From: Sent: To: Subject:	Market Transparency Monday, 17 January 2022 4:46 PM Market Transparency UPDATE - Grants funding opportunity - Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural goods industries [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Dear workshop participants,

As part of the Government's commitment to improving market and price transparency in perishable agricultural goods (PAG) industries, the Community Grants Hub, on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, will shortly invite research and development corporations and industry representative organisations who participated in the workshops to apply for grant funding.

Up to \$5 million will be available for projects that establish tailored mechanisms to improve price and market transparency. Successful applications will generate knowledge, technologies, products or processes that improve market transparency in PAG industries.

This follows the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) PAG inquiry, which recommends governments and industries explore measures to increase price transparency in PAG industries, in order to increase competition in those industries.

Workshops were held between August and November 2021 to understand market transparency requirements in participating PAG industries, providing an opportunity to discuss price and market transparency issues in each sector and to co-design projects to improve market transparency.

Grant opportunities will be offered by a targeted competitive application round process. This means that funding is only available to research and development corporations or industry representative organisations that engaged in the PAG workshops.

Applicants may partner with external organisations or pair up with other organisations as consortia to apply for projects. Applicants will be able to apply for any project that meets the program eligibility criteria – not just those explored during the workshops.

Applications will open on Tuesday 25 January 2022, and close on 22 February 2022.

Relevant information about the application process, eligibility and selection criteria will be made available to all eligible participants at that time on the <u>Community Grants Hub website</u>.

Information on the workshops, including copies of the communiques from each workshop can be found on the department's webpage <u>Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural goods industries</u>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Market Transparency team at <u>market.transparency@awe.gov.au</u>

We look forward to receiving your applications.

Kind regards,

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Director (a/g) | Dairy and Competition Section | s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Agricultural Policy Division Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment 18 Marcus Clarke St Canberra ACT s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @awe.gov.au

From:	s. 47F(1) @nff.org.au>
Sent:	Thursday, 27 January 2022 3:32 PM
To:	market.transparency@awe.gov.au
Cc:	s. 47F(1)
Subject:	Project submission - Market Transparency [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]
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Please let me know if there any issues or questions.

#### Regards,





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Subject:	RE: Project submission - Market Transparency [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]
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Hi <sup>s. 47F(1)</sup>

Thank you for your inquiry about the grant opportunity for the program *Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural goods industries.* 

The Community Grants Hub has sent invitations and information on how to submit a funding application directly to workshop representatives from participating research and development corporations and industry representative organisations. For the National Farmers Federation, this was s. 47F(1) and s. 47F(1)

To access the grant application page, please contact  $^{\text{s.47F(1)}}$  or  $^{\text{s.47F(1)}}$  in the first instance.

Kind regards

#### s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Director | Dairy and Competition

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From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject:	Market Transparency < Market.Transparency@awe.gov.au> Tuesday, 22 February 2022 10:34 AM S. 47F(1) market.transparency@awe.gov.au S. 47F(1) ; Grants Enquiry - National Farmer Federation - Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural goods industries [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]
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Good morning s. 47F(1)

Thank you for contacting the department regarding the National Farmers' Federations' interest in submitting an application under this grants round. During a grants round, we must ensure the process is conducted according to the published guidelines and is consistent with the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines.

The process to request a late applications is outlined in s7.2 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines for this program. Please follow this process to make a request for late submission – it includes instructions and a link to the relevant Community Grants Hub.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the Community Grants Hub (instructions are at s7.3). They can answer general queries about the grants program, and extension requests such as yours are considered in consultation with the department.

Kind regards,

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From: s. 47F(1)@nff.org.au>Sent: Tuesday, 22 February 2022 9:43 AMTo: market.transparency@awe.gov.au; Grants <support@communitygrants.gov.au>Cc: s. 47F(1)@nff.org.au>Subject: Market Transparency Project Submission Extension [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Good morning,

I'm working with s. 47F(1) on a submission for the *Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural* goods industries program that is currently open through Community Grants Hub.

I'd like to request a short extension on our application for this grant. We have had some unforeseen issues arise and may have some difficulty submitting today. Is it possible to get this extension until COB Monday?

Thank you for your help.

Regards,





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# Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries

Submission Reference: FZ2CCQRW

# **Application Information**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) inquiry into Perishable Agricultural Goods (PAG) recommended that governments and industries should explore measures to increase price transparency in PAG industries, in order to increase competition in those industries. In response to this recommendation, the Australian Government is implementing a program to improve market and price transparency in PAG supply chains.

The program includes:

- The delivery of workshops with interested PAG industries to identify their market transparency issues and barriers, and opportunities to improve market transparency
- A grants program to develop and implement tailored mechanisms to improve price and market transparency.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Provide an opportunity for PAG industries to identify market transparency issues and barriers in their sector
- Co-design potential projects to improve market transparency with participants across the supply chain in interested PAG industries
- Fund projects to generate knowledge, technologies, products or processes that improve price and market transparency in PAG industries.

# Community Grants Hub

This grant round is being administered by the Community Grants Hub, on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment.

# **Closing Date/Time**

Applications must be submitted by 9:00pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) Tuesday 22 February 2022.

# Making Sure Your Application is Saved

Upon exiting the form please ensure that you use the 'Save and Close' button. The 'Continue' button should only be used as you intend to progress through the form. For your Application to be saved when exiting, you will need to click on:

- 'Save and Close', and
- 'Confirm'.

You will know that your application is saved when you are taken from the current form process to the 'Form Saved' page.

Note that the 'Save and Close' button will ask that you 'Confirm' that you wish to save the Application, which you must do to complete the save process. If this is not done, your Application will not be saved.

You can return to your Application with the data saved using the link on the 'Form Saved' page that says 'Click here to return to your form' and confirming your submission reference ID details.

# Grant Opportunity Documents

Read all information in the Grant Opportunity Documents before completing this Application Form. The Grant Opportunity Documents are available on the GrantConnect  $\Box$  and Community Grants Hub  $\Box$  websites. Applications will be assessed using the process outlined in the Guidelines.

# **Application Help**

Information about the Application process is available on the GrantConnect 🗆 and Community Grants Hub 🗆 websites.

Applicants must submit any questions relating to the Program or this Application process in writing to support@communitygrants.gov.au <sup>□</sup>. Applicants may submit these questions up until five business days prior to the Closing Time and Date. A response will be provided within five business days.

Applicants may direct any general enquiries, requests for technical help or support in using and/or submitting the Application Form by:

- Phone 1800020283
- Email to support@communitygrants.gov.au

# Attachment Limits

This Application Form allows users to attach files to support their application. You must provide an attachment where indicated. Use the 'Upload File' button to select your file from a local drive.

Accepted file types: .bmp, .doc, .docx, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .msg, .pdf, .png, .pps, .ppt, .ptx, .txt, .xls, .xlsb, .xlsx.

Note: There is a 2048.0KB limit per attachment. Multiple documents should be scanned into a single document. Compressed or zip files are not accepted. File names must be unique and not include foreign characters.

# Sharing this Form

More than one person should not access this form at the same time. If this is done there is a risk that information entered in the form may be lost and not transferred upon submission. If you wish to share this form and access details, please ensure that only one user edits the form at any given time.

To avoid any issues with your submission, ensure each contributor has completed their updates, saved their changes and exited the form prior to another person accessing the same form.

# Submission Reference ID

Each Application Form is allocated a unique Submission Reference ID. Each time this Application is accessed you will be required to use this Submission Reference ID.

# Submitting Application Form

Once you have completed this Application Form, you must submit it electronically by using the submission section at the end of this form.

Please note: there may be short, scheduled outages to systems as part of regular information technology maintenance that may affect submission of this form. Notification of these outages will be on the website.

Following submission, a message with your Submission Reference ID will appear on your screen and you will be provided a PDF receipt of your submission via email you are also able to send a receipt to an additional email address of your choosing. Please save this email receipt for future reference and use it is all correspondence about this application.

