

## Expression of interest window dates February 2023

Scheme	Summary	Window dates
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"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Enable horticultural businesses to sustainably expand production, diversify into new crops, improve production efficiency and enhance product quality.</li> <li>• Enable horticultural producers to enter new markets. Increase local employment and support the rural economy as part of the green recovery from Covid-19.</li> </ul> <p>The scheme is discretionary. The amount of grant offered would relate to individual circumstances and would always be the <b>minimum amount necessary</b> to allow the investments to go ahead.</p> <p>More information:  <a href="https://gov.wales/horticulture-development-scheme">https://gov.wales/horticulture-development-scheme</a></p>	5th December 2022 - 10th March 2023
Small Grants - Woodland Creation Scheme	<p>For small areas of tree planting under 2 hectares. This scheme is aimed at farmers and other landowners to encourage planting of small areas of trees on land which is agriculturally improved or of low environmental value in Wales, therefore applications will not need a woodland creation plan verified by NRW.</p> <p>The scheme offers no loss of Basic Payment Scheme, 12 years of maintenance and premium payments, alongside an increased fencing rate of £5.56/m.</p> <p>More information can be found at the following link:  <a href="https://gov.wales/small-grants-woodland-creation">https://gov.wales/small-grants-woodland-creation</a></p>	<p>13th February 2023 - 24th March 2023</p> <p>Further windows for applications will open 22nd May and 21st August 2023</p>
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)

<p>Woodland Creation Grant</p>	<p>For larger schemes (however the minimum area is only 0.25ha made up of parcels which are a minimum of 0.1ha) and those which do not qualify for the Small Grants – Woodland Creation Scheme.</p> <p>A woodland creation plan is required in advance. Funding is available through the Woodland creation Planning Scheme.</p> <p>The scheme offers no loss of Basic Payment Scheme, 12 years of maintenance and premium payments, alongside an increased fencing rate of £5.56/m.</p> <p>More information can be found at the following link: <a href="#">Woodland Creation Grant   Sub-topic   GOV.WALES</a></p>	<p>13th February 2023 - 24th March 2023</p> <p>(To be able to apply, you will need confirmation of a verified plan from NRW by 10th March 2023).</p> <p>Further windows for applications will open 22nd May and 21st August 2023</p>
<p>Small Grants – Horticulture Start Up</p>	<p>The Small Grants – Horticulture Start Up scheme is designed to support entry into the horticulture sector in Wales by encouraging the establishment of new commercial horticulture enterprises, either as a diversification within an existing agricultural business, or as stand-alone new enterprises. In doing so, it will help to deliver the Welsh Government’s ambition for a more prosperous, green and equal Wales.</p> <p>Funding will encourage the use of new and emerging technology, provide opportunities to create a diversified income stream for existing Welsh farm businesses, establish new rural enterprises and create employment opportunities.</p> <p>The Small Grant - Horticulture Start Up is available to individuals or businesses who wish to enter the commercial horticultural sector. The aims of the scheme are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• encourage the establishment of new commercial horticultural enterprises by offering seed funding in the form of a grant.</li> <li>• partially mitigate the financial risk of investing in a new enterprise.</li> <li>• attract more individuals to enter the sector.</li> <li>• encourage the use of new and emerging technology within horticultural businesses.</li> <li>• create a diversified income stream for existing Welsh farm businesses.</li> <li>• establish new rural enterprises, which can create employment, opportunities for growth and sustainable local food production.</li> <li>• respond to the Wales Community Food Strategy and encourage the supply of locally sourced food in Wales.</li> </ul> <p>Applicants if selected following EoI will need to demonstrate at full application their projects are viable proposals with the potential to develop into sustainable enterprises.</p> <p>More Information:  <a href="https://www.gov.wales/small-grants-horticulture-start-up">https://www.gov.wales/small-grants-horticulture-start-up</a></p>	<p>Opens 11th April 2023 - 20th May 2023</p>

<p>Food Business Accelerator Scheme</p>	<p>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.</p> <p><b>You are eligible to apply if:</b></p> <p>You are a <b>VAT Registered businesses</b> involved in primary and/or secondary processing of agricultural and non-agricultural products, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• private and public limited companies</li> <li>• Sole Traders and Partnerships</li> <li>• farm businesses to process agricultural products</li> <li>• new businesses, including established businesses starting a new diversification and start-up businesses.</li> <li>• non-profit companies, co-operatives, community, public and voluntary sector organisations</li> </ul> <p><b>Eligible Costs</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>The maximum grant threshold per enterprise for any individual investment project is <b>£5,000,000</b>.</p> <p>The minimum grant threshold per enterprise for any individual investment project is <b>£20,000</b>.</p> <p>More information:  <a href="https://gov.wales/food-business-accelerator-scheme-guidance-html">https://gov.wales/food-business-accelerator-scheme-guidance-html</a></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Small Grants Efficiency</p>	<p>A scheme to support investment into new equipment and technology to enhance the technical, financial and environmental performance of farm businesses.</p> <p>The minimum grant amount is £1,000 and the maximum is £12,000.</p> <p>A maximum of 40% contribution is available against actual invoiced costs.</p> <p>More information:  <a href="https://gov.wales/small-grants-efficiency">https://gov.wales/small-grants-efficiency</a></p>	<p>16th January 2023 to 24th February 2023</p>
<p>Small Grants – Environment (Hedgerow Creation)</p>	<p>This round of Small Grants - Environment will address the theme of Hedgerow creation.</p> <p>The Small Grants - Environment is a standalone scheme providing a maximum of £7,500 funding per window for Capital Works Projects. Land managers and farming businesses are selected for Small Grants - Environment following the submission of an Expression of Interest (EoI) to the Welsh Government. The EoI is scored on its ability to contribute towards delivering the aims of the Small Grants - Environment theme. Those with the ability to deliver the most towards the objectives of the theme are scored highest.</p> <p>More Information:  <a href="https://www.gov.wales/small-grants-environment">https://www.gov.wales/small-grants-environment</a></p>	<p>9th January 2023 - 3rd March 2023</p>