

# Highland LEADER 2014-2020 Programme Application Process

Applicant submits an Expression of Interest through the Scottish Rural Network website.

Expressions of Interest are assessed by relevant Highland LEADER Development Officer to ascertain whether the project is suitable/eligible for LEADER funding

If the project fits with Highland LEADER, applicants will be requested to complete a “Pre-application” form. Please note, this is not a full application form.

Pre-application forms are assessed by the relevant Local Area Partnerships/Strategic LAG and passed to the Equalities Reference Group, where applicable, for recommendations on any equalities matters which may arise.

Applicants notified of the Local Area Partnership’s decision and, if applicable, will be asked to complete a full application form for consideration at the relevant Highland LEADER meeting.

Full applications are then assessed by the relevant Local Area Partnership/Strategic LAG

Once the Local Area Partnership/Strategic LAG makes their decision, the Development Officer notifies the applicant.

**APPLICANT GROUP MUST NOT START PROJECT PRIOR TO RECEIVING OFFICIAL OFFER LETTER AS ANY EXPENDITURE BEFORE THE LEADER TEAM RECEIVE THE SIGNED LETTER FROM THE APPLICANT, WILL BE DEEMED INELIGIBLE AND NON RECLAIMABLE FROM LEADER.**

**Please note, if your project is eligible for LEADER funding, this process will take a minimum of 6 months.**



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