Note: Applications will be assessed using the process outlined in the Grant Opportunity Documents. Applicants will be notified of the grant funding outcome on completion of the assessment process.

# National Relay Service (NRS)

The Community Grants Hub uses the NRS to ensure our contact numbers are accessible to people who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment. Please phone 10000000// TO access the NRS

# Australian Tax Office Reporting

The Department will need to report details of payments made to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as part of the taxable reporting obligations for government entities.

In general terms, the types of payments to be reported to the ATO are:

- Payments made for grants to entities with an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Payments made for services.

If you receive a payment from the Department that meets the ATO criteria, it will be reported to the ATO as part of the Taxable payments annual report. Further information is available on the Australian Taxation Office  $\square$  website.

# Privacy

The Community Grants Hub uses an integrated Smartform service assisted by the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources on www.business.gov.au

If you are providing information to access a non-Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources program, that information will not be accessed by Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources employees. The only exception to this is where Senior Analysts within the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources require access to your information for the sole purpose of troubleshooting technical errors. Where this occurs Senior Analysts will only access the data with permission and at the request of client agencies.

The Community Grants Hub will be able to access the Application as part of the form support services.

By submitting the Application you acknowledge that the information provided in the Application may be shared with other Commonwealth and law enforcement agencies for the prevention and detection of fraud.

For more information about how the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources protects your privacy and personal information, please see the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources' Privacy Policy . The Community Grants Hub Privacy Policy and WCaG Accessibility Information and the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment Privacy Policy should also be read and understood.

# Use of Information

Your Submission Reference is:

# FZ2CCQRW

Please send yourself a link to this saved form by entering your email address below. This email will detail your Submission Reference, the date and time this application process will close, and a link to access your saved form.

If you have any questions relating to this Application phone 1800020283 or email support@communitygrants.gov.au

#### Your email address \*

s. 47F(1)@nff.org.au

Confirm your email address \*

s. 47F(1)@nff.org.au

#### Use of Information

The Community Grants Hub may use the information, other than personal information, provided in this Application Form to assist it to:

- Comply with the Australian Government requirement to publish the details of all grant recipients on the GrantConnect website
- Inform staff negotiating and establishing Grant Agreements of risks and issues that need to be addressed in the Grant Agreement for that program
- Inform future assessments for Applications.

All information including personal information provided in this Application may be shared with other Commonwealth and law enforcement agencies for the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud. This includes personal information of any third party provided in this Application.

You can only apply if you agree to the use of the information you provide in this form for the purposes listed above.

Check this box if you agree to the use of the information you provide in this Application Form.



# **Existing Grant Recipient**

# Is the Applicant an existing Grant Recipient through the Community Grants Hub? \*

Yes	◯ No			
If Yes, provide the Organis	If Yes, provide the Organisation ID number as it appears on your Grant Agreement and then click 'Verify ID' to confirm the details are correct.			
Tip: Copy and paste the Orga	anisation ID number from the	Grant Agreement to avoid er	rors.	
Organisation ID *				
4-538QI5Q	]			
Applicant Legal Name				
National Farmers' Federa	tion Limited			
Registered Business Name				
National Farmers' Federa	National Farmers' Federation Limited			
Entity Type		ABN	State	
Company		77097140166	ACT	
Postcode				
2600				
GST Registered Charity				
For Profit     Withholding Tax Exempt				
Are updates required to the Applicants details? *				
You must respond to this question.				
Select 'No' if updates are not required to the Applicant's details as currently held by the Community Grants Hub.				

Select 'Yes' if updates are required to the Applicant's details as currently held by the Community Grants Hub. You will be required to contact your Funding Arrangement Manager to update your details.



# **Eligibility Requirements**

# What is the Applicant's entity type?

Company

Is the Applicant able to provide documentation to support the entity type?



Please provide your supporting documentation. \*

NFF Financial Statement yr ended 30 June 21 signed.pdf

# **Eligible Activities \***

Please confirm your grant activity generates knowledge, technologies, products or processes that improve price and market transparency in a perishable agricultural sector, and include a component that is implemented online.

Please note: Market transparency refers to the availability of information in a market. This information might include:

- Prices at different levels of a supply chain
- Production or supply levels and trends
- Consumption or demand levels and trends
- External factors that might affect market dynamics.

To be eligible for this Grant Opportunity you must respond to this question.



# National Redress Scheme \*

Please confirm you are NOT an organisation, or your project partner is NOT an organisation, included on the National Redress Scheme's website on the list of 'Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme'

The National Redress Scheme has been created in response to recommendations by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme are ineligible for funding.

To be eligible for this Grant Opportunity you must respond to this question.



# Workshop participation \*

Please confirm you are a Research and Development Corporation or Industry Representative Organisation who participated in at least one workshop under the Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Industries program.

To be eligible for this Grant Opportunity you must respond to this question.



l confirm

# Governance

# **Relevant Persons \***

Has any senior official or person to be involved in delivering the Activity been involved in any of the following events in the last 5 years?

You must tick at least one of the boxes below.

You may be contacted to provide more information and documentation in relation to these events.

C	

or

or

Governance Investigation of relevant person(s).

Any business failure of relevant person(s) including business failure of entities in which they hold, or held at the time of the event, a management or board position. Examples of a business failure include a Court Ordered or a Creditors Voluntary Administration Liquidation, External Administration, or Receivership.

Bankruptcies of relevant person(s).

Bankruptcy proceedings, including part IX Debt Agreements or Part X Insolvency Agreements, against relevant person(s).

Litigation against relevant person(s) including judgement debts.

None of the above apply and there is no adverse information on any relevant person associate with this entity.

# **Reportable Events \***

Select the appropriate box(es) that relate to any events to which your entity may have been subjected in the last 5 years.

You must tick at least one of the boxes below.

You may be contacted to provide more information and documentation in relation to these events.

Governance Investigation of your organisation or related entities.
 Litigation or liquidation proceedings.
 A contract with your entity terminated by the other party.
 Contingent liabilities of a material amount.

Overdue tax liabilities.

Factors which might impact on your entity. For example, pending significant litigation, business commitments, collections by debt collection agencies on behalf of creditors, or potential liquidation proceedings.

Any significant change in your entitys financial position not reflected in the financial statements provided.

Any other particulars which are likely to adversely affect your capacity to undertake this project.

None of the above events apply and there is no adverse information on my entity.

# Does the Applicant have the following documents?

Note: You may be required to provide copies of the above documentation within 7 days upon request.

1. Documented organisational and financial policies and procedures. \*

Yes
No
2. Business plan and/or strategic plan. \*
Yes
No
3. Risk management plan. \*
Yes
No

# Project/Activity Details

# Provide a short title of your Application for this Project/Activity.

Exploring the potential for a Code of Conduct to increase price transparency and competition in Australian poultry meat supply chains.

(Limit: approx 38 words, 250 characters)

134 characters of 250 used

# Provide a brief description of your project or the services to be delivered and how it will contribute to the objectives outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.\*

This project will explore the potential for a Code of Conduct (a Code) to increase the price transparency of Australia's poultry meat supply chains. A Code could assist price transparency by sharing two-way data and removing power imbalances that create information asymmetries. It will also suggest additional options to ensure balance between supply chain actors.

The project will:

- Examine policy options to increase price transparency and the role of a Code
  Conduct stakeholder engagement across the poultry meat supply chain, including workshops with growers and meetings with processors and retailers to:
  Establish the purpose and objective of a Code and how they will be measured.
  Determine appropriate sanctions for non-compliance with a Code
  Collect data to monitor the effectiveness of a Code
  Draft a potential Code based on stakeholder feedback and existing industry codes.

