

## Expression of interest window dates December 2023

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:  <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)
Peatland Development Grant	<p>To reverse habitat loss and improve the condition of Welsh peatlands we have capital development grants of between £10,000-£30,000 available.</p> <p>The development grant will enable individuals and organisations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• explore if their peatland restoration project is feasible</li> <li>• develop a costed peatland restoration project by January 2025 that has a realistic chance of delivery</li> <li>• gather the information they will need to apply for future delivery grant funding rounds</li> </ul> <p><b>Project priorities</b>            All projects will need to address one or more of the <u>National Peatland Action Programme priorities</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peatland erosion</li> <li>• Peatland drainage</li> <li>• Sustainable management of blanket peats</li> <li>• Sustainable management of lowland peats</li> <li>• The restoration of afforested peatlands</li> <li>• The gradual restoration of our highest carbon emitting peatlands</li> </ul> <p>The peatland must also be in Wales - for any cross-border proposals, we'll consider only the Welsh element.            You can apply for between £10,000 to £30,000 of funding.            You can ask for up to 100% of your project costs.            Successful projects can start from 1 April 2024 and must be completed - and the final claim submitted - by 15 January 2025.</p> <p>All <b>queries about the grants</b> and application process should be directed to <a href="mailto:grants.enquiries@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk">grants.enquiries@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p>More Information: <a href="https://naturalresources.wales/about-us/grants-and-funding/peatland-development-grant/?lang=en">https://naturalresources.wales/about-us/grants-and-funding/peatland-development-grant/?lang=en</a></p>	13th October 2023 - 15th January 2024
Horticulture Development Scheme	<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> <p>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.</p>	6th November 2023 - 12th January 2024

	<p>enable horticultural businesses to sustainably expand production, diversify into new crops, improve production efficiency and enhance product quality.</p> <p>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> <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>The indicative budget allocation for this application window is £1m. The maximum grant award is £100,000 and the minimum is <b>£3,000</b>. The grant provides a maximum 40% contribution towards capital investments in equipment and machinery, (excluding VAT) which can be demonstrated as offering clear and quantifiable benefits to horticulture enterprises.</p> <p>Your application may exceed the maximum grant, if selected, the related claim is capped to the maximum £100,000.</p> <p>For more information:  <a href="https://www.gov.wales/horticulture-development-scheme">https://www.gov.wales/horticulture-development-scheme</a></p>	
<p>Agricultural Diversification Scheme</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"> <li>• support the establishment of new viable agricultural diversification enterprises on farms.</li> <li>• support the development of existing novel or niche enterprises.</li> <li>• build resilience into Welsh agriculture by developing diversified income streams.</li> <li>• reduce the reliance on traditional agricultural enterprises.</li> <li>• respond to new market opportunities and develop new markets.</li> </ul> <p><b>Support is provided for projects that meet the following criteria only:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>the development of existing, or establishment of new agricultural livestock enterprises that are not traditional enterprises in Wales</b></li> </ul> <p>Traditional enterprises are considered to be: beef, sheep, dairy (cow), pig and poultry enterprises and would not be supported, this includes rare breeds and pedigree livestock.</p> <p>An example of an eligible project would be capital investments towards the development or establishment of a sheep or goat milking enterprise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>the growing of novel or alternative crops</b></li> </ul> <p>The growing of traditional arable or horticulture crops would not be supported.</p> <p>An example of an eligible project would be capital investments towards the development or establishment of an enterprise to grow plants for fibre, energy or medicinal purposes.</p>	<p>6th November 2023 - 12th January 2024</p>

	<p>Specialised equipment required for establishment, harvesting and storage of the new crop would be eligible, as well as seeds and plants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>supporting investment to enable farmers to add value to an agricultural product or by-products</b></li> </ul> <p>An example of an eligible project would be adding value through the on-farm processing of food, the processing of wool, waste products or straw.</p> <p>The indicative budget allocation for this application window is £1m. The maximum grant award is £100,000 and the minimum is £3,000. The grant provides a maximum 40% contribution towards capital investments (excluding VAT), which can be demonstrated as offering clear and quantifiable benefits to farm businesses.</p> <p>For more information:  <a href="https://www.gov.wales/agriculture-diversification-scheme">https://www.gov.wales/agriculture-diversification-scheme</a></p>	
<p>Small Grants – Environment</p>	<p>The Small Grants - Environment is a standalone scheme providing a maximum of £7,500 funding per window for Capital Works Projects. Set lists of Capital Works are available to support the delivery of beneficial environmental outcomes under the following three themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• carbon</li> <li>• water</li> <li>• landscape and pollinators.</li> </ul> <p>Further details are to be published around the theme of this round of Small Grants - Environment.</p> <p>For more information:  <a href="https://www.gov.wales/small-grants-environment">https://www.gov.wales/small-grants-environment</a></p>	<p>8th January 2024 - 16th February 2024</p>