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A list of funding and grants for institutions to support the delivery of woodland creation as well as planning and design planning to support the Woodland Carbon Code registration. For additional support contact your [regional woodland officer](#).

Grant	Description	Eligibility	How to apply
Woodland Creation Planning Grant (WCPG)	<p>Provides funding to help cover the costs of producing a UK Forestry Standard (UKFS) compliant woodland creation design plan. WCPG is for planning only and does not provide approval to plant.</p> <p>The total amount of funding is capped at £30,000 per project. Stage 1 you can apply for £1,000 and Stage 2, you can get £150 per hectare (minus the £1,000 from stage 1).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Located in England 2) A minimum of five hectares or more in total size. If the proposed woodland is split into different blocks, each block must meet the definition of woodland set out by the National Forest Inventory: a minimum area of 0.5 hectares and a minimum width of 20 meters 3) Need a letter confirming that the landowner(s) support the application 	<p>Stage 1: You can apply for £1,000 to complete the Woodland Creation Design Plan Template. This is a desk-based exercise to identify the constraints and opportunities that may affect the proposed planting.</p> <p>Stage 2: You can get £150 per hectare, minus the £1,000 offered at stage 1, to complete stage 2 of the Woodland Creation Design Plan Template. You may get supplementary payments for specialist survey work if a need for them is identified at stage 1. If your application is under ten hectares in size, they will make a minimum payment of £500 for stage 2.</p> <p>Return the Woodland Creation Design Plan Template to: WCPG@forestrycommission.gov.uk</p>
England Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO)	<p>Landowners, land managers and public bodies can apply for the EWCO for support to create new woodland.</p> <p>You can receive over £10,000 per hectare.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Located in England 2) Within full management control of the applicant 3) Not already classified as woodland 4) Not subject to legal requirements or obligation 5) Not subject to disputes between landlords and tenants 	<p>Step 1: Contact your Woodland Creation Officer for eligibility.</p> <p>Step 2: Register with Rural Payments to get Single Business Identifier (SBI) and Customer Reference Number (CRN).</p> <p>Step 3: Make an application using the guidance.</p> <p>Step 4: Once your agreement is approved, you can claim your payment after you have completed the work.</p>

		6) Not currently within an existing grant agreement that has more than five months left	Step 5: The first five years of annual maintenance payment will be paid automatically. Years six to ten will need to be claimed again for payments.
Urban Tree Challenge Fund	<p>The funding provides standard costs for planting large trees and their establishment costs for three years following planting. As well as the cost of buying and planting, the cost of basic protection and labour require to plant it. There are establishment payments to support the cost of weeding, watering, and checking trees during a 3-year period.</p> <p>This is for anyone who wants to plant trees in urban or peri-urban areas.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Have full management or signed consent over the land for the duration of the agreement. 2) Applicants will need to register with Rural Payment to obtain a Single Business Identifier (SBI) and a Customer Reference Number (CRN) 3) Land must fall within an urban area, with a population of at least 2,000 people and a buffer of 1km to account for peri-urban planting. 	<p>The Urban Tree Challenge Fund is open for application but will take three to five months from submitting a valid and complete application to an agreement being offered. For 2024-2025 planting, applications need to be submitted by 30th June 2024.</p> <p>To apply, applicants will need to register with Rural Payments to obtain a Single Business Identifier (SBI).</p> <p><i>*Requirements are up-to-date as of January 2024.</i></p>
Community Forest - Trees for Climate	Your local community forest can provide initial advice and guidance with no obligation. Support with land assessment and planning, regulation and consideration of other complimentary grant funding that is available.	<p>The 13 Community Forest:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Forest of Marston Vale (Bedfordshire) 2) The Great Western Community Forest (North Wessex Downs to the River Thames) 3) The Greenwood Community Forest (West Nottinghamshire) 4) The Mersey Forest (Merseyside and North Cheshire) 5) City of Trees (Greater Manchester) 6) Forest of Avon Trust (Bristol, Bath and the West of England) 	

		<p>7) Forest of Mercia (Staffordshire and the West Midlands)</p> <p>8) Humber Forest (Kingston upon Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire)</p> <p>9) Thames Chase Community Forest (Brentwood, Barking and Dagenham, Havering, Thurrock and Essex)</p> <p>10) The White Rose Forest (Leeds city region, North and West Yorkshire)</p> <p>11) Plymouth and South Devon Community Forest (Plymouth and South Devon)</p> <p>12) North East Community Forest (Newcastle, Gateshead, North and South Tyneside, Sunderland and Durham)</p> <p>13) Cumbria Coastal Community Forest (Copeland, Barrow and Allerdale)</p>	
<p>The Woodland Trust – Schools and communities</p>	<p>Universities and colleges can apply for free tree packs to help plant trees.</p> <p>You can request up to four separate tree packs.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) If you are applying as an institution, the trees must be planted on either institution's grounds, land the institution has arranged regular access too or an area that is publicly accessible. 2) Tree pack application are for UK only. 3) You will need to provide the six-digit grid reference for the land. 4) Permission from the legal landowner. 	<p>Step 1: Fill out the application form, and choose the pack(s) from the list. The sampling pack of are 15, 30 (6-8m), 105 (20-25m), 420 (85-100m).</p> <p>Step 2: You will know if your application has been successful within approximately eight weeks.</p> <p>Deadline: November 2024 delivery of tree packs are expected to close in August or sooner depending on stock availability.</p> <p><i>*Requirements are up-to-date as of January 2024.</i></p>
<p>The National Highway's</p>	<p>This scheme engages with organisations and landowners to provide UK native trees</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The trees must be 'additional' to any contractual or legal restoration requirements. They 	<p>Complete the tree planting questionnaire. Applications will be continuous until the last planting season in 2028 to 2029. The status of the application will be informed within</p>

<p>trees planting scheme</p>	<p>grown peat free from a variety of seeds of UK provenance.</p>	<p>cannot be used to offset existing commitments.</p> <p>2) Applicants planting the trees in England only.</p> <p>3) The trees must provide a legacy for the future and cannot be planted for example as a biomass fuel source.</p>	<p>6 weeks. Successful applicants will be invited to the next stage. For more details visit here.</p>
<p>Earthwatch Europe – Tiny Forest</p>	<p>Working with the community and organisations to connect nature in their local areas in cities and urban areas to mitigate the impacts of climate change while providing educational resources.</p>	<p>Submit an enquiry form on their website of the following options that apply to you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have land and funds to establish a Tiny Forest - We have land to host a Tiny Forest, but needs funds to establish it. - We have funds to establish a Tiny Forrest, but need land to host it. - We do not have land or funds for a Tiny Forest, but would like to find out how to get involved 	

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