

ESIF Programme Executive Board Report

Appendix 1

European Structural and Investment Funds 2014-2020

What can be funded?

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

- Funds building and infrastructure projects, but only those which fit with the priority activity identified under the ESIF Programme's thematic objectives. *It should be noted that general physical, spatial and housing regeneration programmes per se are not eligible.*
- Projects offering support for small and medium sized businesses, innovation and research activities, with the aim of promoting economic growth and creating jobs.

European Social Fund (ESF)

- Funds pre-employment and employment support, skills and qualifications for unemployed and employed people, as well as a range of activities to combat poverty and increase social inclusion.

European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

- Focuses on areas defined as rural by DEFRA, and allows for small scale renewable developments, improvement of services in more isolated areas as well as developing businesses in the rural economy.
- Small proportion of the overall programme (circa £5.23m)