

# LEADER INNSE GALL

## REVITALISING COMMUNITIES

### Further General Conditions and Restrictions include:

- Claims must be made within 2 years of the project approval and evidence must be provided that the project has commenced within 3 months of approval.
- When a project is approved LEADER funding must be acknowledged throughout the projects lifecycle.
- VAT that is recoverable by whatever means is ineligible.
- Existing core staff costs, general running costs of an organisation, prize money and gifts are not eligible for grant support.
- All payments and documents must be supported by a properly vouched and fully transparent audit trail. Original receipted invoices vouching individual items of expenditure are required in all circumstances.
- Payments of grants are retrospective on productions of receipted original invoices, and a completed grant claim and progress report form.
- All expenditure must be incurred and defrayed ( i.e. left the bank account) before it is included in a claim.
- Statutory obligations and activities of an organisation will not be funded.
- Fixtures and fittings are generally ineligible unless they are deemed essential to the delivery of the LEADER project.
- Grant funding for professional fees will normally be restricted to 10% of the total project costs. In addition, grant funding for the purchase of land and buildings is also restricted to 10% of the total projects costs.
- Where LEADER support involves grant funding for building projects and land purchase it is expected that the project would deliver the originally funded intention for 10 years after its completion, and for 5 years after delivery or completion of all other types of tangible items.
- Applicants are responsible for monitoring, reporting and controlling the project and ensuring no double funding occurs on the approved activity.
- Beneficiaries are to inform the LAG if there are any material project changes.
- It is the applicant's responsibility to comply with any statutory requirements that apply to any works or services carried out, including local byelaws, and the appropriate standards.
- Retained profits cannot be used to offset the beneficiary contribution/match funding element of the project however can be used to reduce the net costs of the project and thereby the amount of the LEADER funding required.
- Grant payments to beneficiaries MUST be made by the BACS system or a similar electronic transfer system only. Cheques or other forms of payments i.e. cash are not acceptable in terms of the EU regulation.
- Sports facilities should not be funded unless there is a wider community benefit and involves training people in the leisure and tourism industries.
- Play parks and equipment can be supported where this is part of a larger community project and not just the provision of a few swings and play equipment.

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- LEADER support cannot be given to Post Offices.
- For works costing less than £50,000 three written quotations are sufficient. (Two are acceptable for less than £5,000 if considered value for money). If the project is going to cost more than it is to be advertised and sealed bids sought. If more than £100,000 the tender is to be advertised in the Official Journal of the EU.
- Projects involving the production, processing and marketing of products ( which are not already being funded through Rural Development Contracts or Food Processing, Marketing and Co-operation Scheme) are eligible provided they meet the various LAG, SRDP and EU strategic outcomes and regulations.
- Funding of community projects on Forestry and other forms of land management will be eligible provided they demonstrate wider community benefits and are not a direct replacement of Rural Development Contract grants.
- It is the policy of the Scottish Government to release information about the amounts of grant and subsidy for the new Scotland Rural Development Programme 2007-2013, this information will also be published on the Comhairle and LEADER Innse Gall website.