

## Expression of interest window dates May 2024

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:  <a href="https://gov.wales/woodland-creation-plan-scheme">https://gov.wales/woodland-creation-plan-scheme</a></p>	Open throughout the year (subject to budget)
Small Grants - Woodland Creation	<p>Small Grants – Woodland Creation is a scheme aimed at farmers and other land managers to encourage planting of small areas of trees on land which is agriculturally improved or low environmental value in Wales.</p> <p>Funding is available for tree planting to create shelterwoods, alongside watercourses, and in field corners or small fields for stock shelter, biodiversity and woodfuel. Small Grants – Woodland Creation also offers 12 years of payments for Maintenance and Premium payment in respect of the new planting.</p> <p>Livestock and deer fencing and gates for public access are also included. The application process provides a way of ensuring planting proposals meet the <a href="#">UK Forestry Standard</a> (UKFS) requirements without the need for verification of a woodland creation plan by NRW.</p> <p>Funding is available for planting areas between 0.1ha and 1.99ha.            More information:  <a href="https://www.gov.wales/small-grants-woodland-creation">https://www.gov.wales/small-grants-woodland-creation</a></p>	20th May 2024 - 20th June 2024
Growing for the Environment (Autumn sowing)	<p>Growing for the Environment is a grant scheme available to all eligible farmers in Wales. The scheme supports the growing and utilisation of crops, which can result in improvements in the environmental performance of a farm business.</p> <p>The scheme objectives are to support farmers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce carbon and greenhouse gas emissions.</li> <li>• Adapt to climate change and build greater resilience into farm businesses.</li> <li>• Improve water quality and reduce flood risks.</li> <li>• Contribute towards a reversal in the decline of Wales’ native biodiversity</li> </ul> <p>Crops and activity supported through the Growing for the Environment scheme have been pre-identified as offering clear and quantifiable benefits to the environment and farm business.            The maximum grant award is <b>£5,000</b>.</p> <p>The minimum grant award is <b>equivalent to the payment rate for 1 ha of eligible crop</b>.</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>	3rd June 2024 - 12th July 2024

	<p>The minimum area that can be applied for is 1 ha of crops. The 1 ha minimum area can be comprised 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 visit  <a href="https://www.gov.wales/growing-for-the-environment">https://www.gov.wales/growing-for-the-environment</a></p>	
Small Grants Environment – Carbon	<p>A grant for activities that farmers can do to reduce their carbon footprint.</p> <p>The Small Grants - Environment selection process assesses each capital works project submitted by farming businesses through the EoI. A score will be assigned for each capital works project and its ability to deliver an outcome towards the Small Grants - Environment objectives within the theme.</p> <p>The highest scoring capital works projects will be selected and land managers or farm businesses will be notified which capital works project has been successful up to a maximum of £7,500 per CRN, per EoI window</p> <p>The theme of this Small Grants – Environment Window is ‘Carbon’, and the available activities have been chosen for their ability to contribute to enhancing landscape features, improving biodiversity, sequestering carbon and providing habitat for pollinator insect species.</p> <p>More information:  <a href="https://www.gov.wales/small-grants-environment">https://www.gov.wales/small-grants-environment</a></p>	20th May 2024 - 28th June 2024
Small Grants - Yard Coverings	<p>A grant for equipment to improve nutrient management on a farm. Only items included on the List of Eligible Capital Items will attract funding.</p> <p>Purchased items must meet or exceed the minimum specification described.</p> <p>The maximum grant award is £12,000 and the minimum is £3,000. 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. All eligible applicants have £12,000 maximum grant available to them.</p> <p>Further details on the standard costs and specifications for eligible items and scheme details can be found at:  <a href="https://www.gov.wales/small-grants-yard-coverings">https://www.gov.wales/small-grants-yard-coverings</a></p>	20th May 2024 - 28th June 2024
Woodland Creation Grant	<p>The Woodland Creation Grant grant provides financial support for creating larger areas of woodland or small areas not suitable for the Small Grants - Woodland Creation Scheme.</p> <p>The minimum area of land for an application is 0.25ha. There is no maximum area.</p> <p>The scheme provides funding for the planting of trees and the installation of fencing and gates.</p> <p>It also offers 12 years of maintenance and premium payments (compensation for loss of agricultural income).</p>	4th March 2024 - 22nd November 2024

	<p>Planting trees under the scheme will not affect Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) payments or land eligibility.</p> <p>More information:</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.wales/woodland-creation-grant">https://www.gov.wales/woodland-creation-grant</a></p>	
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