



## RURAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES – Capital funding for your business

**Calling all farmers, foresters, growers and producers, small rural businesses, visitor economy providers, rural community organisations and local authorities in the Coast to Capital LEP area.**

With deadlines fast approaching, this workshop is an opportunity to find out more about the capital funding that is currently available to help you grow your business.

Meet representatives of the Rural Payments Agency/Defra, the local LEADER delivery team, the Coast to Capital Growth Hub, and the Rural West Sussex Partnership and learn about the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) from 10.00am to 1.00pm on Monday 19 February at **Slinfold Village Hall**, or Thursday 22 February 2018 at **Dial Post Village Hall**.

Find out **if you are eligible** and **how much funding** you could receive from one of the current rural funding opportunities; whether the RDPE Growth Programme, which currently has an Expression of Interest **deadline of 31 May 2018** or local LEADER rural funding which is available for smaller grants across West Sussex and Surrey and a longer deadline. The funding teams will be able to advise what is best for your business and project requiring funding.

Afterwards, spend some time networking or meet the representatives for a 1-2-1 discussion about your particular capital funding needs and any questions you may have about the application process.

### **Monday 19 February 2018**

10.00am – 1.00pm

**Slinfold Village Hall**, The Street, Slinfold, West Sussex RH13 0RP

Book your place on Eventbrite at <https://rural-funding-19feb2018.eventbrite.co.uk>

or

### **Thursday 22 February 2018**

10.00am – 1.00pm

**Dial Post Village Hall**, Worthing Road, Dial Post, RH13 8NS

Book your place on Eventbrite at <https://rural-funding-22feb2018.eventbrite.co.uk>

These events are being organised by the Rural West Sussex Partnership whose aim is to bring together the key organisations that develop strategy and policy in West Sussex to ensure the best use of resources across the county to deliver projects and services in rural areas.



## MORE INFORMATION

### Where can I check that my business or organisation is in a designated rural area in the Coast to Capital region?



Check the location of your business or organisation against the RDPE Growth Programme map for the Coast to Capital LEP area on <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rdpe-growth-programme-rural-maps>

For specific detailed geographic EAFRD/LEADER eligibility information, you will need to use the Defra Magic Mapping website at <http://magic.defra.gov.uk>

Details of how to find your location and add the EAFRD/LEADER eligibility overlays are available from your local Business Navigator at <http://www.c2cbusiness.org.uk>

### What are my transport/parking options for getting to and from the event?

For information on location, public transport options and parking, please visit <http://slingfoldvillagehall.co.uk/location.html> and <http://www.dialpostvillagehall.co.uk/>

### What funds can I apply for?

The RDPE Growth Programme is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and three capital-only streams are currently open for expressions of interest, Business Development (general capital projects), Rural Tourism Infrastructure, and Food & Drink Processing, with minimum grants ranging from £75,000 and £100,000, at a notional 40% grant rate for commercial applicants.

LEADER awards grants from £2,500 to £50,000 (some projects may be funded in excess of £50,000) – mainly for capital projects. A maximum of 40% of total costs is a typical award. However, different grant rates apply, depending on the applicant and the nature of the proposals.

### Can I book if I do not have access to Eventbrite?

If you are unable to make a booking through Eventbrite, please email your details and preferred date to [sandra.grant@ruralwestsussex.gov.uk](mailto:sandra.grant@ruralwestsussex.gov.uk)