

Expression of interest window dates September 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
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 of 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 Grant – Woodland Creation also offers 12 years of payments for Maintenance and Premium payment in respect of the new planting. The application process provides a way of ensuring planting proposals meet the UK Forestry Standard (UKFS) requirements without the need for verification of a woodland creation plan by NRW. Funding is available for planting areas between 0.1ha and 1.99ha.</p> <p>This scheme offers support for planting on the low sensitivity area shown on the Woodland Opportunities Map (WOM) only. This excludes priority habitats as well as land above the upper limit of enclosure and common land due to potential landscape impact and other complexities. You should check that the areas you are proposing are in the low sensitivity area before going any further. If they are not you will be ineligible for the Small Grants – Woodland</p>	30th August 2022 - 14th October 2022

	<p>Creation scheme and will need to apply to the Woodland Creation Planning Scheme.</p> <p>More information: https://gov.wales/small-grants-woodland-creation-technical-guidance</p>	
Small Grants - Environment	<p>Funding of up to £7,500 available for land managers and farming businesses in Wales for projects with beneficial environmental outcomes.</p> <p>The objectives of the scheme are to support the delivery of projects which benefit the environment under the themes of carbon, water, and landscape and pollinators.</p> <p>More information: https://gov.wales/small-grants-environment</p>	24th August 2022 - 5th October 2022
National Forest for Wales - The Woodland Investment Grant (TWIG)	<p>The scheme is once again open to landowners and managers, including not-for-profit organisations. It will provide support for people to create new woodlands and/or enhance and expand existing woodlands in accordance with the UK Forestry Standard.</p> <p>Grants of £40,000 to £250,000 and up to 100% capital and revenue funding.</p> <p>Full details can be found here.</p> <p>All projects that involve woodland creation over two hectares need to apply to the Welsh Government's Woodland Creation Planning Scheme before applying for TWIG grant funding.</p>	Project Enquiry Form closes 14th October 2022
Growing for the Environment (Spring sown crops)	<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>More information:</p>	10th October - 18th November 2022

	https://gov.wales/growing-for-the-environment	
Woodland Creation Grant	<p>The Woodland Creation Grant (WCG) offers funding for tree planting and fencing to farmers and land managers. There are also maintenance and premium payments to ensure the trees are established.</p> <p>The WCG is available on RPW online to farmers and landowners who have a woodland creation plan, approved by the Welsh Government, following successful application to either the Woodland Creation Pilot Planning scheme or Woodland Creation Planning scheme only.</p> <p>The first application window will open on 30 August 2022 and close on 14 October 2022 for selected planting and capital works to be completed and claimed by 31 March 2023.</p> <p>The scheme will then open for applications every 3 months. The next window is anticipated to open in December 2022 for planting in the 2023/ 2024 planting season. There is no limit to the number of applications you may submit to the Woodland Creation Grant however you may only submit one application per application window.</p> <p>The minimum area for an application is 0.25ha of approved planting and there is no maximum area. Funding is available for four woodland categories. You can also claim funding for fencing at an increased rate of £5.56/metre.</p> <p>The indicative budget allocation for this application window is £1 million.</p> <p>More information:</p> <p>https://gov.wales/woodland-creation-grant-rules-booklet</p>	30th August 2022 - 14th October 2022
Nature Networks Fund (Round Two)	<p>Grants are available for individuals/organisations who need funding for a nature-based project which is ready to start, with grants between £30,000 and £1 million. The project should focus on improving wildlife and biodiversity in protected sites (SAC, SPA & SSSI's).</p> <p>More information:</p> <p>https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/nature-networks-fund-round-two</p>	18 August - 19 October 2022 for grants between £30,000 and £250,000 EOI deadline for grants between £250,000 and £1 million: 20 September 2022
Agricultural Diversification Scheme	<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>	10th October 2022 to 31st January 2023

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.