- · Assess the potential compliance costs of any code
- Develop a road map for implementation of any code

(Limit: approx 150 words, 1,000 characters)

1,000 characters of 1,000 used

# In which service area/s is the Applicant proposing to deliver the Project/Activity? \*

#### Instructions:

- The Service Area Type field below indicates the service areas relevant to this grant opportunity.
- If applicable, choose the relevant state/territory to view the available service areas.
- Tick the applicable service area/s where you are proposing to deliver this project/activity.
- Untick the selected service area/s to remove selection.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

You may only select 40 service areas per form. If you wish to apply for more services areas, a separate form/s will need to be completed.

#### Selected service area/s 3

☑ Australia

**Financials** 

#### LEX 28403

# Provide a breakdown of the requested grant funding for each previously selected service area/s. \*

Australia	
2022-2023 (exc GST) *	
\$	317,840.00
2023-2024 (exc GST) *	
\$	396,840.00
2024-2025 (exc GST) *	
\$	0.00
Total funding	
\$	714,680.00
Approx. % of Total	
	100
Summary	
2022-2023 Total	
\$	317,840.00
2023-2024 Total	
\$	396,840.00
2024-2025 Total	
\$	0
Total funding	
\$	714,680.00

# Provide bank account details for receipt of grant payments should the Application be successful.

You must respond to this question.

Bank account details for the receipt of payments:

- BSB Number: Enter the BSB number for the Applicant's nominated bank account. Must be 6 digits only. Do not enter spaces or other characters.
- Account Number: Enter the account number for the Applicant's nominated bank account. Must be 2 to 9 digits only. Do not enter spaces or other characters.
- Account Name: Enter the account name for the Applicant's nominated bank account. The account name should be as it appears on the bank statement. 60 character limit. The character count includes letters, numbers, spaces, paragraph marks, bullet points etc. NOTE: This field accepts the characters of A to Z, 0 to 9, ()., '&-/\@, all other characters including carriage returns are not accepted.

BSB number *	Account number *
s. 47G(1)(a)	s. 47G(1)(a)

Account Name \*

s. 47G(1)(a)
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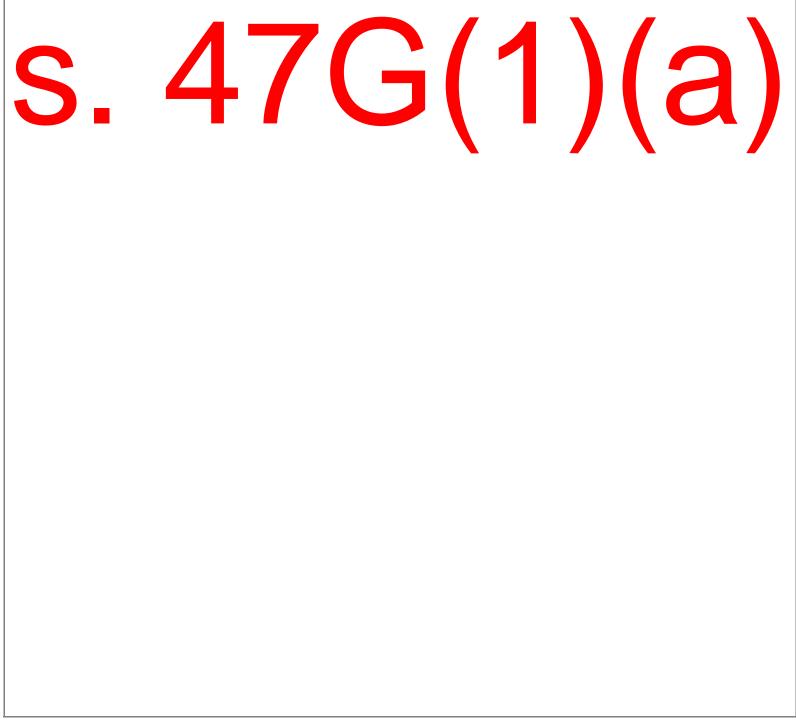
# Assessment Criteria

# Criterion 1 - Project Proposal \*

Describe how your project proposal will contribute to the grant opportunity and intended outcomes (refer to section 2 of the grant opportunity guidelines).

When addressing the criterion, strong applicants will:

- Demonstrate how the project will achieve the objective and intended outcome of the grant opportunity
- Outline how the activities, or which activities, will be implemented online
- Demonstrate how the project will engage relevant stakeholders and the extent to which the project leverages existing initiatives
- Describe anticipated short, medium and long-term project outcomes and how outcomes will be monitored and evaluated
- Outline how the project will be implemented and the impact across the relevant supply chain
- Outline how the project will be supported, funded and maintained after the grant agreement has ended (if relevant)
- Demonstrate how the project is supported by the industry, this may include co-sponsorship by partners from across the relevant supply chain (optional).



(Limit: approx 900 words, 6,000 characters)

5,287 characters of 6,000 used

## Criterion 2 - Experience \*

Describe your organisation's experience working with and delivering projects for your industry.

When addressing the criterion, strong applicants will:

- Provide details of the key personnel engaged in delivering the project/sub-projects or collaboration with relevant/specialist organisations
- Describe the particular skills or expertise that personnel/project partners will bring to the project
- Outline proposed governance arrangements to manage the projects effectively, including management of consortia (if applicable).

This project will be led by the NFF with support from an industry consortium deeply integrated in Australia's poultry meat supply chains, including: • NSW Farmers'

• The Australian Chicken Growers Council

The Victorian Farmers Federation

Each organisation has specialist skills in project management, industry engagement and policy analysis that will support the review, development and implementation of a code of conduct.

#### NFF

The NFF has a proven track record successfully delivering national projects for the Australian Government. The NFF uses strong, positive relationships with many stakeholders to provide robust projects that drive positive outcomes for agriculture and regional communities. These relationships include government departments, state and local governments, community groups and the private sector. Through existing projects, the NFF has a demonstrated ability to deliver milestones on time, on budget and to a high standard.

The NFF has several key competencies that make it well placed to deliver this project, including:

- national reach and profile
- experience delivering comparable projects
- strong linkages with regional providers
  a leading role across the Australian agriculture and horticulture sectors
- experience communicating through rural media and communications
- exceptional digital delivery
  thorough data analytics and reporting

These competencies make the NFF well placed to deliver this project to a high standard.

The NFF has several project and delivery examples that demonstrate its capacity to deliver this initiative, including:

- AqCAREERSTART
- Australian Agricultural Sustainability Framework
- The Regional Tech Hub
- Digital Champions Project

#### **NSW** Farmers

NSW Farmers' Association (NSW Farmers) is Australia's largest state farming organisation comprising members who are farmers and other stakeholders of the agricultural industry. NSW Farmers is a not-for-profit, advocacy group for the farming sector, championing the rights of farmers and rural communities at all levels of government and with industry stakeholders.

NSW Farmers is a trusted delivery partner for State and Federal Government programs. Over the past seven years NSW Farmers has delivered, on time and on budget, projects totalling over \$10 million. Some examples of externally funded programs delivered by NSW Farmers include:

- Kids to Farms
- Kids to Farms
   Farm Safety Advisor Program
   Agricultural Renewable Energy Acceleration Initiative
   Oyster Industry Sector Development Grants
   Western Division Wild Dog Project

- NSW Quad Bike Safety Improvement Program Young Farmer Business Program - Bank Ready Workshops
   Farm Energy Innovation Program
   Mining and CSG Communications Program.

Each month, NSW Farmers connects with farmers almost 60,000 times across diverse events and media The Farmer magazine and a 1300 hotline for professional workplace relations, policy and regional teams.

NSW Farmers provides contract poultry meat members a designated poultry meat manager to support their distinct needs including facilitated communication with processors, industry advocacy and trusted advice.

#### ACGC

Formed in the early 1980s, ACGC is the peak national body representing contract chicken meat and turkey growers on a range of industry issues at state and national levels.

