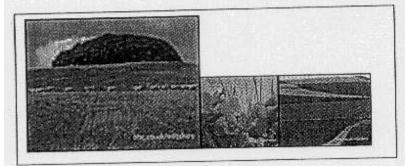


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RURAL RENAISSANCE

Conversion of redundant buildings for RURAL WORKSPACE

Rural Renaissance can support the conversion of redundant or seriously underused buildings for workspace which benefits rural areas. The funding can apply to any type or age of building if it is suitable for the purpose.

There are two levels of support:

- Predevelopment Processes this category would support the initial work required to identify specific proposals for the development of workspace, including needs assessments, site/property acquisition and servicing, acquisition and development programmes.
- Re-use or conversion the re-use or conversion of existing vacant, redundant or unused rural buildings for workspace purposes. Planning permission must be in place in order to apply.

When considering funding the conversion of a building the partnership will look at the following areas:

- a. area of workspace to be provided
- b. uses to which it will be put
- relationships between new workspace and job creation

The support available offers 25% towards the total investment., with a minimum investment of £5,000. Funding is limited to the conversion of vacant, derelict or unused buildings for employment uses, defined as:

- A2 financial and professional services
- B1 light industrial or office use
- B2 general industrial
- B8 storage and distribution
- D1(c) education

Eligible costs include construction costs, ancillary works in accordance with planning consent, finance charges, costs of connections to utilities and professional fees.



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