

## **emda Rural Development**

East Midlands Development Agency (emda) is to breathe new life into the region's rural communities with a new £12 million funding initiative.

Local Action Groups, which are public, private, voluntary and community sector partnerships, are invited to tender for a share of a new rural development scheme. The funding scheme was set up to assist rural communities in improving the quality of life and economic prosperity of their local area through small scale innovative projects. It will be funded over a six year period by the European Commission and Department for Environment, Food and Rural affairs (Defra).

For more information, or to apply for funding, contact Melanie Fischer in the Rural and Communities team at emda Tel: 0115 988 8309.  
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