ACGC works toward the sustainability and viability of its members and the provision of a unifying policy forum. ACGC works with state and national government departments and authorities, local government bodies and agencies and state and national farming organisations, including the National Farmers' Federation, where it sits with the Members' Council.

The ACGC Board consists of members from the state chicken grower representative organisations, including:

- · NSW Farmers
- Queensland Farmers Federation
- South Australian Chicken Growers
- Tasmanian Chicken Grower's Association
   Victorian Chicken Growers' Council
- Western Australian Broiler Grower's Association

ACGC is a member of the Australian Chicken Meat Federation executive.

#### VFF

The Victorian Farmers Federation is the leading organisation that represents the interests of farmers and regional communities across Victoria. With a strong record of successful political advocacy and leadership, the VFF has generated substantial benefits for farmers and regional Victorians since its formation in 1979, helping to create a profitable, sustainable and socially responsible agricultural industry connecting with all Victorians.

The VFF runs a range of projects that provide benefits to Victorian farmers and rural communities. Projects are funded by both private organisations and government. They include areas of importance such as fire recovery, farm safety, mental health, employment, biosecurity and education. Recent successful projects include:

- Stock Sense
- Making Our Farms Safer
- Kids to Ag
   Developing Community Understanding of Agriculture
- Cattle Underpass Scheme

#### Project Governance Committee

An independent Governance Committee will provide long-term oversight of the project. It will review project activity and implementation to ensure the project is being delivered within timeframes and budget. It will actively review risks and project delivery to ensure it is being delivered to a high standard. This will ensure all project activities provide value for money and remain relevant for stakeholders across the supply chain.

It will also play a key role managing the consortium to ensure all project partners are delivering in line with agreed activities and intentions. This will allow ongoing industry feedback to be considered as part of project delivery. The NFF will develop a clear Terms of Reference for the committee to ensure it appropriately considers project oversight, relevant delivery and subcontracting and milestone reporting. This will also include committee members, initially from: NFF

NSW F

 ACGC Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
 VFF

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### Criterion 3 - Value for Money \*

Describe how your project proposal represents value for money (refer to the Glossary in the grant opportunity guidelines).

When addressing the criterion, strong applicants will:

- Demonstrate how the project proposal represents an efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of public resources
- Outline the project budget including items that are eligible, reasonable and relevant to the project activities
- Identify any risks associated with the project, and mitigation strategies to manage these risks.

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# Additional Information

#### **Consortium Arrangements \***

Does the Applicant plan to deliver the Activity as the lead agency of a consortium?



Details 1

#### If Yes, provide the Consortium details.

Consortium Member Legal Name \*

NSW Farmers' Association

Consortium Member ABN

31 000 004 651

#### Details 2

#### If Yes, provide the Consortium details.

Consortium Member Legal Name \*

AUSTRALIAN CHICKEN GROWERS' COUNCIL LTD

Consortium Member ABN

31 837 493 703	
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#### Details 3

If Yes, provide the Consortium details.

Consortium Member Legal Name \*

VICTORIAN FARMERS FEDERATION

Consortium Member ABN

67 079 980 304

If the Application is successful, the Applicant will be offered a Grant Agreement as the lead agency and held liable for all obligations contained in the Grant Agreement's Terms and Conditions. This includes monitoring, management, financial performance, service outcomes and insurance coverage.

The panel of consortium members does not enter into a Grant Agreement. The Applicant should obtain agreement prior to submitting this Application.

Further evidence of the consortium arrangements may be sought from successful Applicants prior to the signing of the Grant Agreement.

# Other Funding \*

You are required to contribute funding (monetary and in-kind) towards the project.

No

Please provide details about your funding contribution.



If Yes, provide details of other contributions which will be relied upon to complete this Activity.

Please note that you may be requested to provide letters of support or other forms of evidence before your Application is considered further in the assessment process.

Other Funding Item 1

Source of funding (List a maximum of 10) \*

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# **Applicant Contacts**

# Who is the Applicant's preferred authorised contact person for this Application?

The person must have authority to act on behalf of the Applicant in relation to this Application.

Title *	
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First Name *	Last Name *
s. 47F(1)	s. 47F(1)
Position *	Position Title *
Other	Senior Project Officer
Telephone *	Mobile
s. 47F(1)	
Email address *	 5
s. 47F(1)@nff.org.au	

# Provide an alternate authorised contact for this Application.

This person must also have authority to act on behalf of the Applicant in relation to this Application.

Title *	
s. 47F(1)	
First Name *	Last Name *
s. 47F(1)	s. 47F(1)
Position *	
General Manager	
Telephone *	Mobile
s. 47F(1)	
Email address *	
s. 47F(1)@nff.org.au	

# Declaration

# Do you have any conflicts of interest that may occur related to or from submitting this application? \*

Yes No

# Please read and complete the following declaration.

This Declaration must be signed by an authorised representative of the Applicant (or, if this Application is a joint/consortium Application, an authorised representative of the lead organisation). The authorised representative should be a person who is legally empowered to enter into contracts and commitments on behalf of the Applicant.

I declare that:

- The information contained in this form is true and correct.
- I have read, understood and agree to abide by the Guidelines.
- I have read, understood and agree to the Grant Terms and Conditions, should this Application be successful.
- I agree to receiving a Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI) for this funding, if applicable, should this Application is successful.
- I have read, understood and agree to information provided in this Application as detailed in the Use of Information.
- If and where any personal details of a third party are included, the third party has been made aware of, and given their permission for those details to appear in this Application and for their personal information to be shared as detailed in the Use of Information.
- I give consent to the Community Grants Hub to make public the details of the Applicant and the funding received, should this Application be successful.
- I consent to receive correspondence, legal notices, grant agreements and any subsequent letters of variations to the agreement electronically. I understand and agree
  that my electronic correspondences constitute a valid and legally binding method for interacting under the grant agreement and the Electronic Transactions Act 1999
  (Cth).

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I understand and agree to the declaration above. \*

I acknowledge that giving false or misleading information to the Community Grants Hub is a serious offence under Section 137.1 of the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth). \*

Full name of Authorised Officer *	Position of Authorised Officer *	Date
s. 47F(1)	Other	22/02/2022

# Please provide an estimate of the time taken to complete this Application Form, including:

- Actual time spent reading the guidelines, instructions and questions
- Time spent by all employees in collecting and providing the information
- Time spent completing all questions in the Application Form.

Hours	Minutes
48	

A copy of receipt will be sent to: s. 47F(1)@nff.org.au

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То:	s. 47F(1) @nff.org.au
Cc:	Market Transparency
Subject:	Calling to set up meeting re. Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural goods [SEC=OFFICIAL]

# His. 47F(1)

Understand you're in a meeting. Setting up a time for you to discuss *Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural goods*, if possible today is preferred.

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Kind regards,

# s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Director | Dairy and Competition

Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment <u>18 Marcus Clarke Street</u>, Canberra City ACT 2601 GPO Box 858, Canberra City ACT 2601

Tel. s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | market.transparency@awe.gov.au

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Cc:	Market Transparency
Subject:	RE: Calling to set up meeting re. Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural goods [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi <sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

Thanks for this. That time works for us.

Speak to you then.

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# Hi S. 47F(1)

Thanks for reaching out.

The next part of the grant development process occurs via the Community Grants Hub – they will contact you and your team shortly to draft grant agreements. The CGH liaises with the department as part of this process, so we will have an opportunity to review any drafting.

During the caretaker period, media announcements occur through the Minister's Office – so please liaise directly with them to discuss timing and public acknowledgement.

CCing in Craig Rosner-Moore, who recently joined as the Assistant Secretary for our branch.

#### Kind regards,

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 To: S. 22(1)(a)(ii)
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 @nff.org.au>

 Cc: Market Transparency <<u>Market.Transparency@agriculture.gov.au</u>>; Ag Media <<u>Media@agriculture.gov.au></u>

 Subject: RE: Calling to set up meeting re. Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural goods

 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

#### Hi <sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

Hope you're well and you're enjoying everything the caretaker period has to offer. I just wanted to follow up on this project and see how you were going with the contract? Happy to provide any help needed.

