

22nd Edition

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Section 1 - Introduction

Welcome to the 22nd edition of the Herefordshire Funding Directory. It lists the main funding opportunities that may be available to those living and working in Herefordshire. The Directory helps locate appropriate funding for a particular project and, where possible, gives details of local contacts. The Regeneration Programmes Team at Herefordshire Council produces the Directory. As well as information on funding, it also has contacts for advice and support from local organisations. The types of funds available have been categorised under different headings for business and community and voluntary organisations.

Where appropriate, sub-sections identify specific areas of funding. Where partnership support is required to access funding, it is important to show how your project helps to achieve the outcomes identified in the Community Strategy for Herefordshire, published 2006. This document provides a strategic framework for local groups and organisations to plan their work. For a full copy of the Community Strategy, or its Summary, please contact the Herefordshire Partnership Support Team on 01432-261792, or email hfdspartnership@herefordshire.gov.uk. The strategy is also available on the website, www.herefordshirepartnership.com.

Please note that although an index is not provided, there is a contents page and the funding sources are in alphabetical order within each heading. The Directory is updated regularly. To help us keep it accurate, you can tell us if anything is wrong or needs updating by contacting us at the address below.

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Please feel free to copy the Directory to anyone else who may benefit from receiving it. Alternatively, the Directory is available through a number of means:

Electronically

- Via a link to the Info in Herefordshire website - www.infoinherefordshire.org.uk
- Via a link to the Council website under Community, People and Living www.herefordshire.gov.uk
- On the Intranet under Funding Opportunities (for Herefordshire Council employees only)

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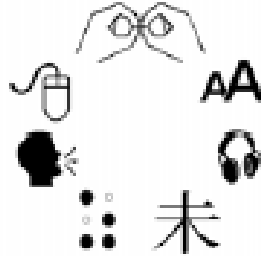
- Info in Herefordshire on 01432 260500
- Herefordshire Council on 01432 261793
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We hope you find the Directory useful and we would like to thank all the organisations that have provided information, and colleagues at Herefordshire Council for their involvement in the preparation of the Directory.

Whilst every care has been taken to ensure the information in this Directory is accurate, much of the information published is based on details supplied by other organisations. In addition, funding opportunities do vary and may end without notice. Herefordshire Council cannot accept any liability for any errors or omissions, or any

consequences arising from them. The contacts given in the first section should be able to help with any queries you may have.

For this edition, we have marked new funders with the designation “**NEW!!!!**” to enable them to be identified more easily. We hope that you will be able to use the funders, both new and old, to support your projects in Herefordshire.



If you would like help to understand this document, or would like it in another format, please call the Project Development Team on 01432-261793 or email projectdevelopment@herefordshire.gov.uk.

Contacts for Advice

General Enquiries/Contact for Advice	
<p>The project development service is part of the Regeneration Programmes team, and gives out advice, on grants and information including help with application forms, monitoring and evaluation. Private businesses and individuals cannot be advised but will be signposted to other possible sources of support. The project development service is now divided between the team members, please contact the appropriate person if possible, but use the general enquiry number or email if you are unsure about whom to contact</p>	<p>Herefordshire Council Project Development Service - General Enquiries Tel: 01432 261793 projectdevelopment@herefordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Community and voluntary sector enquiries: Dave Tristram Tel: 01432 260636 Email: dtristram@herefordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Learning disability enquiries: Elaine Edwards Tel: 01432 383061 Email: elaine.edwards@herefordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Council, PCT and other statutory organisations: Clare Wichbold MBE Tel: 01432 261793 Email: cwichbold@herefordshire.gov.uk</p>
<p>Facts and figures or statistical advice</p>	<p>Herefordshire Council Research Team Tel: 01432 383634 Email: researchteam@herefordshire.gov.uk Website www.herefordshire.gov.uk/research</p>
<p>The Community Strategy for Herefordshire sets out a Vision for the future of the County which describes how local people would like it to be in 2020: Herefordshire will be a place where people, organisations and businesses working together within an outstanding natural environment will bring about sustainable prosperity and well being for all.</p>	<p>Herefordshire Partnership Tel: 01432 261792 Email: hfdpartnership@herefordshire.gov.uk Website: www.herefordshirepartnership.com</p>
Agriculture	
<p>Herefordshire College of Technology, Holme Lacy Campus, delivers a variety of subjects aimed to support individuals and rural businesses. Certificated training courses are available. Please contact us for a copy of our Short Course Prospectus.</p>	<p>Herefordshire College of Technology Tel: 0800 032 1986 Email: aldersonh@hct.ac.uk</p>
<p>Professional Farm Conservation Advice on all Agri-environment Issues.</p>	<p>Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) Mike Williams Tel: 01544 318716</p>
Arts	
<p>Advice for arts organisations and individuals</p>	<p>Herefordshire Council Deborah Allison (Clare Buckland until June 2009): cbuckland@herefordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01432 260614 Email: dallison@herefordshire.gov.uk</p>
Business Development	

