



## Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014-2020

# Rural Business Investment Scheme (Call 6)

Derry and Strabane Rural Partnership is responsible for delivering LEADER funding throughout the Derry City and Strabane District Council area under the 2014 – 2020 NI Rural Development Programme.

The Rural Business Investment Scheme is opening for its **sixth call**. New or existing rurally based micro/ small businesses and social economy enterprises involved in non-agricultural /non agri-food related activities may be eligible to apply. Job creation and export potential are key objectives of this scheme which will primarily fund capital investments. Marketing funding is also available. Projects must be investment ready before applying.

The Partnership is keen to encourage applications from areas that have submitted low numbers to date, in particular, from the Sperrin District Electoral Area. Please **note** that this will be the last call under this **scheme subject to the availability of funding**.

To be eligible to make an application, all businesses **MUST ATTEND** one of the following mandatory pre application workshops **AND** complete an Expression of Interest form at the workshop. Previous applicants should re-attend one of these workshops.

Date / Time	Venue
<b>Wednesday 27th February 2019</b> at 3pm	<b>Derg Valley Leisure Centre, Castleberg</b>
<b>Friday 1st March 2019</b> at 10am	<b>The Belfray Country Inn</b>
<b>Tuesday 5th March 2019</b> at 7pm	<b>Strabane Enterprise Agency</b>
<b>Thursday 7th March 2019</b> at 7pm	<b>White Horse Hotel</b>

**PLEASE NOTE: Individual(s) attending the workshop must be either the business owner or a director.**

To book a place at one of the workshops and receive a copy of the Expression of Interest form please email [rural.development@derrystrabane.com](mailto:rural.development@derrystrabane.com) or phone Derry City and Strabane District Council on 02871 253253 x 6917. Further information also available at [www.derrystrabane.com/rural](http://www.derrystrabane.com/rural)

**Attendance at a workshop or submission of an Expression of Interest does not constitute an offer of funding. The application process will be competitive and not every application will be funded.**



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