Is there going to be a public announcement related to this project? We worked with Ag Media to draft a media release but didn't see anything go out and were wondering when we can start to talk about it publicly?

Thanks for your help.

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Subject:	2021-6343 - Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries - Compliance and Eligibility Report & General Feedback Template [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments:	2021-6343 - Improving Market Transparenc~le Agricultural Goods Industries - Compliance and Eligibility Report - 17032022.DOCX; Attachment A - Pre- assessment Plan.DOCX; Attachment B - Grant Opportunity Guidelines.pdf; Attachment D - 2021-6343 - Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries - Application Data Report 10032022.XLSX; 2021-6343 - Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries - Application Data Report and General Feedback Template [SEC=OFFICIAL]

#### Good afternoon

Please find attached the Compliance and Eligibility Report and Application Data Report for the Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries grant opportunity.

#### **Compliance and Eligibility Report**

Confirms the pre-assessment process was conducted in accordance with the Pre-assessment Plan. If there was a deviation from the Pre-assessment Plan this is also included.

#### Application Data Report - sent 17/03/2022 (email attached)

To enable the Hub to reconcile the grants payment system and progress the successful applications to the Establishments team, DAWE are required to complete the Application Data Report and return it to the Hub (in Excel format), with the written authority to fund successful applicants, and must include:

- A list of all successful and unsuccessful applicants
- The amount of funding each applicant will receive broken down by financial year
- Any relevant service areas or locations including the breakdown of funding amount per service area if total recommended funding is less than the applicant applied for, or a service area has been removed

#### General Feedback Template – sent 17/03/2022

A General Feedback template is attached for DAWE to complete. The General Feedback must be approved at the SES Band 1 level. The completed General Feedback is required by Hub at least 5 business days before notifications are issued by the Hub.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thanks S. 47F(1)

# s. 47F(1)

Assessment Team Leader Community Grants Hub Assessment Centre Hub Operations

### P: s. 47F(1) | Es. 47F(1) @dss.gov.au Please note working days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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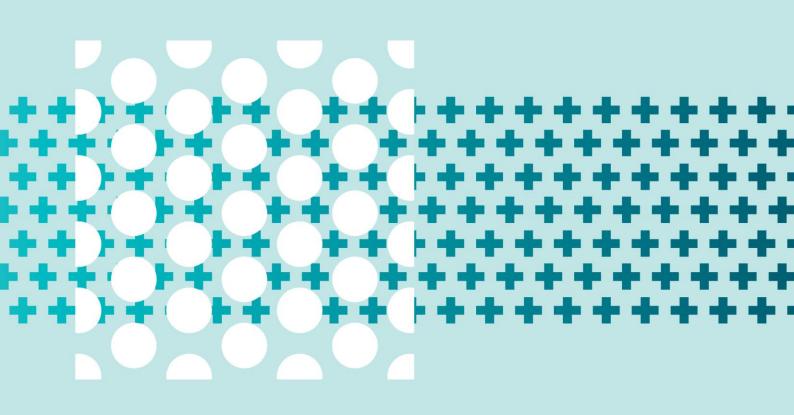
# **Compliance and Eligibility Report**

# Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries

Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

Grant Round ID: 2021-6343

March 2022



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# Purpose

The Compliance and Eligibility Report provides assurance the pre-assessment process for the Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries grant round has been conducted in accordance with the Community Grants Hub (the Hub) policies and procedures, and the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines.

The Hub is providing the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) this Compliance and Eligibility Report containing the outcome of the pre-assessment process.

# **Round Overview**

Туре:	Targeted Competitive	
Round open/close dates:	25 January 2022 – 22 February 2022	
Number of expected applications:	44	
Number of applications received:	11	
Assessment:	Client Assessment	

# **Pre-Assessment Process**

The application period opened on 25 January and closed at 9pm AEDT 22 February 2022.

The Pre-assessment Plan (Attachment A) outlined the pre-assessment process agreed to between the Hub and DAWE.

Following the closure of the grant round, the Hub provided DAWE the applications and a GPS export via email.

#### **Summary of Applications**

Category	Nº
Applications received on time	10
Plus late submissions	0
Plus Late Application Requests (accepted and an application submitted)	1
Total applications received and progressed to pre- assessment	11
Less Late applications received (not accepted)	0
Less Multiple applications (not accepted)	0
Less Not Eligible applications	0
Less Applicant Withdrawals	0
Less Not Compliant applications	0
Applications to be assessed	11

# **Compliance and Eligibility**

The Hub reviewed all applications for compliance and eligibility against the requirements outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines (GOG) (**Attachment B**) and according to Hub standard operating procedures. These included ensuring Applicants were one of the eligible legal entities as specified in the GOG and had submitted a completed application.

The late application and late application requests, multiple applications, National Redress Scheme, Workplace Gender Equality Agency and organisational eligibility processes were conducted as per the agreed Pre-assessment Plan.

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# **Multiple applications**

No multiple applications were identified.

### Attachments

There were no attachments for this round.

### **National Redress Scheme**

The Hub determined no applicants were identified as Institutions which have not joined or signified their intent to join the scheme.

# Workplace Gender Equality Agency

The Hub determined no applicants were identified as organisations listed on the Workplace Gender Equality Agency's Non-Compliant list. Whilst compliance with Workplace Gender Equality Agency requirements is not a specific requirement in the GOG, this has been provided for information purposes only.

# **Organisation eligibility**

At the conclusion of the organisation eligibility checks, the Organisation Data Management team identified all applications were in line with the GOG organisation eligibility requirements.

# **Financial Risk Assessments**

Ratio analysis and financial viability checks were not required for this round.

# Probity

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# **Funding Decisions**

The outcome of the Compliance and Eligibility checks have been provided to assist with completing the assessment of applications and preparing for briefing to the decision maker.

DAWE will record their funding recommendations by completing the Application Data Report sent on 17 March 2022 (**Attachment D**) and providing the Application Data Report back to the Hub with the written authority to fund successful applicants (the Spending Minute) which must include:

- A list of all successful and unsuccessful applicants
- The amount of funding each applicant will receive broken down by financial year
- Any relevant service areas or locations including the breakdown of funding amount per service area if total recommended funding is less than the applicant applied for, or a service area has been removed

The Application Data Report is to accompany the Spending Minute and remain in the format provided to the client. Columns **S to AM** are to be completed by DAWE in order to reconcile our grants payment system and progress the successful applications on to the Establishments team.

If the Application Data Report is not completed as per the instructions above, it will be returned to DAWE to reconcile before the Hub can proceed.

# Recommendations to Branch Manager, Hub Operations, **Community Grants Hub**

#### You:

1. Note the Hub has administered the Compliance and Eligibility process for the Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries in line with the GOG, Pre-assessment Plan and Hub Standard Operating Procedures.

#### s. 47F(1)

Director/A/g Director Assessment Centre **Hub Operations** Community Grants Hub

Signature: S. 47F(1) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 17/03/2022

#### s. 47F(1)

Branch Manager Hub Operations **Community Grants Hub** 

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 18/03/2022

# Attachments

Document	Attachment
Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries Pre-assessment Plan	Attachment A
Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries Grant Opportunity Guidelines	Attachment B
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Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries Application Data Report	Attachment D



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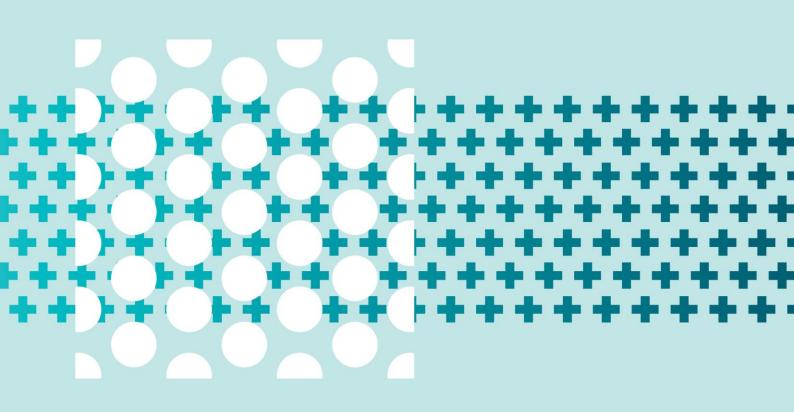


# Pre- assessment Plan

# Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries

Client Agency: Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

Grant Round ID: 2021-6343 Date: January 2022



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This Pre-assessment Plan provides a description of the pre assessment selection process for the Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries grant opportunity. The selection process has been developed in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) and Community Grants Hub (Hub) stakeholders.

