

Calf Housing for Health and Welfare 2023



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The grant is available to build new, upgrade or replace existing calf housing buildings to deliver health and welfare benefits for calves up to 6 months old.

Grant funding available

The minimum grant you can apply for is £15,000 and the maximum grant is £500,000. Grants can cover a maximum rate of 40% of the eligible costs of a project. If rooftop solar PV panels are part of the project, the grant will only cover 25% of the eligible costs for these.

Calf housing specifications

The calf housing must be a permanent non-moveable building, securely attached to a foundation and intended for use for a minimum of 5 years.

Examples of eligible buildings include:

- A-frame buildings with 4 walls
- Mono-pitch buildings with 3 walls and one open side
- Permanent open-sided structures with igloos or hutches.

Requirements

- Calves must not be kept individually from 7 days old.
- Calves must not share an airspace with, or be downwind of, older cattle.
- There must be a minimum floor area of 3m² for calves under 100kg, 4m² for calves between 100kg and 150kg and 5m² for calves heavier than 150kg.
- There must be solid, concrete flooring.
- The housing must include sloped flooring with a 5% gradient, sloping towards a drain or drainage channel.
- There must be cereal straw bedding.
- Housing must have permanent external calf height walls to protect from draught.
- One enrichment item must be included for every pair or group.
- Housing must include temperature and humidity sensor data loggers.
- There must be fitted, artificial lighting at a minimum of 50 lumen for each square meter (lux)
- Housing to include at least 2 waterproof IP66 electrical sockets.
- Buildings must have a roof that is designed to support solar PV panels.

The full requirements can be found [HERE](#).

Application process

Stage 1: Online checker – expected to be open later this summer.

Stage 2: Ambient Environment Assessment. If eligible, you will need to complete a Ambient Environment Assessment form, detailing the design and specifications of the proposed project.

Stage 3: Full application

Full details of the application process can be found [HERE](#).

For further discussion or to help with any questions that you may have, please contact us on enquiries@kiteconsulting.com or 01902 851007

