



PLEASE READ THE PROGRAM GUIDELINES PRIOR TO COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

1. Program Summary

The Victorian Government has established the On-Farm Drought Infrastructure Grants program to assist primary production businesses implement on-farm infrastructure that improves drought management and preparedness.

A grant of up to \$5,000 (excluding GST) per eligible primary production business is available. 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 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:**

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 an eligible Local Government Area (LGA) or postcode in the West Wimmera 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 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). 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 infrastructure investment

- 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 purchase infrastructure investments within three months of the date of approval of the On-Farm Drought Infrastructure 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 infrastructure project, the grant payment will be made following submission of evidence of payment for the infrastructure (e.g. invoices and official receipts).

Proposed Drought Infrastructure Investment 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. Irrigation System upgrades

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

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT (please list activities, including explanatory notes where required).	
Investment Activities:	Investment Value: (\$)
	\$
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	\$
Total Proposed Investment Amount:	\$
Grant Amount Sought: (must not be more than \$5,000 and not more than 50% of Total Proposed Investment Amount)	\$

9. Privacy Consent and Declaration

We, Rural Finance and Agriculture Victoria, are collecting your personal information to process your application for the On-Farm Drought Infrastructure 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 and/or 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 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

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

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

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