



YORKSHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Grant Guidelines

Yorkshire Agricultural Society (YAS) is a charity that awards grants to other organisations and individuals working in the agricultural sector to help and promote food and farming throughout Yorkshire.

Outcomes consistent with the Society's charitable objectives include:

- Support for and promotion of agriculture, rural and allied industries.
- Championing the role of farmers as providers of high-quality produce.
- Encouraging consumers to choose healthy and local produce.
- Agricultural research.
- Advancement of knowledge and knowledge transfer.
- Improved understanding of farming and rural affairs amongst the general public, and particularly children.
- Improved protection and sustainability of the rural 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 online Application Form:

If in doubt, please telephone the Society on 01423 541000 to discuss your application, or send an email to: Grants@yas.co.uk.

We will acknowledge your application by email once it is received.

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

Meeting Date	Deadline
January	4 th January
April	22 nd March
September	23 rd August



The funding available is modest and our average grant is less than £2,000. Please consider carefully whether we are the correct organisation to fulfil your request before proceeding. 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 **four** commitments:

1. To complete and return an online End of Grant Form and include supporting information, as soon as any grant funding awarded has been spent. 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 E-mail photographs, leaflets or press cuttings about your project to Grants@yas.co.uk in order that the YAS is able to share details of the project on the YAS website, social media and promotional material.
3. Where appropriate, to publicise the YAS grant awarded and the project it has funded.
4. Where appropriate, to display a YAS wall plaque on your premises.

Guidelines for Applicants

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

Please note that previous applications will be taken into account.

a) For individuals

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:

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



b) For organisations

We encourage applications from organisations working within the agricultural sector. The organisation must have operations in Yorkshire, and the project must benefit Yorkshire.

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 funds from other sources.
- Where it can be shown that the outcomes are transferable and could be easily adopted by other similar organisations.
- That help a large number of people.
- With strong connections to Yorkshire.

The organisation will be required to disseminate the results of the activity being funded to its local community via a newsletter, social media or similar. The organisation must also publicise their YAS grant award and the project it has funded. We also request that you use our logos on your communications to demonstrate our support and to display a YAS wall plaque on your premises.

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.
- Large Commercial organisations.
- Projects with minimal relevance to agriculture or rural affairs.

c) For Schools

We encourage applications from schools within Yorkshire for projects which increase children's understanding and engagement with farming, locally produced food and those which raise their awareness of the environment.

Partial grants for travel to The Yorkshire Show or to Countryside Days may be considered but are unlikely to receive funding. Please note that priority will be given to school projects which will benefit a greater number of children.

Grants will not generally be awarded for visits to farms as there are several organisations who already organise school visits to farms such as:

- The Country Trust (free visits)
- Countryside Learning
- LEAF
- Countryside Classroom