



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 Basic Services Scheme
Applicant: Sayers Engineering
Project: State-of-the-art Machinery
Grant: £115,000

Aim of Project:

To purchase a number of state-of-the-art pieces of machinery aimed at supporting business growth.

Summary of Project :

The project enabled Sayers Engineering to invest funds in a number of state-of-the-art pieces of machinery, including a laser cutter which allows workers to cut metal to high precision at a lower cost.

It allowed Sayers Engineering to bring a number of functions in-house and expand its workforce to meet the demands of new contracts secured in export markets across the world.

Impact of Project:

Sayers Engineering has secured multiple new contracts across various export markets that have allowed the Co. Tyrone manufacturer to create 6 new jobs at its recently opened second premises in Castlelurg.

“ Ultimately, if it wasn't for the funding, we wouldn't have been able to purchase the two machines that we did. This increased our employment within the business and we have now secured export markets which we previously wouldn't have been able to, with a lot of new contacts in the pipeline for the future.”

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