

Expression of interest window dates November 2023

Scheme	Summary	Window dates
Woodland Creation Planning Scheme	<p>The Woodland Creation Planning Scheme offers grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 to develop plans for new woodland creation. After a plan is successfully verified by NRW, it will be eligible for Welsh Government funding for tree planting and fencing (Woodland Creation Grant).</p> <p>More information can be found at the following link: https://gov.wales/woodland-creation-plan-scheme</p>	Open throughout the year (subject to budget)
Peatland Development Grant	<p>To reverse habitat loss and improve the condition of Welsh peatlands we have capital development grants of between £10,000-£30,000 available. The development grant will enable individuals and organisations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explore if their peatland restoration project is feasible • develop a costed peatland restoration project by January 2025 that has a realistic chance of delivery • gather the information they will need to apply for future delivery grant funding rounds <p>Project priorities All projects will need to address one or more of the <u>National Peatland Action Programme priorities</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peatland erosion • Peatland drainage • Sustainable management of blanket peats • Sustainable management of lowland peats • The restoration of afforested peatlands • The gradual restoration of our highest carbon emitting peatlands <p>The peatland must also be in Wales - for any cross-border proposals, we'll consider only the Welsh element. You can apply for between £10,000 to £30,000 of funding. You can ask for up to 100% of your project costs. Successful projects can start from 1 April 2024 and must be completed - and the final claim submitted - by 15 January 2025.</p> <p>All queries about the grants and application process should be directed to grants.enquiries@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk.</p> <p>More Information: https://naturalresources.wales/about-us/grants-and-funding/peatland-development-grant/?lang=en</p>	13th October 2023 - 15th January 2024
Growing for the Environment	This application window supports the establishment of a range of spring and summer sown crops which can result in	6th November 2023 - 15th December 2023

<p>(Spring and Summer crops)</p>	<p>improvements in the environmental performance of a farm business. These include mixed leys, protein crops and unsprayed cereals. The full list of eligible crops and requirements have been specified along with a standard payment per hectare.</p> <p>The indicative budget allocation for this application window is £1.9m</p> <p>The maximum grant award is £5,000.</p> <p>The minimum grant award is equivalent to the payment rate for 1 ha of eligible crop.</p> <p>Your application may exceed the maximum grant. If your EoI is selected, the related claim will be capped to the maximum £5,000.</p> <p>The minimum area that can be applied for is 1 ha of crops. The 1 ha minimum area can consist of an accumulation of smaller areas in more than one field parcel, providing the contributing area does not fall below 0.10 ha in size in any individual field parcel.</p> <p>Applicants can split the minimum 1ha area across one or more land parcels.</p> <p>For more information: https://www.gov.wales/growing-for-the-environment</p>	
<p>Small Grants - Yard Coverings</p>	<p>The Small Grants – Yard Coverings scheme is a capital scheme designed to support farmers in Wales to improve on-farm nutrient management by investing in existing on-farm infrastructure.</p> <p>Support is provided to separate rainwater and slurry from areas such as livestock feeding and gathering areas, manure storage areas and slurry/silage stores.</p> <p>The objectives are to increase on-farm investment, increase technical performance, increase on-farm production efficiencies and increase on-farm resource efficiencies.</p> <p>The indicative budget allocation for this application window is £3,000,000.</p> <p>The maximum grant award is £12,000 and the minimum is £3,000.</p> <p>The grant provides a maximum 40% contribution towards standard costed capital investments (excluding VAT), which has been pre-identified as offering clear and quantifiable benefits to farm businesses.</p> <p>Your application may exceed the maximum grant. If your EOI is selected, the related claim will be capped to the maximum £12,000.</p> <p>If you have previously applied for Farm Business Grant Yard Coverings, the total grant received will not count towards the maximum grant available through the Small Grants – Yard Coverings scheme. All eligible applicants have £12,000 maximum grant available to them.</p> <p>For more information: https://www.gov.wales/small-grants-yard-coverings</p>	<p>6th November 2023 - 15th December 2023</p>

