Expression of interest window dates November 2024

Scheme	Summary	Window dates
Woodland Creation Planning Scheme	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).	Open throughout the year (subject to budget)
	More information can be found at the following link: https://gov.wales/woodland-creation-plan-scheme	
Woodland Creation Grant	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. The minimum area of land for an application is 0.25ha. There is no maximum area. The scheme provides funding for the planting of trees and the installation of fencing and gates. It also offers 12 years of maintenance and premium payments (compensation for loss of agricultural income). Planting trees under the scheme will not affect Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) payments or land eligibility. More information: <u>https://www.gov.wales/woodland-creation-grant</u>	4th March 2024 - 13th December 2024
Woodland Restoration Scheme	 WRS provides capital works for restocking, fencing and associated operations on sites where there is larch and up to 50% non-larch species. Recognising the impact Phytophthora ramorum has on harvesting timber from young larch, for this window WG are including the option to apply for grant funding towards the felling of young larch (under 25 years old). You cannot apply for funding towards the felling of any non-larch species. The budget available for this Expression of Interest (EOI) window is £1 Million. To be eligible to submit an EOI, you must be able to adhere to the following dates: submit your Online EOI with supporting Felling Licence, Felling Licence application with number or SPHN between 11 November 2024 to 28 February 2025 respond to regular selection results - the first will be 9 December 2024 complete all establishment and capital works and submit all claims for payment by 31 March 2026 	11th November 2024 to 28th February 2025
	https://www.gov.wales/woodland-restoration-scheme-11-november- 2024-28-february-2025	
Growing for the Environment	This application window supports the establishment of a range of spring and summer sown crops which can result in improvements in the environmental performance of a farm business.	4th November 2024 to 13th

	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. More information: <u>https://www.gov.wales/growingfortheenvironment</u>	December 2024
Small Grants Horticulture Start Up	A scheme to support new entrants to establish new commercial horticulture enterprises. The grant available for each applicant is £3,000, awarded in the form of working capital. More information: <u>https://gov.wales/small-grants-horticulture-start-up</u>	4th November 2024 to 10th January 2025
Agricultural Diversification and Horticulture Scheme	 The indicative budget allocation for this application window is £1.5m. Agricultural Diversification and Horticulture is a capital grant scheme available to farmers and existing horticultural producers in Wales. The objectives of the scheme are to: support the development and establishment of agricultural diversification enterprises on farms. support the development and establishment of commercial horticultural enterprises. 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. If selected, you must be able to complete and claim all Capital Works items by 31 March 2026 For more information: <u>https://www.gov.wales/agricultural-diversification-horticulture-scheme</u> 	4th November 2024 to 17th January 2025