

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

ON-FARM DROUGHT RESILIENCE GRANT PROGRAM

Please submit applications to: Rural Finance
P.O Box 1313
Bendigo Central Vic 3552

APPLICATION FORM

Enquiries: 1800 260 425 Fax: 03 5441 8901
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PLEASE READ THE PROGRAM GUIDELINES BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

CHECKLIST - PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Proof of Property Location

- Copy of latest Council Rates that identifies your farm property address
- Lease documentation
- Share-farming contract

2. Proof of Irrigation (if applicable)

- If you are in the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District, provide evidence that you are an irrigation farmer or have transitioned from an irrigation production system to dryland production since 1 July 2018 ie. Send a copy of your Goulburn Murray Water Fixed Charges Account identifying your farm address.

3. Proof of Proposed Expenditure

- To receive 'In-Principle' approval to complete the proposed work within 3 months, please submit quotes from a registered supplier for works undertaken on or after 2 October 2019.

4. Evidence of Payment

- Provide tax invoices for completed works, undertaken on or after 2 October 2019.
- Proof of payment ie. receipts or bank statement/s identifying payment for eligible works.

5. Proof of Income

- Most recent FULL Taxation Returns for your farm business (do not send original tax returns)
- Most recent FULL Taxation Returns for individuals associated with the farm business:
 - Individual members of a Partnership / Family Trust
 - Individual Director(s) / Shareholders(s) of all Companies

APPLICANT DETAILS

Full Business Name:									
Are you registered for GST?		Yes / No			ABN				
Farm Address:									
Post Code:				Local Government Area (Shire):					
Farm Size:		ac / ha		Property Identification Code (PIC)					
Are you an: Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Lessee <input type="checkbox"/> Sharefarmer <input type="checkbox"/>									
Industry Type: Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Farming <input type="checkbox"/> Cropping <input type="checkbox"/>									
Other Livestock <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture <input type="checkbox"/>									
Is your property: Dryland <input type="checkbox"/> Both dryland and irrigated <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigated <input type="checkbox"/>									

Is your farm property located in a Local Government Area listed in the guidelines? ie. Wellington, East Gippsland, Millewa region, Goulburn Murray Irrigation District	Yes / No
Normally, is the majority of your labour and capital devoted to the farm? (see definitions)	Yes / No
Normally, is the gross income from your farm your primary source of income (more than 51%?) AND/ OR	Yes / No
Have you commenced your farming operation between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2019 and will you derive 50 per cent of your gross income from your Primary Production Business within three years of the date of this Application, under normal circumstances?	Yes / No
Nominate the source and amount of any other income (per annum):	

PRIMARY CONTACT

Given Name(s):	Preferred Name:	
Surname:	Date of Birth:	
Residential Address:		
Postal Address (if different to current residential address):		
Phone:	Fax:	Mobile:
Email:		

APPLICANT 2

Given Name(s):	Preferred Name:	
Surname:	Date of Birth:	
Residential Address:		
Postal Address (if different to current residential address):		
Phone:	Fax:	Mobile:
Email:		

APPLICANT 3

Given Name(s):	Preferred Name:	
Surname:	Date of Birth:	
Residential Address:		
Postal Address (if different to current residential address):		
Phone:	Fax:	Mobile:
Email:		

APPLICANT 4

Given Name(s):	Preferred Name:	
Surname:	Date of Birth:	
Residential Address:		
Postal Address (if different to current residential address):		
Phone:	Fax:	Mobile:
Email:		

PROPOSED INVESTMENT

Please provide a brief description of the activities or items that you are applying for.

Please list activities and costs, including explanatory notes where required.

Please note that Infrastructure grants are calculated on 50% of the GST-exclusive eligible costs incurred.

Business decision making activities do not require a matching contribution.

Applicants can apply for a combination of infrastructure works and business decision making activities, for a combined total of no more than \$5,000.

Investment Activities:	Investment Activities Cost (Including GST)	Investment Activities Cost (Excluding GST)
<i>e.g. Three one-hour sessions with a qualified financial advisor; e.g. Silo for storing feed grain</i>		
Total Proposed Investment Amount:		

INFORMATION FROM AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

Would you like to receive information from Agriculture Victoria about upcoming workshops and activities?

