



How do I apply?

- 1 Contact the DSDF Officer to discuss your project and then e-mail DSDF your draft application
- 2 Submit final application
- 3 We will contact you to discuss the panel's decision

Who can I speak to about the Dartmoor Sustainable Development Fund?

The DSDF Officer will advise you and help you to prepare your grant application. Please get in touch at an early stage.

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What is the Dartmoor Sustainable Development Fund (DSDF)?

Funded by Defra and South West RDA, the DSDF has been set up to encourage innovative sustainable development projects that help improve the quality of life for current and future generations on Dartmoor. The fund will support proposals that focus on environmental, economic, social and cultural aspects of life.

What projects are suitable for support from the Fund?

Those incorporating the main sustainable development themes of:

- effective protection of the environment;
- careful use of natural resources;
- social progress recognising the needs of everyone;
- maintaining sustainable levels of economic growth.



Funding projects that respect the past, improve the present and look to the future...

"Only after the last tree has been cut down and the last river has been poisoned, only after the last fish has been caught, only then will we realise we cannot eat money."

Cree Indian Proverb



Projects should demonstrate at least one of the two National Park purposes:

- *conserving and enhancing the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of Dartmoor*
- *promoting opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of Dartmoor's special qualities by the public.*

Projects can be either locally based, apply across the whole of the National Park, or develop links with areas outside the National Park.

Are there any priority areas?

The Fund is keen to encourage eligible projects that:

- demonstrate innovation or best practice;
- involve young people;
- promote social inclusion;
- encourage links between urban and rural groups;
- add value or new dimensions to existing projects;
- have little access to other sources of funding;
- encourage partnership working.

Do projects have to be in the National Park?

Applicants must have the support and involvement of community interests within the National Park, but projects do not necessarily have to fall within the National Park boundary.

Who can apply?

The Fund is open to anyone: individuals or groups from the private, public or voluntary sectors. However, they will need to be able to show that they have community support and that opportunities for partnership working have been explored.

How much can be applied for?

Normally up to 50% of project costs (75% in the case of voluntary groups) can be funded. In-kind contributions, such as volunteer time and loans of equipment, count as match funding and their worth can be included in the overall project costs.

What can DSDF grant money be used for?

The money can be used for a range of costs including:

- actual project costs;
- research work & feasibility studies;
- practical work;
- training;
- equipment and materials.

Is there a deadline for applications?

The DSDF approval panel meet every two months, but applications can be received at any time.

How long will it take to receive a decision?

It should take no more than two months for your application to be determined. The DSDF Officer will work closely with you in developing your application and once submitted will keep you up to date on its progress. Applications for less than £2,000 will be determined within one month, and do not have to go before the DSDF approval panel.

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

Mahatma Gandhi

