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Rural England Prosperity Fund – FAQs

Location

- Organisations based outside of the district / in an ineligible area can apply for funding to support projects which are located in an eligible area within the Stroud district. The postcode of the project location must be confirmed and you must have ownership or the relevant permissions for the project to operate on that site.
- Borderline locations. Defra have confirmed to SDC that there is no scope for flexibility if your organisation is located on the ineligible side of a borderline. If the postcode of your location encompasses both an ineligible and eligible area then the exact location of your building must be used to determine your eligibility. Unfortunately, even if your building is directly adjacent to a red borderline, if you are in an ineligible area then you are not able to apply for REPF.
- Please refer to Section 15 of the Guidance Notes for instructions on how to check your location. You may contact us at economic.development@stroud.gov.uk if you are unsure.

Costs

Please note - the final decision on whether an item of expenditure is determined as 'capital' rests with Stroud District Council.

Ineligible REPF costs:

- Land purchases
- Tractors
- In-kind costs
- Contingency funds

Not considered capital expenditure and therefore ineligible:

- Small items, such as crockery & cutlery
- Small kitchen appliances, such as kettles & toasters

Eligible capital expenditure:

- Websites

Planning permission

You are required to determine whether your project requires planning permission prior to applying for REPF. Please see the [Planning page](#) on the SDC website. You may be required to apply for pre planning advice, or to apply for planning permission.

If your project requires planning permission and it is not in place at the time of application, your application will not be considered. All applications will be checked prior to being put forward to the Grants Panel for consideration.