

1. Program Summary

The Commonwealth and relevant State Governments have established the Wine Grape Smoke Taint Grant to support wine grape producers who have suffered crop damage from smoke taint caused by the Victorian Summer bushfires commencing 21 November 2019, who are located outside the areas that are eligible for Emergency Response Primary Industries and Small Business Bushfire Support Grants. The grant is for up to \$10,000 (with dollar-for-dollar co-contribution) for eligible wine grape producers to recover and rebuild resilient businesses. Please refer to the Program Guidelines available on the Rural Finance website (ruralfinance.com.au) before completing this application form.

Applications, together with supporting documents, must be submitted to Rural Finance by 31 December 2020.

2. Eligibility Criteria (please refer to the program guidelines at ruralfinance.com.au)

Are you a wine grape producer (as defined in the guidelines)? Yes No

Has your business received or been approved to receive an Emergency Bushfire Response in Primary Industries Grant or the Small Business Bushfire Support Grant? Yes No

Were your wine grapes for the 2019- 2020 growing season tested for smoke exposure as a result of the 2019-20 Victorian Bushfires commencing 21 November 2019? Yes No

Please confirm you are aware that grant funding under this program can be used for activities outlined in section 3 of the program guidelines, and not for items already covered by insurance or other state or Commonwealth grants. Yes No

Has the business suffered a decline in revenue or grapes harvested of 40% or more in a relevant three-month period since November 2019 (compared to a relevant three-month period in the previous year)? Yes No

3. Exceptional circumstances (Only complete if your business did not suffer a decline in revenue of 40%)

To apply under exceptional circumstances please outline how your business has been significantly impacted by the eligible disaster below:

4. Applicant Details

Surname	Given Names (in full)	Relationship (e.g. Owner, Spouse, Lessee)

Full Business Name or Trading Name (if applicable):

Australian Business Number (ABN):

Principal Applicant/Primary Contact:

Address:

Postal Address (if different):

Telephone No:

Mobile:

Email:

5. Vineyard Details

Affected Property Address:

Affected Property Owner:

Property Size (ha) (include all vineyards):

Affected Area (ha) (approximately):

Primary Industry:

Shire:

Normal Scale of Operation: (e.g. vineyard size (ha):

Property Identification Number (PIC):

6. Funding

What amount are you applying for under this grant (maximum \$10,000)? \$

Do you have matching co-contributions to the value of the grant applied for in the form of cash on hand, loans or eligible expenses in accordance with section 2.3 of the guidelines?

Yes No

7. Supporting Documents

Please attach ALL of the following with your application form:

(Please tick)

Evidence of 2020 vintage of wine grape harvest tainted by smoke from the 2019-20 bushfire

Yes No

Evidence of being a Wine grape producer eg. sales invoices or grape research levy return documents.

Yes No

Rate Notice to show ownership of affected property (or lease/share farm Agreement if applicable).

Yes No

Financial or harvest documents showing a decline in revenue or grapes harvested of at least 40% in a relevant three-month period since 21 November 2019 (compared to a relevant three-month period in the previous year).

Yes No

8. Payment Details (Please provide your bank account details for the grant payment)

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

Bank & Branch

BSB:

Account No:

9. Privacy Consent

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- I/We can gain access to personal information (as defined in the *Information Privacy Act 2000* (Vic)) which Rural Finance holds about me/us in certain circumstances specified by legislation.
- 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.

10. Consent and Signed Declaration by Principal Applicant on Behalf of All Applicants

By submitting this application, I declare that this application complies with the Wine Grape Smoke Taint Grant Program Guidelines. I make this declaration on behalf of all applicants with the understanding that any applicant found to have provided information of a fraudulent nature may be liable to prosecution and will be required to repay the grant.

Full Name:

Signature:

Date:

11. How to apply:

Please submit your completed application form and supporting documents to Rural Finance by **31 December 2020** via:

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

Email: governmentservices@ruralfinance.com.au

Fax: 5441 8901