Yes No

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS (Please provide your bank account details for the grant payment to be credited to if successful)

Bank Account Name in full (as it appears on your bank statement):

BSB:

Account Number:

GENERAL STATEMENT

Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud Rural Finance, or another person; files an application for assistance containing any materially false information or conceals for the purpose of misleading information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent act, which is a crime under the Crimes Act 1900 and subjects the person to criminal penalties.

CONSENT AND DECLARATION

I/We authorise Rural Finance to provide the information contained in this application to the State of Victoria, as represented by Agriculture Victoria in the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (Agriculture Victoria).

I/We authorise that Agriculture Victoria may contact us in relation to the scheme.

I/We understand that deliberately giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

I/We authorise Rural Finance to obtain any information regarding this application from the product/service provider.

I/We authorise the product/service provider to supply any required information regarding this application to Rural Finance.

I/We authorise Rural Finance or Agriculture Victoria to obtain any information regarding the eligibility of this application from other government agencies.

I/We certify that we own/operate a farm business as defined by the Australian Taxation Office.

I/We declare that the Rebate will be used for the purpose specified within the guidelines and agree to supply invoices/receipts to confirm expenditure.

I/We declare that it is our responsibility to ensure infrastructure is implemented in line with any relevant Victorian and Commonwealth Government laws and regulations.

I/We certify that prior to applying for this assistance I sought independent financial advice and the taxation implications of any assistance granted has been explain to me.

I/We understand Rural Finance and/or Agriculture Victoria may conduct an audit/inspection to ensure that any assistance I/we receive under this rebate has been used in compliance with the On-Farm Drought Resilience Grant Guidelines and not for any other purpose.

I/We agree to participate in any audits confirming rebate eligibility and expenditure or post program evaluation.

PRIVACY CONSENT

Rural Finance and Agriculture Victoria are collecting your personal information to process your application for the On-Farm Drought Resilience Grant Program. 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.

For the purposes specified in Rural Finance's Privacy Statement, I/we authorise Rural Finance to obtain in connection with this Application, any consumer or commercial information about my/our expenditure and my/our business including my/our assets, liabilities, income and/or expenditure.

Your personal information will be managed in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic.) and other applicable laws.

We will use the information you have provided:

- to assess your eligibility for assistance against the program criteria
- for reporting, publicity, evaluation and audit purposes.

Copies of the Privacy Policy or information on how each of Rural Finance and Agriculture Victoria manages privacy, please refer to: privacy@ecodev.vic.gov.au and/or www.ruralfinance.com.au/disclosure-documents

You can request access to or correction of your personal information by contacting the Freedom of Information Officer at foi@ecodev.vic.gov.au and/or Rural Finance at www.ruralfinance.com.au/disclosure-documents

- I/We acknowledge that failing to provide some or all of the information which Rural Finance requests about me/us may result in this Application not being processed or approved.

STATUTORY DECLARATION BY PRIMARY CONTACT

I, (full name).....
on behalf of (applicant(s) / trading name).....
of (address).....
of occupation.....

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that this application is true and correct in every particular, and I make this declaration with the understanding and belief that a person who makes a false declaration is liable to the penalties of perjury.

Declared at
in the State of Victoria, this..... day of20

..... Before me
Signature of person making this declaration Signature of authorised witness
(to be signed in front of an authorised witness)*

Authorised witness Name:
Address:
Title:

*Authorised witnesses include: Justice of the peace, lawyers, police, accountants, pharmacists, school principals, ministers of religion, bank managers, doctors, vets and shire councillors.

SIGNATURES (all other parties must sign below as acknowledgement of the consent and declaration above)

Applicant 2	Signature	Date	/	/
Applicant 3	Signature	Date	/	/
Applicant 4	Signature	Date	/	/

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

- Yes, I have completed and signed the application, and attached the mandatory information requested in the checklist on page one (*please tick*).

Please return your completed application to:

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