



# Woodland Creation Planning Fund

## Scheme Guidance 2021-2022

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### 1. Scheme Objectives

The aim of this fund is to contribute to the costs of developing a woodland creation proposals within the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park.

### 2. Priority Outcomes

This funding is to encourage appropriate woodland creation proposals within target areas identified in the [Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Trees and Woodland Strategy](#) using one or more of the following woodland creation options in the [Scottish Forestry Grant Scheme](#):

- Native Upland Birch,
- Native Broadleaves,
- Native Low-density Broadleaves,
- Native Scots Pine, and
- Productive Broadleaves (subject to appropriate species choice).

### 3. Eligibility

The financial contribution can be applied for by owners or tenants (or their agents) of land in the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park.

### 4. Conditions

The financial support contributes towards all or some of the costs reasonably incurred in the development of a woodland creation proposal such as surveys (such as habitat, peat depth, soil), planting options and landscape assessments undertaken to assess potential woodland creation sites. This work should provide the information required to develop a proposal suitable for a FGS application.

- Proposed woodlands **less than 10ha** could receive a **maximum grant of £1,500** (inclusive of any irrecoverable VAT).
- Proposed woodlands **greater than 10ha** could receive a **maximum grant of £3,000** (inclusive of any irrecoverable VAT).

Surveys need to be completed in line with requirements as per Forestry Grant Scheme Application Guidance - you may also wish to discuss the FGS proposal with Scottish Forestry in line with [their due diligence process](#). The details of the proposed surveys should be agreed with the NPA Fund Officer.

It will not support surveys which have already been carried out or any surveys associated with a compensatory woodland creation proposal.

## 5. Assessment

Funding support will be assessed on how the proposed scheme helps to deliver the objectives as set out in the [Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Trees and Woodland Strategy](#).

In addition, the funding support will be judged against the extent to which the proposed scheme may contribute towards the creation/expansion of key habitats:

- Woodland Habitat Networks
- Riparian Woodland
- Montane Woodland
- Atlantic Oak Woodlands
- Caledonian Pinewoods

## 6. How to apply

Applicants should fill out the LLTNPA Woodland Creation Planning Fund form and provide a map of the area they are considering for woodland creation.

Value for money of the proposed costs should to be justified by the provision of at least one quote for the work.

Successful proposals will receive an agreement specifying the maximum amount awarded.

Proposals may be made at any time, but funding is limited so it is important to contact us as soon as possible. Application must be received by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021, if they are to be considered for works to be claimed by end of March 2022.

We will assess your proposal within one month of receiving it.

## **7. Claims**

Payment will be made on the receipt of invoices for costs incurred as indicated in the application form and approved in the contribution agreement.

LLTNPA will pay grant as quickly as possible to minimise any cash flow issues for applicants.