The Grant Opportunity Guidelines (GOG) set out the objectives and operation of the grant. This plan details the responsibilities and processes used to administer pre-assessment component of the selection phase in accordance with the GOG. The Hub will use standard processes to deliver the pre assessment of the round, unless customised processes are agreed to and documented in this plan.

Processes have been developed in order to meet the timeframes and requirements established by the Grant Round Management Plan (GRMP), agreed between DAWE and the Hub. Any deviation from agreed parameters of the round may impact timeframes and result in the revision to the GRMP.

## Overview

**Purpose of Grant:** The intended outcome of the program grants is to improve market transparency in PAG industries by supporting projects which aim to achieve this outcome. These projects may have been co-designed by participants in workshops.

Grant Round Type: Targeted Competitive

**Open Date:** 25 January 2022

Close Date: 22 February 2022 at 9 pm AEDT

**Expected Applications:** 44

Expected Agreements: 10

Assessment Responsibility: Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment



### **Client Agency Responsibilities**

DAWE are responsible for the successful implementation of the grant program<sup>1</sup>. The Hub provides administrative services to support this outcome.

DAWE has responsibility for the following:

- Making decisions on not-eligible, not-compliant, multiple and late applications/requests
- Any reviews of the applicants (and consortium members) against the National Redress Scheme website after the Hub has issued its Compliance and Eligibility report
- Any further reviews of the applicants against the Workplace Gender Equality Agency website after the Hub has issued its Compliance and Eligibility report
- Undertaking assessment of all assessment criteria and additional program eligibility specified in the GOG
- Finalising the selection process including the Selection Report, ensuring appropriate delegation and making recommendations to the Delegate
- Preparing, briefing and making final recommendations for Ministerial/Delegate decision
- Providing the Hub with the Spending Minute, all associated attachments and the completed Application Data Report so the Hub can update applications in GPS.
- Preparing general applicant feedback for publication
- Preparing individual applicant feedback and responding to follow-up communication.

The Financial Delegate Decision Maker for this round is the Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia.

The Operational Decision Maker for this round is s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Director (a/g), Dairy and Competition Section. The Operational Decision Maker must be at the appropriate level (Executive Level 2 or above) to have the relevant authority to make the eligibility and compliance decisions for this round.

#### **Hub Responsibilities**

The Hub will provide the following services to assist in delivering the program:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Australian National Audit Office has emphasised responsibility for all aspects of a grant program remain with the policy owner: "Consistent with the accountability principles of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013, the entity allocated responsibility for the design and implementation of a program is accountable for the quality of any work undertaken by other entities to deliver the program. This includes the activities of contractors as well as whole of government shared services arrangements and service delivery hubs."

Auditor-General Report No.12 2019–20. Award of Funding Under the Regional Jobs and Investment Packages Fund.

- Provide all applications and attachments three days after the closure of the round. N.B. These applications will not have undergone pre-assessment checks, DAWE accept the risk of applications potentially being withdrawn from the assessment process.
- Providing a basic GPS export along with the attachments containing the Application Id, Submission Reference and Organisation Legal Entity Name.
- Undertaking compliance, organisational eligibility checks, and compiling minutes for DAWE decision
- Reviewing applicants (and consortium members) to ensure compliance with the National Redress Scheme eligibility requirement prior to the Hub issuing its Compliance and Eligibility report
- Reviewing applicants for information against compliance with the Workplace Gender Equality Agency website prior to the Hub issuing its Compliance and Eligibility report
- Facilitating probity enquiries and advice, and relevant training for pre-assessment staff
- Providing Grant Payment System (GPS) training for the pre-assessment staff
- Producing the Application Data Report for the purposes of the Selection Advisory Panel (SAP)/decision maker
- Update GPS application status against Financial Delegate's outcomes
- Notifying applicants of successful and unsuccessful selection outcomes
- Coordinating individual applicant feedback

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### **Risks and Issues Management**

The Hub's established processes identify and assess risks and issues for referral to appropriate owners for remediation actions. Risks and issues will be promptly escalated to policy owners via the two-way escalation process for decision-making, focusing on finding solutions to potential problems to achieve better outcomes. Specifically, risks and issues requiring immediate action will be escalated to the Client via the relevant client manager. Any risks or issues considered less immediate will be discussed in the relevant oversight committee meeting and recorded in Tracker.

The Hub has oversight of issues and is responsible for tracking and reporting progress and escalation of issues as needed.

### **Conflict of Interest and confidentiality**

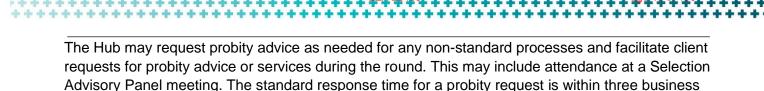
The Hub will provide Hub pre assessment staff involved in the Select Phase of the grant round selection process with Conflict of Interest and Declaration of Confidentiality forms to be completed.

DAWE will need to ensure their own forms are completed by all staff involved in the Select Phase of the grant round selection process and are recorded appropriately.

### Probity

Probity relates to ethical behaviour. The Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines (CGRG's) specifically identify the principles and public sector values and duties of honesty, integrity, impartiality and accountability.

Probity training for staff involved in the assessment or selection of applications may be provided by the Hub's independent advisor, O'Connor Marsden & Associates Pty Ltd upon request.



## Select Phase

All requirements outlined in the GOG will be treated in accordance with the processes described below, excluding those defined as Out of Scope.

### Compliance

days.

The Hub will undertake initial screening of applications to ensure they are successfully submitted to GPS. Applications will then undergo the following compliance checks in line with the GOG.

### Attachments

The Hub will check applications to ensure requested attachments where required are present as outlined in the GOG.

For this round there are no mandatory attachments.

### Late applications

Applications submitted after the closing time (9.00pm AEDT on Tuesday, 22 February 2022) will not be accepted unless an applicant has experienced exceptional circumstances, as defined in the Hub's late applications policy, preventing the submission of the application.

A list of late applications and requests to submit a late application, including their explanations, will be provided to the Operational Decision Maker to determine if a late application or request should be accepted. Late application requests can be made for 3 calendar days after the close time of the round.

Should the Hub receive any requests to reconsider final decisions made in this process, or any further requests to submit a late application after the Operational Decision Maker has provided their final decision, the Hub will send any further requests for their direction.

#### **Multiple Applications**

For this round, *"a separate application form must be submitted for each project. You must submit one application form for each project."* If more than one application is submitted for the same project, the latest accepted application form will progress.

The Hub will check the applications and identify any submitted from the same organisation or consortium lead for the same activity.

The check will include:

- Legal entity name
- ABN
- Project/activity title
- Applicant's brief description of their project



• Where relevant, a list of multiple applications will be provided to the Operational Decision Maker to determine if an application should progress.

Should the Hub receive requests to reconsider final decisions made in this process the Hub will send all requests to the Operational Decision Maker for their direction.

