



The Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014-2020

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Derry and Strabane Rural Partnership was established in 2015 to deliver the LEADER elements (Priority 6) of the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme. LEADER is a European Community initiative for assisting rural communities in improving the quality of life and economic prosperity in their local area.

The Derry and Strabane Rural Partnership has been allocated a budget of £7.54m to deliver the following funding schemes:

- Rural Business Investment Scheme
- Rural Basic Services Scheme
- Rural Village Renewal Scheme
- Rural Cooperation Scheme

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Scheme: Rural Business Investment Scheme
Applicant: Cita Furniture
Project: State-of-the-art Machinery
Grants: £72,323

Aim of project:

To create sustainable jobs in the rural area by investing in two state-of-the-art machines that transformed Cita Furniture's approach to the design and manufacturing of bespoke furniture for kitchens, bedrooms and offices.

Summary of Project:

The project enabled Cita Furniture to invest in a CNC machine that produces precision-engineered furniture components and a machine that designs furniture for tool-less assembly within the trade market.

Impact of Project:

Cita Furniture has created three new jobs and boosted turnover by £150,000 after investing in these innovative manufacturing processes.

“The funding provided by the Rural Business Investment Scheme have allowed us to invest in two state-of-the-art machines that has streamlined our design process and enhanced our manufacturing capabilities of bespoke kitchens, and quality bedroom and office furniture.

“These innovative manufacturing processes has boosted our turnover by £150,000 in the last twelve months and have allowed the company to employ two new part-time and one full-time member of staff.”

ALWYN DARRAGH, CO-OWNER OF CITA FURNITURE

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