Business information, support and advice	Business Link in the West Midlands Tel: 0845 113 1234 Email: info@businesslinkwm.co.uk
Business support and property enquiries	Tel: 01432 3833337 Email: economicinvestment&development@herefordshire.gov.uk
Children's Services	
Herefordshire Council Early Years & Extended Services Blackfriars	Blackfriars Street Hereford HR4 9ZR Tel: 01432 261681 Email: childcareinfo@herefordshire.gov.uk www.cs.herefordshire.gov.uk
Community Activities	
Community First This is an independent charity offering a range of information, advice and support to charities, voluntary organisations and community groups across Herefordshire and Worcestershire. Advice and information is offered to groups seeking funds, and signposting to funding opportunities and help with making funding applications. Community First are not able to provide advice on funding opportunities for individuals or the statutory sector.	Hereford Office Tel: 01432 267820 Fax: 01432 269066 Malvern Office Business Support Team Tel: 01684 312730 Email: info@comfirst.org.uk Website: www.comfirst.org.uk
West Midlands European Network Eddie is able to provide information and advice to groups seeking European funding as well as support with applications and project management and reporting systems. He is not able to provide advice on funding opportunities for individuals.	Eddie Currall is the Support and Development Officer for the West Midlands European Network in Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire. Tel: 07779 230748 Email: eddie@wmeuronet.org
Herefordshire Partnership Community Involvement and Coordination	Martin Heuter Senior Community Involvement Officer Interim: PALS/Involving People Team Manager Tel: 01432 383032 Email: mheuter@herefordshire.gov.uk Clair McNally Community Involvement Officer Tel 01432 261751 Email: cmcnally@herefordshire.gov.uk Chris Gooding Parish Plans Officer Tel. 01432 383612 Email: cgooding2@herefordshire.gov.uk
Herefordshire Council Community Regeneration Team Voluntary & Community Sector Providing co-ordination for community development activity across the county, by supporting the Community Development	Mike Truelove Voluntary & Community Sector Support Officer Tel:01432 383054

<p>Workers Forum and the Herefordshire Community Development Partnership.</p> <p>Parish Council Liaison Services Liaises between Town and Parish Councils and Herefordshire Council. First point of contact for members of the public wishing to contact a Town or Parish Council. Point of contact for Parish Planning Groups wishing to contact Herefordshire Council</p> <p>Rural Services Providing support to rural and community shops and other facilities. Supporting communities to maintain, enhance and use community buildings</p>	<p>Email: mtruelove@herefordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Anthony Bush Parish Council Liaison Officer Tel; 01432 260611 Email: parishliaison@herefordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Anthony Bush Parish Council Liaison Officer Tel: 01432 260611 Email: parishliaison@herefordshire.gov.uk</p>
<p>Local Development Agencies Herefordshire Voluntary Action (HVA) works across the whole of Herefordshire (except Ledbury and district). We offer a range of support to individuals, groups, and organisations in the voluntary and community sector including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Centre (volunteering opportunities, training, good practice) • Community transport – in North Herefordshire • Information and signposting • Project development e.g. funding. 	<p>Herefordshire Voluntary Action Head Office: Tel: 01432 343932 Fax: 01432 343932 Email: outreach@herefordshireva.org Website: www.herefordshireva.org</p> <p>Market Towns Offices: Leominster Tel: 01568 611098 Fax: 01568 612370</p> <p>Need us to visit you? HVA also offers services on an outreach basis. Please contact the Head office for more details.</p>
Environment	
<p>Environmental Funding Opportunities</p> <p>West Midlands Biodiversity Partnership Information about funding for environmental organisations</p> <p>Waste Mission Impossible Information on cashback for waste kitchen disposal units and other waste reduction and recycling initiatives</p>	<p>Worcestershire County Council Tel: 01905 768212 Email: gedwards@worcestershire.gov.uk Website: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/countryside</p> <p>www.wmbp.org/funding</p> <p>www.wastemissionimpossible.org.uk</p>
European Funding	
<p>General enquiries</p>	<p>Vinia Abesamis, Herefordshire Council</p> <p>Tel: 01432 260625 Email: vabesamis@herefordshire.gov.uk</p>
Historic Buildings	
<p>General enquiries</p>	<p>Building Conservation, Herefordshire Council Tel: 01432 260171</p>

