

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND

This is a fund for projects in the Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Please see over for a map of the AONB boundary.

Projects must meet at least one aim of the AONB, and one of Defra's key outputs and all of the core criteria.

Aims of the AONB

- To conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the AONB, including the built environment
- To promote sustainable forms of social and economic development in the AONB
- To promote the economic and social well-being of local communities
- To promote quiet enjoyment of the AONB
- To raise awareness of the AONB
- To encourage a reduction in car use and promote alternatives.

Defra's key aims

- To provide a sustainable development aspect to a project
- To involve young people or combat social exclusion
- To encourage diversity and/or links between urban groups and those resident in the AONB
- To bring organisations and people together to co-operate in tackling problems or promoting new ideas
- To demonstrate innovation or best practice in sustainable ventures.

Core Criteria - all of these must be met

- Is located in the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB or directly benefits the AONB
 - Supports sustainable development principles. (This is to recognise that the project contributes to a better quality of life for current and future generations, without undermining the quality of the natural environment.)
 - Conserves or enhances local characteristics of culture, wildlife, landscape, land use, community or economy
 - Provide some element of public benefit
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- **Grants can be for a few hundred or several thousand pounds.**
 - **Once an application is approved, grants are normally available of up to 75% total project costs for community and voluntary groups, 50% costs for businesses, 25% for public bodies.**
 - **Volunteer time and professional costs can count towards putting your project together.**

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