



Sustaining Rural Services in Wiltshire

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Bethan Sheff Pottery Workshops received a grant of £560 with a Loan of £840

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Business Grants and Loans Fund

'An Investment in you is an investment in your community'



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Combination grant & loans of between £500 & £10,000 are available to businesses in rural Wiltshire



Ceri's Cheese

"The Community First Grant enabled our business to continue to thrive. Without it, the investment we needed may have halted our growth. Tim Coomer from Community First was very helpful in filling in the forms so the paperwork was not off putting. We now have scales that are more efficient and a much better floor. We continue to serve our local community with great cheese!"



Ceri's Cheese received a grant of £1580 with a loan of £2370

Business Advice Available

A Community First Business Adviser or Rural Enterprise Advisor is available (if required) to help you develop your project and assist you develop a business plan if appropriate. There is a £500 charge for this service which will require payment in advance (a refund will be given if the support required is less than two working days).

Please contact us for further details

Main Criteria

- * Be based in a rural area of Wiltshire (under 10,000 population)
- * Be independently owned and operated, or be an enterprise for the benefit of the community
 - * Provide employment
 - * Demonstrate the strong support of the community
- * Demonstrate the creation, retention or expansion of local facilities
- * Applicants must reside in Wiltshire and be over 18 years of age
 - * The Business must submit a current business plan

Loan and Grant

- * A maximum combination loan and grant of £10,000 is available
 - * Up to 40% may be awarded as a grant
(the balance must be taken as a loan)
 - * Loans can be for between one and three years
 - * Interest rate will be fixed at 5% APR
 - * Loans can be unsecured in certain circumstances
 - * Grant and loan funding will not require match funding
- * There may be a penalty for the early redemption of the loan provided

**Please ring or email us to check your eligibility -
see reverse for contact details**