

Argyll & the Islands LEADER Programme 2014-2020

Farm Diversification

As part of the Argyll and the Islands LEADER Programme support is available for Farm Diversification. Grants up to 50% of total eligible costs will be available for projects with a minimum expenditure of £10,000, for farm businesses looking to diversify.

The following are examples of Farm Diversification for which support may be available. Though not exhaustive, we would encourage any projects with innovative diversification ideas.

Leisure & Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Golfing, equine, water sports, mountain bike trail, country sports
Tourist Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Glamping pods, wigwams, self catering, B&B, caravan sites, bunkhouses
Tourist Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visitor centre, farm walks, wildlife parks, farm museums, heritage trails, adventure playgrounds
Residential Letting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conversion of redundant farm house or cottage, conversion of redundant farm buildings
Rural Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bakery/confectionery, snack-bar, restaurant, boarding kennels/cattery, IT facilities, gallery, exhibition space, music/performance area
Processing of Forest Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wooden furniture, chippings and compost bark, wood turning
Retail	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bakery, butcher, dairy, fruit/veg, farm shop, retail outlet

Eligible businesses must be able to demonstrate that they have the legal right to carry out the project to be funded on the land, for the duration of the project and associated monitoring period (e.g. landlord consent for tenanted holdings).

Grants are claimed by projects retrospectively and applicants will need to provide evidence that funding for the remaining 50% of project costs is in place when applying.

To discuss your project further, please contact:

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