

Covid-19 Update – Countryside Productivity Small Grant Scheme Round 3 launched



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- The third round of the Small Grant Scheme for agriculture and horticulture is now open for applications
- Grants from a minimum of £3,000 to a maximum of £12,000 can be claimed for 40% of the published value for items on the list of options
- If you applied for Rounds 1 and/or 2, the grants received need to be deducted from the £12,000 maximum available. So, if that total is above £9000.01 you cannot apply again.

The promised third round for Countryside Productivity Small Grants (CPSG) has gone live now, with an application deadline of noon on November 4th.

Farmers and growers can apply for up to £12,000 of funding towards specific items of equipment. These items are to improve productivity, animal health and welfare or resource efficiency and include things such as high-tech cattle crushes, cluster flush systems, heat detection systems and tags, collars or anklets, heat recovery units, plate coolers and mobile calf milk pasteurisers.

A full list is available in Annex 3 of the Countryside Productivity Small Grants scheme handbook - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/countryside-productivity-small-grant-cpsg-scheme-round-3/annex-3-eligible-items-specification-and-standard-cost>

Applications are relatively easy to do via an online portal, you will need to fill in basic farm information and tick the items you wish to buy. No quotes are needed, you will receive a 40% grant of the Defra list price, or 50% in Cornwall, whether you spend more or less on the items. If it is not on the list, it is not available for grant aid.

Our top tips:

- Only tick items you will definitely buy, as you must then buy ALL of them to make a claim and can only submit one claim
- You must be able to source, install and pay in full for the items by March 31st 2021, showing payments on your bank statement, detailed invoices and photos as evidence of purchase.
- No HPs are allowed
- Do not pay cash or buy second-hand
- A grant is not available for replacement items
- All items must meet the minimum specification in the description
- Do not buy or place deposits for items before you have received and accepted your grant offer
- Do not leave it until the last minute, as you may get the chance to correct errors and resubmit if you need to and have left enough time.

It is important that you check the terms and conditions, as even a minor error will see your entire claim refused. Please read the handbook and further details here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/countryside-productivity-small-grant-cpsg-scheme-round-3>

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