Project Enquiry: The Woodland Investment Grant (round six)

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Submit a Project Enquiry before you apply for a TWIG (round six) grant from £10,000 to £250,000.

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The Project Enquiry is a **mandatory** step before proceeding to a full TWIG (round six) application.

We will use the information you provide to decide whether or not to invite you to submit a full application. An invitation to apply does not guarantee a grant from us in the future, but does indicate that we see potential in your initial proposals.

You must submit your Project Enquiry **by 12noon on 27 May 2025**.

Before submitting

- Please refer to the programme's application guidance.
- Explore our position and advice on using artificial intelligence (AI) tools in your Project Enquiry.

Project Enquiry questions

You can see the Project Enquiry questions here.

Have you spoken to anyone at the Heritage Fund about your idea?

If so, tell us their name. Tell us also if you have spoken to a National Forest for Wales Liaison Officer about your project.

What is the need for this project?

What is the need for this project in supporting the aims of The Woodland Investment Grant programme? Is there a particular risk to the site(s)?

Tell us about any consultation you have done with your local community or project partners.

You have 200 words.

Describe what you will do during the project.

Include any tasks you have to do to achieve the project goal. For example, describe what specific actions you will undertake in the restoration of woodland.

Tell us what stage you are at in planning the project, for example if you have completed an Environmental Impact Assessment, or if you have identified and applied for relevant permissions and consents.

You have 200 words.

Do you have a title for the project?

You must include the prefix #COED6 in your project title.

For example, #COED6 Woodland Restoration.

If invited to submit a full application, you can change your title but must still include the prefix.

Tell us about the heritage of the project.

For this programme, heritage refers to the site(s) the project will work on. Tell us:

- Where will the work take place?
- Who owns/manages the site(s)?
- What is the current condition of the woodland?
- Why is the site important? (for both biodiversity/wildlife and people).

You have 100 words.

Please outline how your project will respond to our four investment principles.

Tell us how you will meet the National Forest outcomes. For the TWIG programme, by meeting the three essential National Forest outcomes and any of the highly desirable outcomes that are relevant to your project, you are naturally meeting one or more of our investment principles. We have indicated below how the National Forest Outcomes align with the investment principles.

Saving heritage (essential): Explain how your project will result in good quality, well-designed and managed resilient woodlands (National Forest outcome 1).

Protecting the environment (highly desirable): Explain how your project will restore connectivity between woodland sites or support biodiversity (National Forest outcome 4), and how the actions you will take will mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Inclusion, access and participation (essential): Explain how your project will make woodlands more welcoming, accessible and attractive to visitors. How will communities be actively involved in the project? (National Forest outcomes 2 and 3).

Organisational sustainability (highly desirable): Explain how your project will a create multi-purpose site, for example being used for both recreation and local level enterprises. (National Forest outcome 5). Does your project include any elements that demonstrate learning, research and innovation? (National Forest outcome 6).

You have 300 words.

Who will be involved in the project?

Tell us about who will run the project, any partnerships and if people will volunteer on the project.

You have 100 words.

How long do you think the project will take?

Tell us an estimated start and end date. Note that projects cannot start before November 2025 and must conclude by 31 December 2027, including evaluation and reporting.

You have 50 words.

How much is the project likely to cost?

If you know, tell us about the most important costs, split into capital and revenue costs. These costs can be estimated.

You have 200 words.

How much funding are you planning to apply for from us?

£[enter amount]

How to submit

When you are ready, please complete the questions on our online service by 12noon on **27 May 2025**.

Before submitting, you will need to register an account for yourself and for the organisation you are applying for, or log in if you already have an account.

Hearing back from us

Once you have submitted an enquiry we will contact you in June to let you know the outcome. If your enquiry is successful, you will be invited to make a full application by the deadline of 12noon on **19 August 2025**.

Guidance updates

We will regularly review this guidance and respond to user feedback. We reserve the right to make changes as required. We will communicate any changes as quickly as possible via this webpage.