

The I M Paton fund was created in 2019 by a legacy from the estate of the late Mr. Ian M Paton who died in 2016.

Mr. Paton was a keen supporter of Manx Agriculture and the Isle of Man; he was especially interested in supporting young farmers and all types of agricultural engineering.



1. Introduction:

This guide and initial application is for those who are applying for funding from the IM Paton Fund. Applicants who are successful in the initial application process will be expected to make a presentation to the members of the Manx NFU Marketing, Education and Business Committee in the form of either a;

- Business case setting out your proposal
- Practical demonstration
- Technical demonstration
- Farm walk & talk
- Oral and visual presentation

Whichever form of presentation you choose should properly exhibit your intentions for the use of funding.

2. What we fund:

This guide describes our funding priorities and sets out our expectations for successful proposals. The Manx NFU is an engaged and proactive funder, and once we have screened outline ideas, we are willing and able to support promising applicants in refining and delivering projects, to help maximise their rigour and impact.

The scope of our interest covers all life stages and phases from higher education to vocational learning. We are interested in all influences and opportunity, including educational provision, agricultural betterment, informal learning, and socio-economic and place-related factors.

In general, we award grants to a wide range of people, not confined to people attending universities based in the UK and for projects focused on the Agricultural context.

- There are lessons to be learned from international experiences.
- Policy or practice overseas may well be adapted for the Isle of Man.

We have some thematic funding priorities:

- Agricultural engineering
- Understanding greenhouse gas emissions in agriculture
- Skills and capabilities
- Improving production efficiency
- Teaching and or enhancement
- Young farmers pathways
- Sustainable intensification
- Educational disadvantage learning
- Increased sustainability practices
- Genetic improvement in livestock
- Agricultural benchmarking
- Initial development or feasibility studies for practical project interventions, with relevance to wider agricultural sector, i.e. beyond those directly involved in the project.

- Small-scale inquiries, working parties or similar mechanisms to engage and deliberate with a range of stakeholders to reach common ground on a priority, policy or practical issue.
- Exploratory analysis of new data to inform the feasibility and potential for further analysis.
- Small-scale deep-dive/observational studies to understand the operation of a policy or practice area to inform a larger scale initiative relevant to the Isle of Man.

In each type of project, it is essential that the approach chosen is methodologically rigorous, draws on the right range of disciplines to address the proposed questions, and is proportionate to the likely impact of the project.

Exclusions

We have a small number of specific categories that are not eligible for funding.

- Individuals without a formal employment or future of formal employment within agriculture.
- Projects led by individuals unaffiliated to the Manx NFU.
- Projects led by schools or further education colleges.
- Projects led by master's students.
- PhD fees or projects where the main purpose is to support a PhD.
- Ongoing costs or the costs of 'rolling out' existing work or services.
- 'Dissemination-only' projects, including campaigning work, which are not connected.
- Local charities, or local services.
- Requests for financial help for basic educational fees from or on behalf of individuals.
- Subsistence.

3. Overview: the application process and what we look for:

The Manx NFU sees itself as a flexible and engaged funder that offers more than money. We intend to have three funding rounds each year and outline proposals should demonstrate;

- **Relevance** - There should be a clear articulation of what you intend to do, why it matters, and what difference it will make.
- **Rigour** – evidence of the quality of being extremely thorough and careful.
- **Engagement** - with policy and/or practice, as well as public dissemination through the media and other channels. Engagement needs to be end-to-end, not just at dissemination stage.
- **Impact** - explanation of the potential for impact: clarity of outputs and outcomes and the relationship between the two.
- **Resources** – your resources and how you intend to use them post project.

This *Outline* process provides a fair way to offer all potential applicants the opportunity to test out their ideas with the Manx NFU. We do not operate a quota and applications are judged on quality.

Manx National Farmers Union
APPLICATION FOR GRANT/LOAN SUPPORT **2020-2021**

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Name;

Contact Address;

Email;

Telephone number(s)

FOR WHAT PURPOSE WOULD THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT BE USED?

Please give a brief summary of your proposed project/event/proposal, continuing on a separate sheet when necessary;

WHAT IS THE ANTICIPATED BENEFIT TO THE ISLE OF MAN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR?

Please consider issues such as:

- How many people will the project reach?
- How accessible will the project be?
- Will it contribute individually or to the sector?
- Does the project have a product as an outcome' or does it involve skills development?
- Are you addressing an area which is otherwise under-explored or under provisioned on island?

CONTINUE ON A SEPARATE SHEET;

ARE YOU APPLYING FOR A GRANT OR AN INTEREST-FREE LOAN?

PLEASE INDICATE OTHER FUNDING SOURCES;

Own funding element/intention to own fund through work or savings:-

Other funding i.e. employer or business:-

Other grant funding:-

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT (cont)

OVERALL ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT:

GIVE A BREAKDOWN OF PRINCIPAL COSTS BEING SOUGHT FROM THE MANX NFU:

Item/s or Resource	Details	Approximate cost
		£
		£
		£
		£
TOTAL AMOUNT APPLIED FOR :		£

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- In the event of a grant or loan being awarded, the money must be taken up and the project completed within a period of one year from receipt of the letter of confirmation unless otherwise mutually agreed.
- The support of the Manx NFU must be acknowledged in ANY publicity and in publications. Publications should include the following wording 'This publication/project/event has been supported by Manx NFU'. Banners/logos should be displayed at any public events or presentations.
- Evidence that the grant has been used for the purpose set out in the application must be provided.
- An '**End of Project**' report (reported annually for ongoing support) or public presentation is due within 3 months of project completion. This must include a summary of the project together with at least one high resolution photo or video, for use by the Manx NFU in various media including online.

• DATA PROTECTION:

- We will use the information you give us during your outline and application. We may give copies of all or some of this information to individuals and organisations we consult when assessing applications, administering the programme, monitoring grants and evaluating funding processes and impacts. These organisations may include accountants, external evaluators and other organisations or groups involved in delivering the project.

- We may share information with organisations and individuals with a legitimate interest in applications and grants or specific funding programmes. We have a duty to protect member funds and for that reason we may also share information with other organisations providing matched funding or for the prevention and detection of crime.
- We might use personal information provided by you in order to conduct appropriate identity checks. Personal information that you provide may be disclosed to a credit reference or fraud prevention agency, which may keep a record of that information.
- If you provide false or inaccurate information in your application or at any point in the life of any funding we award to you and fraud is identified, we will provide details to fraud prevention agencies, to prevent fraud and money laundering.
- We might use the data you provide for research purposes.

- **Return of unspent balances**

- If the project is achieved under budget, all unspent balances must be returned, without delay, and in any case no later than the date for the submission of the final report.

DECLARATION: I hereby certify that all the information given in this application is accurate and, if successful, I undertake to credit Manx NFU in all publicity and to abide by any conditions outlined by the Manx NFU.

Print Name:

Date:

Signature:

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