Capital Grant Scheme - Funding Priority Statement 2014/15

Catchment 36:
North Somerset Moors

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Only holdings within the capital grant scheme target area(s) will be eligible to apply for a grant. Due to limited funds, applications from outside of the target areas will not be accepted for the 14/15 scheme.
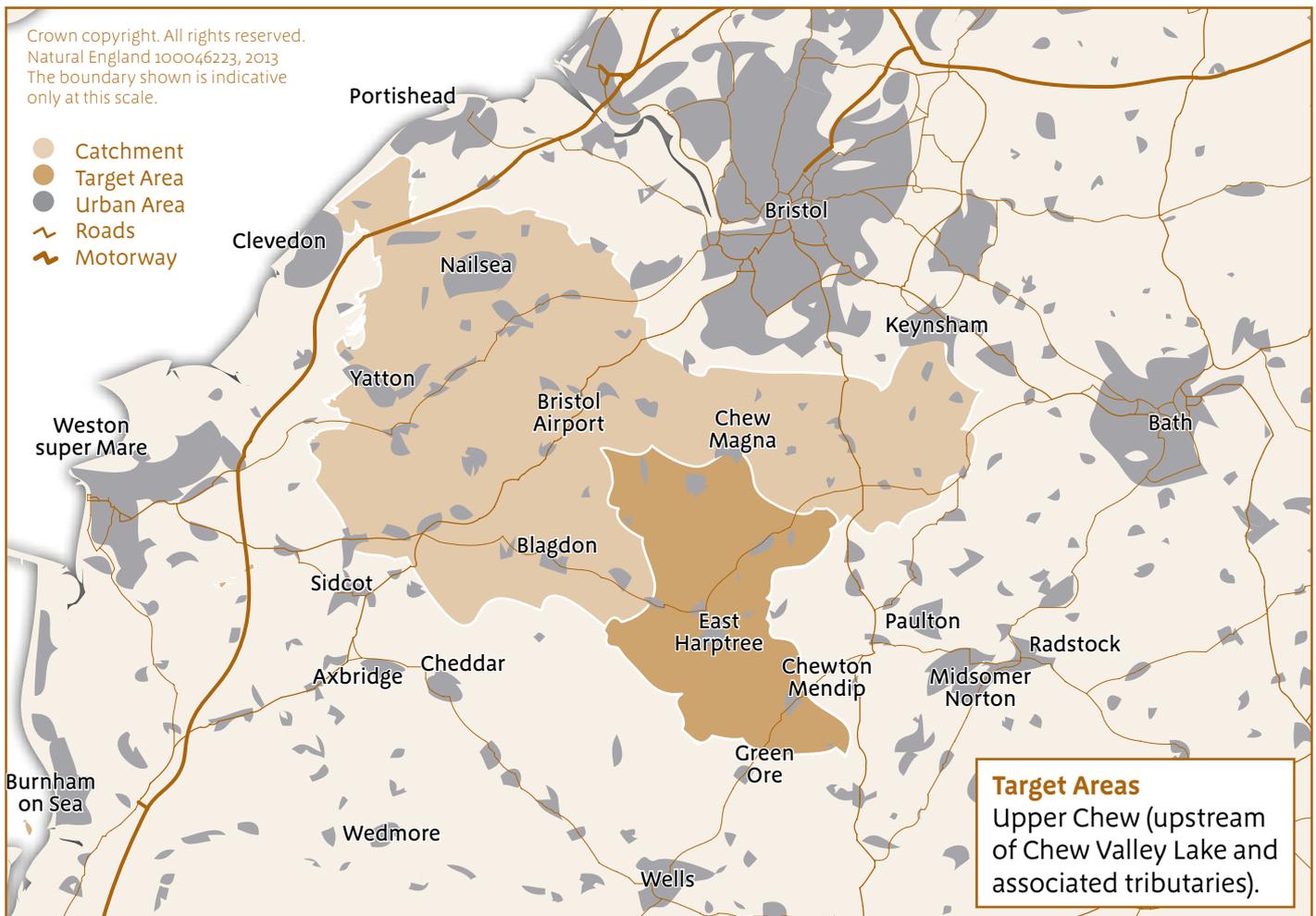
An application is classed as in target if more than 50% of the proposed capital items, are within the target area.

If you are unsure if you would be classed as in target please contact your CSFO to confirm, before submitting an application.

Please see indicative map for target area boundaries.

Detailed maps for individual catchments must be viewed on the MAGIC website at http://magic.defra. gov.uk/MagicMap.aspx. From this link tick the 'I Agree to the Terms...' tick box and click OK. Then in the 'Table of Contents' select the 'Designations › Land-Based Designations › Non-statutory' tick box. Then in the 'Map Search' text box select 'Postcodes' from the dropdown list, then enter your postcode into the text box.

This will load a map that will show if your land is in a priority catchment and target area. You may need to turn off some of the other designations using the 'Table of Contents' buttons next to the map to see your land area more clearly.

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The boundary shown is indicative only at this scale.

Catchment
Target Area
Urban Area
Roads
Motorway

Portishead
Bristol
Clevedon
Nailsea
Keynsham
Yatton
Bristol Airport
Chew Magna
Bath
Weston super Mare
Blagdon
Sidcot
East Harptree
Paulton
Radstock
Axbridge
Cheddar
Chewton Mendip
Midsomer Norton
Green Ore
Burnham on Sea
Wedmore
Wells

Target Areas
Upper Chew (upstream of Chew Valley Lake and associated tributaries).

Capital Items

In this catchment we are particularly interested in funding applications which aim to:

- Protect drinking water supply and reduce levels of nutrients and pesticides in catch waters of Chew Valley Lake;
- Reduce levels of diffuse agricultural pollution arising from livestock and arable farming;
- Minimise sources of run-off and soil-wash entering watercourses;
- Prevent pathways for run-off;
- Protect receiver watercourses;
- Improve bathing waters that are failing standards because of Faecal Indicator Organisms (FIOs).

The following priority capital items (Item code in brackets) will assist in delivering these aims and will be favoured in the grant application process (not listed in order of priority):

- Watercourse fencing (CSF003)
- Ram pumps and associated pipework (CSF009)
- Livestock drinking trough with associated pipework (CSF010)
- Cross drains (CSF011)
- Yard works for clean and dirty water separation (CSF014)
- Rainwater storage tanks (CSF017)
- Livestock and machinery tracks and associated livestock fencing (CSF021)
- Pesticide handling and biobed options (CSF022)
- Roofing of manure storage and livestock gathering areas (CSF023)
- Roofs for slurry and silage stores (CSF026)

Prioritisation Criteria

Funding is limited and if the total amount of grant applied for by all applicants exceeds the available budget, grants will be allocated to those applications which:

- Include high priority capital items,
- Have not previously received a CSF capital grant,
- Are in a bathing water priority catchment,
- Have already engaged with CSF or CSF partnerships in the last two years prior to submission of application. For example, attended a CSF organised event or workshop and/or received 1:1 advice and a farm visit from a local Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer (CSFO), CSF contractor or catchment partnership partner/contractor.

These additional criteria will ensure that grants are awarded to only those applications which best meet the scheme's priorities, and allow some differentiation between applications to give more opportunity to farmers who have not had grants before.

For full details see the 'Additional Scoring Criteria' in the 'Key dates, information and changes' leaflet.

Further Information

For further information and advice, please contact your Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer or Catchment Partnership coordinator:

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