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WATER MANAGEMENT GRANTS:
Aiming to improve water efficiency of
farm irrigation and reservoir systems



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WATER MANAGEMENT GRANTS

Two schemes

Leader

Countryside Productivity Scheme

Competitive Grant Application
Schemes

Leader Scheme



Available for rural businesses

Under option Increasing farm productivity

LAGS should be open to applications

from October 2015

Two stage application process

Allow circa 3-6 months for grant process

Smaller amount of grant funding available

Up to 40% grant



Countryside Productivity Scheme



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Available for farmers and growers

Scheme covers:

Reservoir projects

Controlled Atmosphere Storage

LED lighting

First Call was 30 June 2015

Next call date – Unknown

Two stage application process

Allow circa 9 months for grant process



Countryside Productivity Scheme



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Amount of funding available:

- 40% of total eligible costs of the proposal
- Large grants- £35,000- £1,000,000

The Main Priorities of the Water Management Grant are for :

- Projects to help prevent flash floods
- Natural Filtration systems with no energy demand



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Applicants may apply for funding to improve efficiency of irrigation systems:

- Build new reservoirs filled by peak-flow abstraction
- Improvements made to existing irrigation reservoirs
- Infrastructure to distribute water from reservoirs to irrigation equipment
- Water filtration systems e.g. sand filters



Countryside Productivity Scheme



As part of the project all applicants are required to apply for:

- Water metering equipment- Records the water use from reservoirs

Also required to apply for one of the following:

1. Software to monitor soil moisture, water consumption, usage and control and water disruption
2. Precision irrigation equipment e.g. trickle tapes, pipes
3. Remote soil moisture monitoring sensors



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Applicants projects must meet the following criteria:

1. An annual water savings of 5%
2. Water savings must be split between applicant's business and environment
3. If the project leads to an increase in the irrigated area, an environmental analysis must be carried out
4. Water for the irrigation system should be from specific sources e.g. boreholes, rainwater



Summary



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- Two schemes available: Countryside Productivity Scheme and Leader
- Funding available to help improve the efficiency of water management/usage
- Opportunity to introduce new irrigation technology and equipment to help build your business for the future
- Need to demonstrate water savings/improvements in efficiency

