

PLEASE READ THE PROGRAM GUIDELINES PRIOR TO COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

## 1. Program Summary

The Victorian Government has established the Farm Drought Support Grants program to assist primary production businesses implement on-farm infrastructure improvements and undertake essential business activities that improves drought management and preparedness.

A grant of up to \$5,000 (excluding GST) per eligible primary production business is available statewide. Primary production enterprises located in eligible LGA's of southwest Victoria are eligible for a grant of up to \$10,000 (excluding GST). Primary producers in southwest Victoria that have already received a grant can apply for the difference between what they have already been granted up to the maximum amount. Eligible primary production businesses must provide a matching co-contribution equal to or greater than the approved grant amount.

Please read the Program Guidelines and refer to eligible Local Government Areas and / or Postcodes on the Rural Finance website at [ruralfinance.com.au](http://ruralfinance.com.au) before completing this form.

## 2. Applicant Details

Given Name(s):

Surname:

ABN:

Your role in the business (e.g. Director, Manager, Owner-Operator, Sole Trader, etc):

Residential Address:

Postal Address (if different to residential address):

Telephone:

Mobile:

Fax:

Email:

Secondary Contact Name:

Mobile:

Have you previously applied for this Grant?

Reference Number:

## 3. Business Details

Business/Trading Name:

Sole Trader ☐

Partnership ☐

Private Company ☐

Trust ☐

Industry (e.g. Dairy, Beef, Sheep, please specify):

Gross Annual Income:

Property Size (Ha):

Number of Employees:

Years of Operation:

Farm Property Address:

Suburb:

Postcode:

Local Government Area (Shire):

## 4. Third-Party Authorisation (if applicable)

Name:

Financial Counsellor ☐ Accountant ☐ Lawyer ☐

Telephone:

Mobile:

Email:

Do you allow for this Third-Party contact to receive correspondence relating to your application: ☐ Yes ☐ No

## 5. How you meet the Eligibility Criteria

- Have you read and understood the Program Guidelines associated with this program? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is your primary production business located in a Victorian Local Government Area (LGA)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Does your business hold a current Australian Business Number (ABN) and have held that ABN at the time of the program announcement (30 September 2024)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do you devote part of your labour to the Primary Production Business? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do you derive more than 50% of your gross income from the Primary Production Business in an average year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do you generate more than \$75,000 gross income from the Primary Production Business in an average year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

## 6. Proposed Infrastructure Investment

Please refer to the Program Guidelines for more information about how the grant funding can be used to help pay for eligible infrastructure improvements and eligible activities that will improve drought preparedness and better position the farm business into the future.

The minimum value of a grant to eligible applicants is \$1,000 (excluding GST) The maximum amount is \$5,000 (excluding GST), or \$10,000 (excluding GST) for those businesses in eligible LGA's in southwest Victoria. Eligible primary production businesses must provide a matching co-contribution equal to or greater than the approved grant amount.

Applications must be supported by a quotation for the proposed project and/or activity

- You will be advised whether your application has received 'In Principle' approval or has been declined
- Upon receiving 'In Principle' approval, applicants are required to complete project and/or within three months of the date of approval of the Farm Drought Support Grant

Should an initial application be for less than the maximum grant amount, up to two claims may be submitted up to the maximum grant amount available. Any additional claims will be considered by Rural Finance on a case-by-case basis and subject to funding availability.

On completion of the project or activity, the grant payment will be made following submission of evidence of payment for the project and/or activity (e.g. invoices and official receipts/bank statements).

### Proposed Drought Preparedness Activities

*e.g. Items to construct a new or upgrade an existing Stock Containment Area – such as fencing, gates, troughs, piping, tanks, pumps and livestock feeders.*

*e.g. Reticulated water systems using pumps, piping, tanks and troughs for livestock*

*e.g. Pasture/Crop Restoration*

Farmers are required to ensure that siting, construction and/or installation of on-farm drought infrastructure meets relevant Victorian laws and that best practice advice is observed, where relevant. Refer to guidelines section 8. ☐ I understand

Are you claiming for Owner Driver Water Carting? (If No, skip to Page 3) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you read and understood Section 9 of the program guidelines (Requirements for Owner Driver Water Carting Applicants)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the owner/driver associated with the primary production enterprise? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please provide the Gross Vehicle Mass (T) or Gross Combined Vehicle Mass for the vehicle used for water carting in accordance with Section 9 of the program guidelines: T

Please provide the total number of kilometres being claimed: km

**Note:** Claims over 100km require logbook entries be provided with your application

## 6. Proposed Infrastructure Investment (continued)

### ELIGIBLE DROUGHT PREPAREDNESS OR BUSINESS SUPPORT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES (please list activities, including explanatory notes where required).

