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## The funding jig-saw

Do you need new skills or training but don't know how to get financial assistance? Looking for grants or subsidies can be confusing and make you feel like a piece in a jigsaw, having to check your fit and compatibility with the options available.

To help you solve this complex puzzle and find the perfect fit for your training needs, Lantra has compiled a list of schemes and organisations across Northern Ireland that are worth investigating.

This includes various streams under:

§ Rural Development Programme (RDP) Axes 1, 2 and 3

§ Management Analysis Programme (MAP)

§ Rapid Response NI

§ Grants and funding available via the Department for Agriculture and Rural Development

§ Invest NI

Information on these streams can be accessed at [www.lantra.co.uk/funding](http://www.lantra.co.uk/funding).

David Seffen, Lantra Partnership Manager said: It can be confusing and time consuming to find out what funding is available, but that's exactly why Lantra has compiled a list of options for you. Training is important in today's ever changing world and research has shown a return of between £3 and £6 for every £1 spent on training. Even if no funding support is available to you, don't let this prevent you from making that investment in training for you and your staff.

For information on training courses visit [www.lantracoursefinder.co.uk](http://www.lantracoursefinder.co.uk) or telephone 0845 707 8007.

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" Lantra is an employer-led organisation which is licensed by the UK government to drive forward the skills, training and business development agenda for the 17 industries in the sector. The industries represented are: agricultural crops; agricultural livestock; animal care; animal technology; aquaculture; environmental conservation; equine; farriery; fencing; fisheries management; floristry; game and wildlife management; horticulture.