Housing	
Strategic housing	Richard Gabb, Herefordshire Council Tel: 01432 261902 Email: rgabb@herefordshire.gov.uk
Lifelong Learning	
Herefordshire Council Adult and Community Learning. Providing a range of learning opportunities at community venues throughout Herefordshire. Courses include computer skills, music and the arts, exercise and preparation for works skills	Crystella Bieler Adult and Community Learning Coordinator Tel: 01432 383631 Email: cbieler@herefordshire.gov.uk
Herefordshire Council Family Learning Provides opportunities for families to learn a variety of skills whilst having fun together. Courses can also show parents/carers how to support their children's learning whilst increasing their own literacy, language and numeracy skills.	Christine Hodson Family Literacy, Language and Numeracy Coordinator Tel: 01432 383614 Email: cboyd-hodson@herefordshire.gov.uk
Market Towns	
Economic Development Officer (North) Kington, Bromyard and Leominster	Nadine Kinsey Tel: 01432 260706 Mobile: 07792 880355 Email: nkinsey@herefordshire.gov.uk
Economic Development Officer (South)	John Passmore Tel: 01432 261784 Mobile: 07792 355989 Email: jpassmore@herefordshire.gov.uk

Herefordshire Race Equality Partnership	
Race Equality Development Officer	Neville Meredith Tel: 01432 267307 Email: nmeredith@herefordshire.gov.uk
Social Enterprise	
Herefordshire Council Regeneration Programmes Team See page 27 for more information	Pat Buchanan Community Finance & Enterprise Officer, Tel 01432-383030 Email: pbuchanan@herefordshire.gov.uk
Sports and Leisure	
Herefordshire Council, 'Raising Our Game'	The London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games offers the whole country a unique set of opportunities within the areas of Business, sport, Youth, Volunteering, Tourism, Culture, Skills and Education. Herefordshire and Worcestershire 'Raising Our Game' is a partnership of stakeholders committed to maximizing the potential benefits arising out of the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympics Games to enhance our reputation and establish a lasting legacy for the two counties. Also engaging with Pre Games Training Camps, The Cultural Olympiad and the Hereford 2010 Blind Football World Championships. Group Co-ordinator: Steve Ashton Tel: 01432 383623 Email: sashton1@herefordshire.gov.uk Web: www.herefordshirecouncil.gov.uk/rog

Section 2 – Funders

National Lottery

Arts Council England

Arts Council England works to get great art to more people. We develop and promote the arts across England, acting as an independent body at arm's length from government.

Between 2008 and 2011, we will invest £1.6 billion of public money from Government and the National Lottery in supporting the arts.

Arts Council England's main funding programme is Grants for the arts. It is open to individuals, arts organisations, national touring and other people who use the arts in their work. It is for activities that benefit people in England or that help artists and arts organisations from England to carry out their work.

This is the bedrock of support for the arts in England. We believe that the arts have the power to change lives and communities, and to create opportunities for people throughout the country.

Arts Council England has nine regional offices: East, East Midlands, London, North East, North East, North West, South East, South West, West Midlands and Yorkshire. Arts Council England has a single contact telephone and email address for general enquiries:

Telephone: 0845 300 6200

Email: enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk

Website: www.artscouncil.org.uk

Address: 14 Great Peter Street, London SW1P 3NQ

Awards For All

Awards for all is currently a joint scheme run by four lottery distributors in England. Grants of £300 - £10,000 are available to projects that meet the programme criteria. The project must take place within a year of the award being made. Organisations cannot receive more than £10,000 in any 2 year period. Applicants must be properly constituted with a written constitution and annual accounts if the organisation has been running for more than a year

For more information on the criteria for the Awards for All programme or advice on which lottery funded grant would be best for your project please visit the website www.awardsforall.org.uk or call the helpline 0845 600 20 40

Until March 2009 Awards for All will continue to be run as a joint scheme with the other organisations that distribute Lottery funds. However as of 1st April 2009 there will be separate programmes for arts, sports and heritage projects.