<p>Horticulture Development Scheme</p>	<p>The Horticulture Development Scheme is a Capital grant scheme available to existing commercial horticultural producers across Wales. The aim of the scheme is to: support existing commercial horticultural producers to develop their businesses through investment in new equipment and technology that offer clear and quantifiable benefits to the horticultural enterprise. enable horticultural businesses to sustainably expand production, diversify into new crops, improve production efficiency and enhance product quality. enable horticultural producers to enter new markets, increase local employment and support the rural economy as part of the green recovery from Covid-19. The scheme is discretionary. The amount of grant offered would relate to individual circumstances and would always be the minimum amount necessary to allow the investments to go ahead. The indicative budget allocation for this application window is £1m. The maximum grant award is £100,000 and the minimum is £3,000. The grant provides a maximum 40% contribution towards capital investments in equipment and machinery, (excluding VAT) which can be demonstrated as offering clear and quantifiable benefits to horticulture enterprises. Your application may exceed the maximum grant, if selected, the related claim is capped to the maximum £100,000. For more information: https://www.gov.wales/horticulture-development-scheme</p>	<p>6th November 2023 - 12th January 2024</p>
<p>Agricultural Diversification Scheme</p>	<p>The Agricultural Diversification Scheme is a capital grant scheme available to farmers in Wales. The objectives of the scheme are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support the establishment of new viable agricultural diversification enterprises on farms. • support the development of existing novel or niche enterprises. • build resilience into Welsh agriculture by developing diversified income streams. • reduce the reliance on traditional agricultural enterprises. • respond to new market opportunities and develop new markets. <p>Support is provided for projects that meet the following criteria only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the development of existing, or establishment of new agricultural livestock enterprises that are not traditional enterprises in Wales <p>Traditional enterprises are considered to be: beef, sheep, dairy (cow), pig and poultry enterprises and would not be supported, this includes rare breeds and pedigree livestock.</p>	<p>6th November 2023 - 12th January 2024</p>

	<p>An example of an eligible project would be capital investments towards the development or establishment of a sheep or goat milking enterprise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the growing of novel or alternative crops <p>The growing of traditional arable or horticulture crops would not be supported.</p> <p>An example of an eligible project would be capital investments towards the development or establishment of an enterprise to grow plants for fibre, energy or medicinal purposes.</p> <p>Specialised equipment required for establishment, harvesting and storage of the new crop would be eligible, as well as seeds and plants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supporting investment to enable farmers to add value to an agricultural product or by-products <p>An example of an eligible project would be adding value through the on-farm processing of food, the processing of wool, waste products or straw.</p> <p>The indicative budget allocation for this application window is £1m.</p> <p>The maximum grant award is £100,000 and the minimum is £3,000.</p> <p>The grant provides a maximum 40% contribution towards capital investments (excluding VAT), which can be demonstrated as offering clear and quantifiable benefits to farm businesses.</p> <p>For more information: https://www.gov.wales/agriculture-diversification-scheme</p>	
<p>Food Business Accelerator Scheme</p>	<p>Support under this scheme covers tangible and/or intangible investments in processing activities which offer clear and quantifiable benefits to the food and drink industry in Wales and its supply chains.</p> <p>You are eligible to apply if:</p> <p>You are a VAT Registered businesses involved in primary and/or secondary processing of agricultural and non-agricultural products, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • private and public limited companies • Sole Traders and Partnerships • farm businesses to process agricultural products • new businesses, including established businesses starting a new diversification and start-up businesses. • non-profit companies, co-operatives, community, public and voluntary sector organisations <p>Eligible Costs</p> <p>Support under this scheme can cover tangible assets such as purchasing and/or developing land, buildings, machinery and equipment and intangible assets such as computer software, patent rights and licences and technical and consultancy fees, subject to limitations.</p>	<p>Opened on 17th November 2022 and a selection will be carried out every 4 weeks to invite successful beneficiaries to submit a full application. The window will remain open until the budget allocation has been reached.</p>

The maximum grant threshold per enterprise for any individual investment project is **£5,000,000**.

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More information:

<https://gov.wales/food-business-accelerator-scheme-guidance-html>