Expression of interest window dates September 2023

Please note that the application windows for the Horticulture Development, Agricultural Diversification, Growing for the Environment (Spring crops) and Yard Covering schemes which were all due to have opened in September, October or November, have been postponed whilst the 2024/25 budgets are reviewed across Welsh Government.

Scheme	Summary	Window dates
NRW Sustainable drainage feasibility grant	This grant is to support the development of small, local sustainable urban drainage schemes that would manage rainwater etc. Up to £450,000 is available to allow applicants to undertake feasibility studies with the potential to develop schemes using future grants. NRW is currently looking to support projects between £25,000 - £40,000. Further information:	Closes 25th September 2023
	https://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/about-us/grants-and-funding/sustainable-drainage-feasibility-grant/?lang=en	
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	
Small Grants – Environment (Water)	A scheme to support a range of land management interventions and provide capital support for on-farm environmental improvements to enhance the quality of Wales' natural resources.	21st August 2023 - 29th September 2023
	It is a standalone scheme providing a maximum of £7,500 funding per window for Capital Works Projects.	
	This round will address the theme of Water.	
	Land parcels already under Glastir contracts will not be eligible.	
	More information: https://gov.wales/small-grants-environment	
Horticulture Development Scheme	The Horticulture Development scheme is a Capital grant scheme available to existing commercial horticultural producers across Wales. The aim of the scheme is to:	To be confirmed
	 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.

More Information can be found using the following link: https://www.gov.wales/horticulture-development-scheme

Food Business Accelerator Scheme

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.

You are eligible to apply if:

You are a **VAT Registered businesses** involved in primary and/or secondary processing of agricultural and non-agricultural products, such as:

- 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

Eligible Costs

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.

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

The minimum grant threshold per enterprise for any individual investment project is £20,000.

More information:

https://gov.wales/food-business-accelerator-schemequidance-html 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.