Proposed Activities:	Investment Value: (\$)
	\$
	\$
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	\$
Total Proposed Investment Amount:	\$
<b>Grant Amount Sought:</b> (must not be more than 50% of Total Proposed Investment Amount up to a maximum of \$5,000, or \$10,000 for eligible south west LGA's)	\$

Please describe how your proposed projects or activities will improve your drought management and preparedness or support essential business activities directly related to drought conditions:

## 7. Checklist

To avoid any delay in the processing of your application, please ensure you have provided all the information listed below.

- A. **Proof of ID** – Such as valid Drivers Licence
- B. **Proof of property location** – e.g. copy of latest Council Rates, lease documentation, share-farming contract, or other contract that confirms the place where the Primary Production Business is operating.
- C. **Proof of Income** – Latest available Tax Return or Financial Statements for your Primary Production Business
- D. **Proof of proposed infrastructure investment** – Quotation and supporting documentation
- E. **(If applicable) Owner Driver Claims** - Valid Copy of Vehicle Registration Certificate and logbook (>100km)

Upon receiving in principle approval, applicants are required to purchase or complete eligible projects or activities within three months of the date of approval of the Farm Drought Support Grant. Following completion and payment for infrastructure you will need to provide:

**Proof of Payment** – Tax Invoices and corresponding Official Receipts or Bank Statement

## 8. Bank Details

Account Name:

Bank:

BSB:

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Account No:

## 9. Privacy Consent and Declaration

We, Rural Finance and Agriculture Victoria, are collecting your personal information to process your application for the Farm Drought Support Grant. We will use the personal information you have provided to assess your eligibility for assistance against the scheme criteria and provide the assistance to you if applicable and for reporting, publicity, evaluation and audit purposes. You do not have to provide this information, but failure to do so means Rural Finance which is a brand used by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd ABN 11 068 049 178 ("Rural Finance") and/or Agriculture Victoria will not be able to assess your application. You authorise Rural Finance and Agriculture Victoria to obtain in connection with this Application, any personal and other information about your expenditure and your business including your assets, liabilities, income and/or expenditure from third parties (e.g. your accountant).

Your personal information will be managed by Agriculture Victoria in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic.) and other applicable laws. For copies of the Privacy Policy or information on how each of Rural Finance and Agriculture Victoria manages privacy, including handling complaints, please refer to: [foi.unit@deeca.vic.gov.au](mailto:foi.unit@deeca.vic.gov.au) and/or [www.deeca.vic.gov.au/doing-business-with-us/information-privacy](http://www.deeca.vic.gov.au/doing-business-with-us/information-privacy) documents. You have a right to access the personal information we hold about you and can request access to or correction of your personal information. To make a complaint contact Rural Finance by telephone on 1800 260 425, by email to [admin@ruralfinance.com.au](mailto:admin@ruralfinance.com.au) or by post at PO Box 1313, Bendigo Central, VIC, 3552. Your personal information is not disclosed to overseas recipients; however may be disclosed to staff in other divisions of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd.

**By submitting an application as a sole trader, trust, partnership or private company, I have the authority to make this application on its behalf and do solemnly and sincerely declare that this application is true and correct in every particular and in accordance with the Program Guidelines. I make this declaration with the understanding that if the application is found to be untrue or misleading the matter may be referred to law enforcement and penalties may apply.**

**Full name:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

## 10. How To Apply

You can apply online through the Rural Finance website at [www.ruralfinance.com.au](http://www.ruralfinance.com.au)

If you are unable to submit an application online, please submit this completed application form and supporting documents to Rural Finance via:

Email: [admin@ruralfinance.com.au](mailto:admin@ruralfinance.com.au)

or **Post:** Rural Finance, PO Box 1313, Bendigo Central 3552

Please contact Rural Finance if you have any questions on 1800 260 425.