### **National Redress Scheme**

The Grant Opportunity Guidelines contain the following eligibility requirements:

You are not eligible to apply if you are:

 an organisation, or your project partner is an organisation, included on the National Redress Scheme's website on the list of <u>'Institutions that have not joined or signified their</u> <u>intent to join the Scheme'</u>.

All members of the consortium must comply with the National Redress legislation.

The Hub prepares a weekly automated report which sources information from the National Redress Scheme website. This report is reviewed during pre-assessment to determine eligibility of applicants (and consortium members). Subsidiaries of organisations named on the National Redress Scheme website will not be identified by the Hub amongst the applicant/s (and consortium members). Applicants (and consortium members) identified on the report will be referred to the National Redress Scheme for confirmation.

Where relevant, applicants who are identified through the report will be withdrawn from the grant round and their application will not progress to assessment. If any applicants are identified, they will be included in the non-compliance minute provided to the Operational Decision Maker noting they will be withdrawn and not progress to assessment. This is provided to the Operational Decision Maker for information.

Eligibility will be determined based on the first weekly report prepared by the Hub after the closing date of the round.

DAWE are responsible for any subsequent checks of the National Redress Scheme website they wish to perform prior to providing the brief to the Minister/Delegate.

The Compliance and Eligibility Report will include the results of the Hub's initial check.

### Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA)

While the GOG does not specify WGEA compliance requirements, the following information will be provided to the Operational Decision maker.

The Hub prepares a weekly automated report which sources information from the WGEA website. This report is reviewed during pre-assessment to determine compliance of applicant/s. Subsidiaries of organisations named on the WGEA website will not be identified by the Hub amongst the applicant/s.

If any applicants are identified, a list will be provided to the Operational Decision Maker for their information.

The Compliance and Eligibility Report will include the results of the Hub's initial check. Compliance against WGEA will be based on the first weekly report provided to the Hub in line with the preparation of the Compliance and Eligibility Report.



DAWE are responsible for any subsequent checks of the WGEA website they wish to perform prior to briefing their Minister.

### **Organisational eligibility**

Applicant organisation legal entity details will be checked to ensure they align with the eligible legal entity types specified in the GOG.

A list of potentially ineligible applications, due to the legal entity type not being in line with the GOG, will be provided to the Operational Decision Maker to determine if they should be considered for funding and progressed through the assessment process. This will be identified as the 'Vendor Check Findings' spreadsheet.

### **Application Data Report**

For the purposes of the decision-making process, the Hub will prepare an Application Data Report (**Attachment A**) containing all relevant applicant information. This may be used as a tool to record decisions to recommend to fund/not fund applicants and supporting justifications. This report may be used to brief the Delegate.

### **Compliance and Eligibility Report**

The Hub will prepare a Compliance and Eligibility Report confirming the pre-assessment process was completed in line with this Pre-assessment Plan. If there was a deviation from the Pre-assessment Plan, an appropriate explanation will be provided.

The Compliance and Eligibility Report will be provided as assurance of the completion of the preassessment process in accordance with the GOG, CGRGs and processes outlined in this Preassessment Plan, or otherwise agreed to.

The report includes:

- a summary of the pre-assessment process
- information regarding any deviation from the Pre-assessment Plan



### Approval to Fund Applicants

In accordance with the GOG, the Financial Delegate will make the final decision to fund and not fund applicants.

Following the Financial Delegate's decision, DAWE will provide the Hub with the Financial Delegate's written authority to fund successful applicants. The written authority must include a list of all the successful applicants, including the amount of funding each applicant will receive and any relevant service areas or service types.

Accompanying the written authority the Hub require the Application Data Report to be returned in excel format retaining:

- Application's Id,
- Submission Reference,
- Legal Entity Name and,
- if applicable, the breakdown of funding per service area and
- financial year (in excel format)

This is to ensure the Hub is able to reconcile funding decisions. To enable the Hub to enter funding for successful applicants into GPS, DAWE are required to provide the final completed Application Data Report to the Hub. If DAWE do not return the completed Application Data Report there may be delays in processing the Spending Minute.

#### Notifications

In accordance with the CGRG's, the Hub will publish a list of grant recipients on the GrantConnect website no later than twenty-one working days after the grant agreement(s) take effect.

Following the Financial Delegate's decision to fund and not fund applicants the Hub will send all notifications using the standard template.

Applicants deemed not eligible or not compliant will receive a notification about their application's outcome after all eligibility and compliance checks have been completed.



## Out of Scope Activities

The following activities outlined in the GOG will be considered as out of scope for this preassessment plan and will not be undertaken by the Hub.

- Financial Risk Assessment including FVA and RAs
- Determining Eligible Activities
- Determining Eligible Expenditure
- Determining Eligible Locations
- Determining Additional eligibility (excluding Australian Business Number and an account with an Australian Financial Institution requirements)
- Assessment of applications
- Assessment of attachments
- Moderation and Quality Assurance of Applications
- Secretariat support for the Selection Advisory Panel (SAP)
- Preparing the final Selection Report
- Fraud and Organisation Risk

## Personnel

### Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment Staff

Financial Delegate: Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia

Operational Decision Maker: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) , Director (a/g), Dairy and Competition Section

Other Support: Panel members, experts etc.

### Assessment Centre Key Staff

A/g Director of Assessment: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assessment Manager: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

### **Related Documents**

This Pre-assessment Plan aligns with, relates to or depends on the following documents:

- Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries Grant Round Management Plan
- Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries Grant Opportunity
   Guidelines
- Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries Questions & Answers

### Attachments

• Attachment A – Application Data Report

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# Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries Grant Opportunity Guidelines

Opening date:	25 January 2022
Closing date and time:	9:00 pm AEDT on 22 February 2022
Commonwealth policy entity:	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
Administering entity:	Community Grants Hub
Enquiries:	If you have any questions, contact
	Community Grants Hub
	Phone: 1800 020 283 (option 1)
	Email: support@communitygrants.gov.au
	Questions should be sent no later than 5:00 pm AEDT on 15 February 2022
Date guidelines released:	25 January 2022
Type of grant opportunity:	Targeted competitive

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### Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries Program processes

# The Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries Program is designed to achieve Australian Government objectives

This grant opportunity is part of the above grant program which contributes to Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment's Outcome 3 – More sustainable, productive, internationally competitive and profitable Australian agricultural, food and fibre industries through policies and initiatives that promote better resource management practices, innovation, self-reliance and improved access to international markets. The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment works with stakeholders to plan and design the grant program according to the

Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines 2017 (CGRGs).

### The grant opportunity opens

We publish the grant guidelines on the <u>GrantConnect</u> and <u>Community Grants Hub</u> websites.

### You complete and submit a grant application

You complete the application form and address all of the eligibility and assessment criteria to be considered for a grant.

### ↓ We assess all grant applications

We assess the applications against eligibility criteria and notify you if you are not eligible. If you are eligible, we then assess your eligible application against the assessment criteria including an overall consideration of value with money and compare it to other applications.

# ✓ We make grant recommendations

We provide advice, through the Selection Advisory Panel, to the decision maker on the merits of each application.

### ✓ Grant decisions are made

The decision maker Minister of Agriculture and Northern Australia decides which applications are successful.

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### We notify you of the outcome

We advise you of the outcome of your application. We may not notify unsuccessful applicants until grant agreements have been executed with successful applicants.

# ✓ We enter into a grant agreement

We enter into a grant agreement with you if successful. The type of grant agreement is based on the nature or complexity of the grant and is proportional to the risks involved.

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### **Delivery of grant**

You undertake the grant activity as set out in your grant agreement. We manage the grant by working with you, monitoring your progress and making payments.

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### Evaluation of the Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries Program

We evaluate your specific grant activity and the Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries Program as a whole. We base this on information you provide us and that we collect from various sources.

### 1.1 Introduction

These guidelines contain information for the Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries Program (the program) grants.

You must read these guidelines before filling out an application.