You can find out about these by visiting www.lotteryfunding.org.uk or phoning the Lottery funding hotline 0845 275 0000 (textphone (0845 275 0022))

Big Lottery Fund

Big Lottery Fund is responsible for giving out half the money for good causes raised by the National Lottery. Our funding covers funding health, education, environment and charitable purposes. BIG funding aims to bring about real improvements to communities and the lives of people in need. BIG can fund activities, which result in: people having better chances in life; stronger communities; improved rural and urban environments; and healthier and more active people and communities.

Activities which strengthen communities, improve people's chances in life, create more active people and communities, or improve environments: **Reaching Communities**. Grant size: £10,000 - £500,000 including a maximum of £50,000 for capital grants.

BIG have also appointed five organisations to deliver England wide, open grants programmes on their behalf (award partners). If you have a project that you think fits under one of the programmes visit the websites listed on this page or call the Changing Spaces Advice Line on 0845 3 671 671 (textphone 0845 6 02 16 59). The grants programmes are:

Local Food programme (run by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts) – this programme opened to applications on 17 March 2008. It funds a range of organisations who want to deliver a variety of food related projects to make locally grown food more accessible and affordable to local communities. Grant size: £2,000 - £300,000 for projects that need to finish by March 2014 For more information visit www.localfoodgrants.org.

Community Spaces programme (run by Groundwork UK) – this programme is open until January 2011. It funds community groups who want to improve local green spaces such as play areas, community gardens, parks, wildlife areas and village greens. Grant size: £10,000 - £50,000 for mainly capital projects. For more information visit www.community-spaces.org.uk.

Community Sustainable Energy programme (run by Building Research Establishment) – this programme is open until October 2010. Grant size up to £5,000 and can be used by community-based organisations to install renewable energy technologies (such as wind turbines and solar panels) and energy saving measures (such as roof and cavity wall insulation). For more information visit www.communitysustainable.org.uk

Access to Nature programme (run by Natural England) – this programme is open until June 2010. It will fund a range of organisations who want to encourage people from all backgrounds to learn more about and enjoy the natural environment. For more information visit www.naturalengland.org.uk/accesstonature.

Ecominds programme (run by Mind) – this programme is due to launch in spring or summer 2008. It will fund a range of groups who want to encourage people with experience of mental distress to get involved in environmental projects, such as improving open spaces and wildlife habitats, designing public art and recycling. Grant size: up to £250,000 for projects that need to finish by December 2012. For more information visit www.ecominds.org.uk

Big Lottery Fund Advice line: 0845 410 2030
www.biglotteryfund.org.uk
general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)

Since 1994 HLF has made over 361 awards in Herefordshire totalling over £21,830,000. Heritage Lottery Fund distributes money raised by the National Lottery to sustain and transform a wide range of heritage for present and future generations to take part in, learn from and enjoy. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, HLF invests in every part of our diverse heritage.

HLF supports projects that either conserve the UK's diverse heritage or enable more people to take an active part in and make decisions about their heritage. All projects must also enable people to learn about their own and others' heritage. Grants are available from £300 to many millions of pounds. Priority is given to not-for-profit and public organisations. Private owners can only apply in partnership with a not-for-profit organisation, for access and education projects.

HLF launched its Third Strategic Plan in April 2008, which includes a simpler, shorter application process, new application material and more help with project development and delivery.

For more information about the changes to HLF and advice on your project idea or the grants available, please contact the Development Team:

Heritage Lottery Fund
Bank House
8 Cherry Street
Birmingham
B2 5AL

Telephone: 0121 616 6870
Text phone: 020 7591 6255
Fax: 0121 616 6871
Email: westmidlands@hlf.org.uk
Website www.hlf.org.uk

Advice on Lottery Applications

Advice and support available if you want to apply to the National Lottery or wish to receive further help resubmitting an unsuccessful bid. This is through Community First and Herefordshire Council's Regeneration Programmes Team. Other sources of advice may be suggested when you contact these organisations.

