

Expression of interest window dates March 2024

Scheme	Summary	Window dates
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: https://gov.wales/woodland-creation-plan-scheme</p>	Open throughout the year (subject to budget)
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 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 Grants – Woodland Creation also offers 12 years of payments for Maintenance and Premium payment in respect of the new planting.</p> <p>Livestock and deer fencing and gates for public access are also included. 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>More information: https://www.gov.wales/small-grants-woodland-creation</p>	4th March 2024 - 19th April 2024
Small Grants – Efficiency	<p>The Small Grants - Efficiency scheme is a capital scheme designed to help farmers in Wales to improve the technical, financial and environmental performance of their farm businesses.</p> <p>The objectives are to increase on-farm investment, increase technical performance, increase on-farm production efficiencies, increase on-farm resource efficiencies and enhance the use of technology to improve management decisions.</p> <p>The Small Grants – Efficiency scheme supports capital investments in equipment and technology that have been pre-identified as offering clear and quantifiable benefits to your farm business. The capital items have been specified, along with a referenced cost for each item.</p> <p>The maximum grant award is now £15,000 instead of £12,000. The minimum remains at £1,000.</p> <p>Even if you have previously had funding from the Farm Business Grant or a previous round of the SG Efficiency Scheme you can still apply for the full £15,000 during this application window.</p> <p>More information: https://www.gov.wales/small-grants-efficiency</p>	6th March 2024 - 16th April 2024
Woodland Creation Grant	The Woodland Creation Grant grant provides financial support for creating larger areas of woodland or small areas not suitable for the Small Grants - Woodland Creation Scheme.	4th March 2024 - 22nd November 2024

	<p>The minimum area of land for an application is 0.25ha. There is no maximum area.</p> <p>The scheme provides funding for the planting of trees and the installation of fencing and gates.</p> <p>It also offers 12 years of maintenance and premium payments (compensation for loss of agricultural income).</p> <p>Planting trees under the scheme will not affect Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) payments or land eligibility.</p>	
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More information:

<https://www.gov.wales/woodland-creation-grant>