

FAQ's

Who can apply for a Farm Innovation Grant?	Anyone farming or managing land in the Anglian Water Region can apply. Applicants within our current priority focus areas will have a better chance of success.
How much can I apply for?	£7500
Can I apply for 100% funding for my project?	We won't fund 100% of a project and requests for 50% or less are more likely to be successful.
How does AW decide which bids are successful?	Every bid will be assessed by a minimum of 3 panel members, using standard criteria. These will include the amount requested, the impact on water quality, the connectivity to raw water sources for drinking water, innovation, area influenced, how learnings will be shared, potential risk to delivery and clear costings, as well as a detailed description of the project.
What about if I have had funding in the past?	You are still welcome to submit an application but it may be taken into account.
I have several projects in mind. Can I put in more than one application?	You can submit multiple applications, but the maximum combined funding to any business is limited to £7500.
When will I receive the grant money?	A payment schedule can be agreed which is appropriate to the project. In some cases we can provide a portion of the grant up-front to enable a project to begin but our preferred option is payment on completion, once evidence has been submitted. This will normally require evidence of a paid invoice.
I've already started a project. Can I still apply?	No. This funding is for new, innovative projects so must be agreed before a project begins.
Can I apply for a multi-year project?	Funds are only for the current financial year and can't be guaranteed in the future.
I am part of a cluster group and would like to submit a combined bid for all members. Am I still limited to £7500?	The limit for any bid is £7500 per business but if you talk to your local Catchment Advisor, there may be other opportunities for AW to support cluster groups. Individual members are welcome to submit their own bids.
Do I have to buy new machinery to be eligible for the grant?	No. We welcome bids for pre-used machines which demonstrates good value whilst not impacting the project.
Can I apply for a grant to concrete my yard?	No. We are looking for projects which demonstrate innovation, and there may be more appropriate funding streams available.
I'm not sure when I can start this project. Is there a time limit?	Evidence of project completion must be submitted by 31 st December 2024.