Enquiries and support for applicants to Awards for All and Big Lottery Fund

Business Support Team
Community First
Malvern View
Willow End Park
Blackmore Park Road
Malvern
Worcestershire WR13 2NN

Telephone: 01684 312730

Email: info@comfirst.org.uk

Website: www.comfirst.org.uk

Initial enquiries and support for applicants to all Lottery distributors

Clare Wichbold MBE
Project Development Manager
Regeneration Programmes Team
Herefordshire Council
PO Box 4
Plough Lane
Hereford HR4 0XH

Telephone: 01432 261793

Email: cwichbold@herefordshire.gov.uk

Business, Economic and Tourism

Full name of funding source	Advantage Creative Fund
Aim of fund	To provide equity investment of between £10k - £250k in creative Small to Medium Enterprises
What actions will this fund support	The £5 million Advantage Creative Fund is a region-wide venture capital investment fund set up specifically to help creative businesses in the West Midlands to grow.
Who can apply	SMEs involved in creative industries based in the West Midlands that have strong growth and profit prospects. Creative sector businesses include software, design, music, film, television, arts, other intellectual property based businesses, and more.
Any restrictions?	Not a grants or loan scheme. Investors in creative industries only. Covers the West Midlands region of England only. The fund has a priority to invest in the Objective 2 area of the West Midlands.
Contact Name	Kath Morgan
Organisation	Advantage Creative Fund
Address	PO Box 6613, Kings Bromley, Burton on Trent, DE13 7ZD
Telephone and fax number	Tel: 01543 473 035 Fax:01543 473 664
Email address	info@advantagecreativefund.co.uk
Website	www.advantagecreativefund.co.uk

Full name of funding source	Bridges Ventures Limited
	To invest in ambitious businesses which can deliver strong social benefits either through their geographic location in underinvested areas in the UK or through their sector, for example in healthcare, education and the environment.
What actions will this fund support	Bridges Ventures offers venture capital finance. We invest in companies by buying shares in the company. We do not provide grants. We seek to invest between £500,000 - £10m per company.
Who can apply	Bridges Ventures seeks UK based growth companies at the early and expansion stages, as well as management by-outs, buy-ins and property-backed businesses.
	For details of eligibility please see the Bridges Ventures website.
Name	Samantha Ezro
Organisation	Bridges Ventures Ltd
Address	1 Craven Hill, London, W2 3EN
Telephone number	020 7262 5566
Fax number	020 7262 6389
Email address	info@bridgesventures.com
Website	www.bridgesventures.com

	Business Link in the West Midlands
	<p>To offer impartial and expert information, support and advice to help develop and make businesses in the West Midlands more successful. By simply contacting Business Link in the West Midlands businesses can benefit from our extensive knowledge, expertise and contacts. The support available includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to business information and research • Expert advice on how to improve your business performance • Training and better development for you and your employees • Access to quality assured suppliers • Specialist manufacturing advice
	Our services are aimed at established businesses and individuals looking to start a business who are located in the West Midlands Region.
Organisation	Business Link in the West Midlands
Address	Advantage House, 19, Ridgeway, Quinton Business Park, Quinton, Birmingham B32 1AL
Telephone number	0845 113 1234
Fax number	0845 112 6000
	info@businesslinkwm.co.uk
	www.businesslinkwm.co.uk

	Technology Strategy Board and the University of Gloucestershire
	<p>To deliver business benefit to private (and public) sector organisations through co-funding experienced graduates to lead business projects of circa 2 year duration. These graduates are employed by the University but work in the company full-time for two years</p>
	<p>The following type of projects: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing and implementing new management processes and information systems • Designing and developing a web portal for customer access (ordering, order tracking, marketing information etc) • Implementing new production technologies • New product development • Designing and implementing sustainability strategies • Formulating and implementing a new corporate vision and business plan

Who can apply	Any company, but especially those with less than 250 staff
Contact Name	Martin Wynn
Organisation	University of Gloucestershire
Address	The Park, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL50 2RH
Telephone number	07929 081854
Fax number	01242 546203
Email address	mwynn@glos.ac.uk
Website	www.glos.ac.uk

