

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

PASTURE RECOVERY AND MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Please submit applications to: Rural Finance
 PO Box 1313
 Bendigo Central VIC 3552

APPLICATION FORM

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PLEASE READ SCHEME GUIDELINES PRIOR TO COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

Instructions

1. Complete this form and submit with:
 - a) Evidence of the Local Government Area (Shire) in which you own, share or lease your farm business.
 - Lease documentation,
 - Rates notices,
 - Share-farming contract
 - b) A quote of cost for your proposed pasture restoration or management activity or a receipt of evidence that the activity was completed and paid since 1 January 2019.
2. On receipt of notice of 'In-Principle' eligibility you must, if not already undertaken, complete the proposed pasture restoration or management activity within 3 months.
3. On completion of the proposed pasture restoration or management activity you must forward paid tax invoices/receipts and photos of completed activity (or other evidence) to Rural Finance for payment of the grant amount.

Farm Business details

Full Farm Business Name:	
Trading Name:	
Are you registered for GST?	YES / NO
ABN	
Farm Address:	
Post Code:	Local Government Area (Shire):
Farm Size: ac / ha	Property Identification Code:
Are you an:	<input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Lessee <input type="checkbox"/> Sharefarmer
Industry type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Farming
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy <input type="checkbox"/> Other livestock farming (please specify):
Is your property:	<input type="checkbox"/> Dryland <input type="checkbox"/> Both dryland and irrigated If both, what percentage is dryland:
Are you registered as a Primary Producer with the Australian Tax Office?	Yes / No
Is your farming business conducted in East Gippsland or Wellington Local Government Areas?	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%?) OR	Yes / No
Have you made a minimum farm related capital investment of \$50,000 (excluding land purchase) in the farm business?	Yes / No

Livestock Details

Type and number of stock currently on the property

Beef Cattle:	No.	Goats:	No.
Sheep:	No.	Other:	No.
Dairy Cattle:	No.	Other:	No.

Type and number of stock on the property under normal seasonal conditions

Beef Cattle:	No.	Goats:	No.
Sheep:	No.	Other:	No.
Dairy Cattle:	No.	Other:	No.

You may be required to submit National Vendor Declaration form or National Livestock Identification Scheme evidence for verification.

Pasture restoration and management activity details

Total dryland pasture on property (hectares):

Dryland pasture requiring restoration or protection (hectares):

Please provide an outline of the activities (include details such as pasture type, seeding and fertiliser application for any proposed pasture renovations) that have been undertaken or will be undertaken.

Describe how the pasture restoration and / or any other management activities will help manage drought conditions, re-establish or improve on-farm feed supply, prevent soil and nutrient losses and support the long-term viability of the farm business.

Proposed pasture restoration and management activity:

<i>Item (Description)</i>	<i>Cost (Including GST)</i>	<i>Cost (Excluding GST)</i>
<i>Total Proposed Amount:</i>		
<i>Grant Funding Sought</i>		
<i>(must be no more than \$5,000 and no more than 50% of total proposed investment amount)</i>		

Primary Farm Business contact (applicant) *Please provide your bank account details for the grant payment to be credited to.*

Given name(s):		Preferred name:	
Family name(s):		Date of birth:	
Residential address:			
Postal address (if different to current residential address):			
Phone:	Fax:	Mobile:	
Email:			
Bank Account Name in full (as it appears on your bank statement):			
BSB:		Account Number:	

Other business partners

Do you have business partners for this farm business? Yes (*complete this section*) No (*continue to Part E*)

Please list the names of all other business partners involved in the farm business:

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Have your business partners applied for funding under this scheme? Yes No Non-applicable

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

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 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 Pasture Recovery and Management Program 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 Pasture Recovery and Management Grant Program. You do not have to provide this information, but failure to do so means Rural Finance a division of 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) of (month)2019

..... 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.

Submit your application

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