

Expression of interest window dates March 2023

Scheme	Summary	Window dates
<p>Small Grants - Woodland Creation Scheme</p>	<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: https://gov.wales/small-grants-woodland-creation</p>	<p>13th February 2023 - 24th March 2023</p> <p>Further windows for applications will open 22nd May and 21st August 2023</p>
<p>Woodland Creation Planning Scheme</p>	<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: https://gov.wales/woodland-creation-plan-scheme</p>	<p>Open throughout the year (subject to budget)</p>
<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: Woodland Creation Grant Sub-topic GOV.WALES</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">• encourage the establishment of new commercial horticultural enterprises by offering seed funding in the form of a grant.• partially mitigate the financial risk of investing in a new enterprise.• attract more individuals to enter the sector.• encourage the use of new and emerging technology within horticultural businesses.• create a diversified income stream for existing Welsh farm businesses.• establish new rural enterprises, which can create employment, opportunities for growth and sustainable local food production.• respond to the Wales Community Food Strategy and encourage the supply of locally sourced food in Wales. <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: https://www.gov.wales/small-grants-horticulture-start-up</p>	<p>11th April 2023 - 20th May 2023</p>
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<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>You are eligible to apply if:</p> <p>You are a VAT Registered businesses involved in primary and/or secondary processing of agricultural and non-agricultural products, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Eligible Costs</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 £5,000,000.</p> <p>The minimum grant threshold per enterprise for any individual investment project is £20,000.</p> <p>More information: https://gov.wales/food-business-accelerator-scheme-guidance-html</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>
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