

Expression of interest window dates October 2022

Scheme	Summary	Window dates
Glastir Derogations	<p>Any farmer having difficulty meeting the requirements of their Glastir contract may request a derogation using their RPW Online account.</p> <p>A request for a derogation may be submitted for any option within a Glastir contract and will be considered on a case by case basis.</p> <p>Details of the option and field number should be provided, along with as much information as possible regarding the circumstances leading to the request. Supporting documentation may be required and requested in certain circumstances, depending on the nature of the request.</p> <p>HOWEVER, as things stand they will have to forfeit the relevant payment on that parcel.</p>	
Woodland Creation Planning Scheme	<p>The Woodland Creation Planning Scheme offers grants of between £1000 and £5000 to develop plans for new woodland creation.</p> <p>After a plan is successfully verified by NRW it will be eligible for Welsh Government funding for tree planting.</p> <p>More information here: https://gov.wales/woodland-creation-plan-scheme</p> <p>The design of the scheme is based on the pilot which was run last year. The scheme will be open throughout the year (subject to budget) with applications selected every 6 weeks.</p> <p>Funding for woodland creation will be available from August 2022, with windows opening every 3 months from then onwards (subject to budget).</p>	Open until 31st December 2022
Horticulture Development	<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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p> <p>More information: https://gov.wales/horticulture-development-scheme</p>	5th December 2022 - 10th March 2023

<p>Growing for the Environment (Spring sown crops)</p>	<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">• Reduce carbon and greenhouse gas emissions.• Adapt to climate change and build greater resilience into farm businesses.• Improve water quality and reduce flood risks.• Contribute towards a reversal in the decline of Wales' native biodiversity <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 £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 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. Applicants can split the minimum 1ha area across one or more land parcels.</p> <p>The indicative budget allocation for this application window is £1.3m</p> <p>More information:</p> <p>https://gov.wales/growing-for-the-environment</p>	<p>10th October - 18th November 2022</p>
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<p>Agricultural Diversification Scheme</p>	<p>The indicative budget allocation for this application window is £1.5m.</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>The scheme will provide capital grants to help the establishment or development of agricultural diversification projects including the growing of novel or alternative crops, adding value to non-food agricultural products or by-products and livestock enterprises that are not traditional enterprises in Wales, for example sheep or goat milking.</p> <p>More information:</p> <p>https://gov.wales/agriculture-diversification-scheme</p>	<p>10th October 2022 to 13th January 2023</p>
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IMPORTANT

There will be no extensions to the claim deadlines for any of the above schemes due to budget allocation constraints. Consequently, the Welsh Government is allowing people to place orders for items once they have received an offer of a contract and before accepting the contract.

They advise that orders or at least enquiries are made during this period to check if items will be delivered in time or work completed within the timescale. If it can't be and written evidence is provided to confirm the reasons why, applicants can withdraw from the scheme and will not be excluded from future rounds.

If they accept the contract and then can't meet the conditions within the relevant timescale they could be excluded from future rounds of the scheme.