information on the payment of grant aid for each scheme please refer to our Programme Scheme Sheets.



Who can apply to the Schemes?

Eligible applicants must be 18 years of age or over and living or working in a rural area within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area. A rural area is defined as any area with a population of less than 5,000 residents and located outside town limits.

Please refer to our Programme Scheme Sheets for more detailed information on specific eligibility criteria for each scheme.



What do you need to apply?

- ✓ A detailed business plan
- ✓ Mandatory full attendance at a local Rural Development Programme Funding Workshop
- ✓ Full planning permission in place (if applicable to project)
- ✓ Evidence of match funding specific to proposed project
- ✓ Quotations to support the costs of the project

What are the minimum and maximum grant rates?

Causeway Coast and Glens Local Action Group has set the following minimum and maximum grant rates to apply under the following Schemes:

Scheme	Type of Expenditure	Minimum Grant Rate	Maximum Grant Rate
Rural Business Investment Scheme	Capital Grant (New Micro Business)	£5,000	£30,000
	Capital Grant (Existing Micro Business)	£5,000	£50,000
	Capital Grant (Existing Small Business)	£5,000	£90,000
	Technical Support and Bespoke Training	£500	£5,000
	Marketing Support Web Based	£500	£10,000
	Marketing Support Non-Web Based	£500	£5,000
Village Renewal Scheme	Capital Grant	£5,000	£150,000
	Village Plans (New)	£500	£4,000
	Village Plans (Updated)	£500	£2,000
Basic Services Scheme	Capital Grant	£5,000	£180,000
	Technical Support	£500	£5,000
Broadband Scheme	Capital Grant	£5,000	£100,000

Please refer to our Programme Scheme Sheets for more detailed information on eligible expenditure, intervention rates and funding available for each scheme.



Who do I contact for more information?

For more information on what's happening on the NIRDP 2014-2020 in the Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council area contact staff on 028 7034 7034 (Coleraine Office) or 028 7776 0306 (Limavady Office). Alternatively you can visit www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/work/rural-development

