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## Identifying Capital Expenditure for REPF grant purposes.

The Rural Fund supports the aims of the government's Levelling Up White Paper and Future Farming Programme. It funds capital projects for small businesses and community infrastructure. This will help to improve the productivity and strengthen the rural economy and rural communities.

Capital expenditure includes expenditure on non-current assets such as land, buildings, and plant and equipment. To us a long-term asset must have a life of at least five years for a grant of up to £25,000 and ten years for grants over £25,000.

Monies spent on the project must be recorded as capital expenditure in the grant recipient's end of year accounts.

We will only fund capital expenditure from this scheme like buying, building, replacing or making improvements to long term assets (buildings, play areas and equipment). We are unable to consider projects that only maintain an asset, e.g. general repairs.

Below are some examples of expenditure, explaining why they qualify as capital spend:

| Project type                                | Is it capital expenditure? | Reason  |
|---|----------------------------|---|
| Construction of new building                | Yes                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is a creation of an asset</li></ul>  |
| Purchase of land/building                   | Yes                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Acquisition of an asset, which will provide a long term benefit</li></ul>   |
| Building conversion                         | Yes                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Enhancement of an existing asset</li></ul>  |
| Replacement windows                         | Yes                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Purpose of improved energy efficiency or building enhancement</li><li>If the project covers a number of windows replaced rather than 1 or 2</li></ul> |
| Creating a new, Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) | Yes                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Creation of an asset</li></ul>  |
| Sports equipment                            | Yes                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If the project covers a whole new set of</li></ul>  |

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|   |     | equipment and not singular items   |
| New white goods                                     | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the project is for a complete refurbishment of an asset, new white goods can be included.</li> <li>• Enhances the current asset</li> </ul> |
| Solar panels  | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose of improved energy efficiency</li> <li>• Creation of an asset</li> </ul>  |
| Tree planting or rewilding of an area               | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creation of an asset</li> </ul>   |
| Investment in new energy saving measures            | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose of improved energy efficiency</li> <li>• Enhances the asset</li> </ul>  |
| Electronic hardware (eg: laptops, iPads & monitors) | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New assets that provide benefit for more than a 5 – 10 year term</li> </ul>   |
| Development of software (eg: a new website)         | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Software that has been developed or purchased by an entity is normally regarded as an intangible asset.</li> </ul>                            |
| Electric vehicles                                   | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose of improved energy efficiency</li> <li>• Creation of a new asset</li> </ul>   |
| Project managers/contractors                        | Yes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As required to carry out the creation/enhancement of an asset</li> </ul>  |