The funding made available by the partnerships for projects in their area, in particular in Leicestershire.

LSEP's project funding for 2004/05 is £7.53m. 31% of this is spent entirely within the County, 36% in the City and 33% across the sub regional area as a whole.

Approximately £1.25m of LSEP funds (17% of its budget) is invested specifically in supporting rural communities, market towns and rural employers.

The Chief Executive of the Welland Partnership informed the Commission that the partnership did not keep a record of the geographic distribution of spending.