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Rural Asset Multiplier Pilot Programme

Grants, Advice, Support for Rural Northumberland

Rural Asset Multiplier Pilot

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Delivered by Northumberland County Council. In partnership with Northumberland National Park and Northumberland Coast AONB.

Works with rural communities VCSO, and business located in the rural areas of Northumberland

Advice and Support
Grant Investment Fund.

What is RAMP For?

Aim: enhance our environment, grow our rural economy, and improve services, opportunity and prosperity in our rural communities.

Single point of contact and access to advice, to help rural communities and business secure funding and financial support.

Capital and Revenue Grants to support rural communities and business. Create measurable outputs and outcomes for rural Northumberland and operate in one of our target sectors

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What do we mean by Rural?

The screenshot shows the MAGIC website interface. At the top, the browser address bar displays 'magic.defra.gov.uk'. The website header includes the 'MAGIC' logo and the URL 'https://magic.defra.gov.uk/'. Navigation links for 'MAPS', 'NEWS', 'ABOUT', and 'HELP' are visible. The main content area features a map of the Bristol region, overlaid with a grid of colored dots (green, pink, orange, red) representing different data points. A large text overlay reads 'INTERACTIVE MAPPING AT YOUR FINGERTIPS'. A red 'Get Started' button is positioned over the map. In the bottom left corner, there is a 'RECORDED WITH SCREENCAST MATIC' watermark. Below the map, there are sections for 'WHAT IS MAGIC?' and 'LATEST NEWS', each with a red underline. The 'WHAT IS MAGIC?' section begins with 'The MAGIC website provides authoritative geographic', and the 'LATEST NEWS' section begins with 'A new tool has been added to MAGIC which can be used in'.

ELIGIBLE in principle

- Net zero visitor economy / carbon reduction demonstrators,
- Local community renewable energy projects and district heat networks
- 'Green skills' training programmes and facilities to build and upskill the local workforce
- Employability support supporting economically inactive people into work, upskilling people
- Rural infrastructure; cultural and heritage assets; community facilities; public realm
- Green transport infrastructure, improved pathways, cycle paths, electric vehicle infrastructure.
- Rural Opportunity including volunteering; outdoor activities and exercise linked to nature, landscapes and coast; community social groups / social networks.
- Feasibility studies to support the development and delivery of projects

What can RAMP Support?

Ineligible sectors/activities that cannot be funded include:

- Investment in buildings or infrastructure for use by third party businesses.
- Primary agricultural production.
- Primary fishery production/activity.
- Tourism accommodation.
- Retail.
- Any activity where there is high risk of market displacement.

The RAMP Journey



- Project enquiry received
- Expression of Interest to confirm Eligibility
- RAMP Programme team supports Eligible Projects in developing project plan and application
- Can signpost and access to Specialist Business Support through Advance Northumberland
- Grant application developed with Senior Project Support Officer
- Full Applications undergo Technical Appraisal (TA) by the Accountable Body (NCC)
- Appraised Full Application considered by Investment Board against RAMP aims and objectives

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