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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 Scotland that are worth investigating. This includes various streams under:

### § Skills Development Scotland

- o Modern Apprenticeships

- o ScotAction

- o Adopt an Apprentice

- o Safeguard an Apprentice

- o Individual Learning Accounts Scotland

### § Farm Business Advice and Skills Service (FarmBASS)

### § Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP)

- o Crofting Counties Agricultural Grant Scheme

- o Food Processing, Marketing and Co-operation Grant Scheme

- o Forestry Commission Challenge Funds

- o The LEADER initiative

- o Less Favoured Area Support Scheme

- o Rural Development Contracts Land Managers Options

- o Skills Development Scheme

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

Willie Fergusson, Lantra's Scotland Director 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.lantraonestopshop.co.uk](http://www.lantraonestopshop.co.uk) or telephone 01738 553311.

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