

FiPL 22/23 Project Prioritisation

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Cultural Heritage	Prioritise cultural heritage projects as they are currently under-represented.
Education	Prioritise education projects as they are currently under-represented and cannot be funded through CS.
Capital - Buildings	To only fund where projects deliver local economy, historical/cultural significance or education, but officers to consider lower levels (%) of support.
Capital - Diversification	To only fund projects that clearly and significantly meet one or more FiPL objectives. (Defra have stated that diversification projects on their own that don't meet any other FiPL objectives are not eligible).
Capital - Fencing	To only fund through FiPL if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It improves management of a Priority habitat e.g. chalk grassland. • The applicant is unable to secure funding through the CS Capital Grant Scheme. • Satisfies the above criteria and is for new fencing (not replacing old fencelines).
Capital - Hedgerows	To only fund projects that are providing habitat connectivity and where CS is not available. Use of cultural skills, such as hedge laying, to be looked on favourably.
Capital - Machinery	To only fund through FiPL if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The item requested is not available within the Farming Investment Fund (Farming Equipment and Technology Fund & Farming Transformation Fund). • The item requested is not used for managing CS options (which are therefore already receiving grant aid). • The machinery funded clearly delivers on one or more FiPL objectives. • To look more favourably where the above criteria are met and the machinery will be shared between a number of farmers/land managers.
Capital - Ponds	To only fund pond restoration/creation that is delivering for cultural heritage, priority habitat, or is part of a wider network of connected habitats e.g. wetlands.
Capital - Scrub	To only fund projects that are delivering for priority habitat (e.g. chalk grassland) and cannot access the CS Capital Grant Scheme.
Capital – Water Quality	To only fund projects where actions cannot be supported by CS or Water Companies.
Capital – Water Supply	To only fund where actions improve management of priority habitats e.g. chalk grassland.
Mapping/Research	To only fund through FiPL where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects deliver at a landscape scale and facilitate cooperation. • Data can be shared/used more widely. • There is a clear outcome, that delivers FiPL objectives, for the data gathered.

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Woodland	To only fund projects that cannot be delivered through the Woodland Grant Scheme.
CS Options	Not to fund CS land management options and refer applicants to CS schemes/Sustainable Farming Incentive to ensure longer-term funding.
Other - Applicants	Priority should be given to new FiPL applicants.
Other – NP Boundary	Projects are only considered if they are within the NP boundary.
Other - Posts	Not to fund project posts due to short timescales of the FiPL Programme and additional onward costs.