	Economic Development Team, Herefordshire Council
	<p>The Economic Development Team is the first point of contact within Herefordshire Council for any business or property enquiry. Some officers are based in the market towns and can provide more local information if requested.</p> <p>Key services include:</p> <p>Commercial Property Enquiry Service: A comprehensive database of available commercial property in Herefordshire is maintained by the Economic Development Team offering assistance in identifying suitable development sites and premises for businesses starting up or relocating in Herefordshire.</p> <p>Business Support: Herefordshire Council works closely with The Chamber of Commerce Herefordshire and Worcestershire and Business Link to support the growth of existing and new businesses. Signposting to grant assistance for new and existing businesses is also available.</p> <p>Commercial Property Development: The Economic Development Team co-ordinates a number of infrastructure improvement and industrial property development schemes to assist the competitiveness of the local economy.</p> <p>Information Services: The Herefordshire Council also offers a range of statistical information on the County and local economy.</p>
Name	Val Pike
Organisation	Economic Development Team, Herefordshire Council,
Address	PO Box 4, Plough Lane, Hereford, HR4 0XH
Telephone number	01432 261758 (All Enquiries) 01432 260706 (Kington, Leominster and Bromyard) 01432 261784 (Ross-on-Wye and Ledbury)
Fax number	01432 383031
Email address	economicinvestment@herefordshire.gov.uk
Website	www.herefordshire.gov.uk

Full name of funding source	Impetus
	To provide access to loan finance for new and emerging businesses and social enterprises that have been unable to access sufficient funds from mainstream lenders.
What actions will this fund support	Enterprise and community regeneration activities, which require loan finance from £1,000 to £50,000.
Who can apply	Sole traders, new and emerging businesses, and social enterprises that have a viable business proposal.
Any restrictions?	Must operate or live within Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire. Must be able to prove that a mainstream lender is unable to help or has helped as much as they can.
Contact Name	Steve Williams
Organisation	Impetus
Address	The Garden House, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore WR10 1PZ
Telephone number	01386 556000
Mobile number	077477 50482 or 07976796932
Fax number	01386 556000
Email	info@impetus-marches.co.uk or steve@impetus-marches.co.uk george@wtof.org.uk
Website	www.impetus-marches.co.uk

Full name of funding source	New Deal – Not Updated since Last Edition
	The Government created New Deal to help people find lasting, worthwhile work. It offers individually tailored, practical help and support to improve a person's job prospects and to build up the skills needed by local businesses
	Individually tailored help and advice to find a job. A chance to show employers/employees what they can do. New opportunities for high quality training to gain skills employers are looking for.
	The new deal programmes available are: New Deal for Young People New Deal for 25+ New Deal for 50+ New Deal for Lone Parents New Deal for Disabled People New Deal for Partners New Deal for Partners
	Eligibility conditions apply for all New Deals. Refer to Jobcentre Plus for advice.
Name	Charisse Shaw
Organisation	Jobcentre Plus
Address	St Nicholas House, St Nicholas Street, Hereford, HR4 0DD
Telephone number	01432 363695
Fax number	01432 363605
Email address	charisse.shaw@jobcentreplus.gsi.gov.uk
Website	www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk
Any other information	Information pack available on 0845 6062626

	Redundant Building Grant Scheme
	To convert or refurbish redundant buildings to bring them back into productive business use or to enhance their current business use. Key aim of the scheme is the creation of jobs, so by providing premises for new enterprises, local demand for workspace can be addressed, creating or safeguarding jobs in areas most in need in our rural communities.
	Individuals, partnerships, limited companies or co-operatives can all apply for a grant. Applicants can be owner-occupiers, owners proposing to lease out the premises for eligible business uses, or tenants. Tenants must have a fixed term lease with at least five years unexpired and written consent for the proposed works from their landlord. Grants are available in Herefordshire, Shropshire, part of Telford and Wrekin and Worcestershire.
	Not available for conversion to or refurbishment of residential property, nor for buildings which will be used for agricultural or horticultural purposes.
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Full name of Funding Source	Rural Enterprise Grant
Aim of Fund	To provide funding of up to £62,500 (40%) to support small-scale diversification and business development projects for the benefit of rural business. Funds are available for eligible applicants for investments in Environmental Technologies, Food and Drink and Tourism related activities
Who can apply	Farm businesses, including members of farming households, or new or existing micro-enterprising businesses with less than 10 full-time equivalent employees, whose turnover is less than 2m euros . Applicants can be owner-occupiers, or tenants with a fixed term lease with at least ten years unexpired and written consent for the proposed works from their landlord. Grants are available in Herefordshire, Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire (eligible area can be determined by postcode)
Any restrictions	Not available for: Creation of new tourism accommodation Retail apart from 'on farm' farm shops Speculative developments Purchase of livestock Investment in normal agricultural operations
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