



Grant Guidelines

Yorkshire Agricultural Society (YAS) awards grants to help to achieve their charitable objectives. YAS is an agricultural charity and the three relevant charitable objectives are:

1. To support and promote agriculture, rural and allied industries throughout the North of England including championing the role of farmers as providers of high quality produce and encouraging consumers to choose healthy and local produce.
2. To advance and encourage agricultural research and greater understanding and empathy with farming and the countryside amongst the general public and particularly children.
3. To advance and encourage the protection and sustainability of the environment.

The application process

The Yorkshire Agricultural Society has a Charitable Activities Committee that meets three times a year to oversee its activities and allocate funds including awarding grants. Grants are awarded to both individuals and organisations.

Guidelines for awarding grants are given below.

If you wish to submit an application for a grant, please read these guidelines carefully, and complete the following online application form: <https://yas.co.uk/application-form-for-a-grant/>

If in doubt, please telephone Jayne Dyer on 01423 546 201 to discuss your application. Once the Application Form has been submitted, you will receive an automated notification that we have received it and will be processing it in due course. If for any reason you do not receive this notification, please contact us directly in order for us to follow this up. Yorkshire Agricultural Society, Regional Agricultural Centre, Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate HG2 8NZ or emailed to jayned@yas.co.uk.

Deadlines for the submissions to the Committee's three meetings are:

Meeting	Deadline
April	End of March
September	Beginning of September
January	Middle of December

The funding available is modest and our average grant is less than £2,000. You will receive a decision within 3 weeks of the meeting.

When you have been advised that your application has been approved, you will be required to make **two** commitments:

1. To complete and return an End of Grant Form. This report will enable us to learn more about the impact and benefit of our grants and helps us to improve our grant-making.

2. To allow the YAS to share details of the project on the YAS website, social media and promotional material. If you have any photographs, leaflets or press cuttings, please email them to jayned@yas.co.uk. We would also expect the recipient to publicise the grant and the project and to acknowledge the YAS support.

Guidelines for Applicants

Applicants must demonstrate how the grant will help YAS to achieve its charitable objectives.

a) For individuals

Since our aim is to support and promote agriculture we encourage applications from individuals to help their career in agriculture and personal development. This could mean attending training courses or seminars or attendance at a major UK conference.

We would favour applications

- From individuals who can demonstrate a track record of helping the wider farming or rural community
- From individuals who have not received funding from YAS previously
- Where the individual also contributed to funding.
- With strong connections to Yorkshire
- Where the individual has supported or will support in future, YAS activities
- We would not usually consider applications from individuals in employment where their employer is able to support the individual.

b) For organisations

The organisation must have operations in Yorkshire and the project must benefit agriculture in Yorkshire and the North of England.

We would favour applications

- From charities and not for profit organisations
- From smaller organisations, as the YAS contribution can make a significant difference to them.
- Where the organisation has raised significant funds for the project from other sources.
- Where it can be shown that the outcomes are transferable and could be easily adopted by other similar organisations.
- Applications that help a large number of people

The organisation will be required to disseminate the results of the activity being funded to its community via a newsletter, social media or similar. We encourage all the groups that we support to publicise their grant and the project it has funded. We also request that you use our logos to demonstrate our support.

We are unlikely to fund the following:

- Large National organisations unless they have a specific project in Yorkshire or the North of England.
- Other grant making charities
- Commercial organisations
- We will take into account previous applications