This document sets out:

- the purpose of the grant program/grant opportunity
- the eligibility and assessment criteria
- how grant applications are considered and selected
- how grantees are notified and receive grant payments
- how grantees will be monitored and evaluated
- responsibilities and expectations in relation to the opportunity.

This grant opportunity and process will be administered by the Community Grants Hub on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (the department).

### 2 About the grant program

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) inquiry into <u>Perishable Agricultural</u> <u>Goods (PAG)</u> recommended that governments and industries should explore measures to increase price transparency in PAG industries, in order to increase competition in those industries.

In response to this recommendation, the Australian Government is implementing a program to improve market and price transparency in perishable agricultural goods supply chains.

The program includes:

- the delivery of workshops with interested PAG industries to identify their market transparency issues and barriers, and opportunities to improve market transparency.
- A grants program to develop and implement tailored mechanisms to improve price and market transparency.

The objectives of the program are to:

- provide an opportunity for PAG industries to identify market transparency issues and barriers in their sector
- co-design potential projects to improve market transparency with participants across the supply chain in each perishable agricultural industry
- fund projects to generate knowledge, technologies, products or processes that improve price and market transparency in perishable agricultural industries.

Each PAG industry was offered the opportunity to participate in workshops. Workshop attendees included representatives/stakeholders from across the supply chain for the relevant industry, Research and Development Corporation/s, the department and the ACCC. The workshops provided the opportunity for supply chain participants to discuss price and market transparency issues in the sector, brainstorm ideas and co-design projects to improve market transparency. Workshops were held with the seafood, wine grape, chicken meat, red meat, horticulture and dairy industries between August and November 2021. Communiques of the workshops can be found on the department's <u>website</u>.

The Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries Program (the program) grants will run over 3 years from 2022–23 to 2024–25. A total of \$5 million of grant funding is available.

The intended outcome of the program grants is to improve market transparency in PAG industries by supporting projects which aim to achieve this outcome. These projects may have been co-designed by participants in workshops.

Improving market transparency will enable supply chains to allocate resources more effectively, adapt production in a timely manner and implement appropriate risk management strategies. This in turn brings confidence and trust to supply chains, enhancing the productivity, profitability and sustainability of PAG industries. Market transparency issues include price and non-price factors such as quality assessment processes.

The Community Grants Hub administers the program according to <u>Commonwealth Grants Rules</u> <u>and Guidelines 2017 (CGRGs)</u>.

### 3 Grant amount and grant period

### 3.1 Grants available

The Australian Government has announced a total of \$5 million GST exclusive over 3 years for 'Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural industries' grant program.

The grant opportunity will run from 25 January 2022 to 22 February 2022. Only one grant opportunity will be available to apply for funding under the program, with funding available for 3 years.

- there is no minimum grant amount.
- the maximum grant amount is \$1 million GST exclusive.
- applicants can submit applications for more than one project.
- you are required to contribute funding (monetary and in-kind) towards the project. There is no minimum contribution amount.

### 3.2 Grant/Project period

The maximum grant period is 3 years.

### 4 Eligibility criteria

The decision maker can choose to waive the eligibility criteria, however they must be made aware of the risks.

### 4.1 Who is eligible to apply for a grant?

To be eligible, you must be one of the listed invited organisations and have received an invitation to apply through <u>GrantConnect</u>.

We can only accept applications from Research and Development Corporations or industry representative bodies for PAG industries that participated in the 'Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural goods industries' workshops.

Invited organisations can submit more than one application for grant funding.

Invited Organisation	ABN	Rationale for Invitation
AgriFutures Australia	25 203 754 319	Attended chicken meat workshops
Australian Chicken Growers Council	31 837 493 703	Attended chicken meat workshops
Australian Chicken Meat Federation	24 077 883 026	Attended chicken meat workshops
Victorian Farmers' Federation	67 079 980 304	Attended chicken meat workshops
National Farmers' Federation	77 097 140 166	Attended chicken meat, horticulture and dairy workshops
NSW Farmers' Association	31 000 004 651	Attended chicken meat and horticulture workshops
Australian Dairy Farmers	76 060 549 653	Attended dairy workshops
Australian Dairy Products Federation	72 577 831 587	Attended dairy workshops
Dairy Australia	60 105 227 987	Attended dairy workshops
Apple and Pear Limited	55 490 626 489	Attended horticulture workshops
Australian Banana Growers Council	60 381 740 734	Attended horticulture workshops
Australian Fresh Produce Alliance	11 631 297 642	Attended horticulture workshops
Australian Macadamia Society	19 010 689 415	Attended horticulture workshops
Australian Nut Industry Council	20 321 554 497	Attended horticulture workshops
AUSVEG	25 107 507 559	Attended horticulture workshops
Avocados Australia	87 105 853 807	Attended horticulture workshops
Berries Australia	48 627 401 692	Attended horticulture workshops
Fresh Markets Australia	67 065 246 808	Attended horticulture workshops
Fresh State Ltd	90 132 755 983	Attended horticulture workshops
Growcom	51 090 816 827	Attended horticulture workshops
Horticulture Innovation Australia	71 602 100 149	Attended horticulture workshops
Melons Australia	36 990 325 012	Attended horticulture workshops
Summerfruits Australia	51 105 962 196	Attended horticulture workshops

Invited Organisation	ABN	Rationale for Invitation
VegetablesWA	17 106 623 538	Attended horticulture workshops
Australian Lot Feeders' Association	16 009 928 018	Attended red meat workshops
Australian Meat Industry Council	65 990 653 488	Attended red meat workshops
Australian Meat Processor Corporation	67 082 373 448	Attended red meat workshops
Cattle Council of Australia	35 561 267 326	Attended red meat workshops
Meat & Livestock Australia	39 081 678 364	Attended red meat workshops
Red Meat Advisory Council	44 083 193 891	Attended red meat workshops
Sheep Producers Australia	21 256 252 885	Attended red meat workshops
Australian Barramundi Farmers' Association	85 251 195 289	Attended seafood workshops
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	74 311 094 913	Attended seafood workshops
NSW Professional Fishermen's Association	93 801 719 337	Attended seafood workshops
Oysters Australia	63 153 542 833	Attended seafood workshops
Seafood Industry Australia	45 619 081 364	Attended Seafood workshops
South Australian Oyster Growers Association	59 883 967 848	Attended seafood workshops
Tasmanian Salmon Growers Association	27 009 590 729	Attended seafood workshops
Western Rock Lobster Council	25 938 811 829	Attended seafood workshops
Australian Grape and Wine	45 903 873 163	Attended wine grape workshops
Inland Wine Regions Alliance	66 228 112 980	Attended wine grape workshops
Murray Valley Winegrowers Inc	27 375 625 539	Attended wine grape workshops
Riverina Winegrape Growers	72 739 514 203	Attended wine grape workshops
Wine Australia	89 636 749 924	Attended Wine grape workshops

Applications from consortia are acceptable, as long as you have a lead applicant who is solely accountable to the Commonwealth for the delivery of grant activities and is an eligible entity as per the list above<sup>1</sup>. Eligible organisations can form a consortia with ineligible organisations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Australian Government recognises that some organisations may seek to form consortia in order to apply for a grant under the program. Consortia are eligible to apply and the relevant conditions applicable to consortia are in section 7.2.

### 4.2 Who is not eligible to apply for a grant?

You are not eligible to apply for this grant opportunity if you have not received an invitation to apply through <u>GrantConnect</u> and are not listed as an eligible invited organisation in section 4.1.

Additionally, you are not eligible to apply if you are an organisation, or your project partner is an organisation, included on the <u>National Redress Scheme's website</u> on the list of 'Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme'.

### 5 What the grant money can be used for

### 5.1 Eligible grant activities

To be eligible, your grant activity must:

 generate knowledge, technologies, products or processes that improve price and market transparency in a perishable agricultural sector and include a component that is implemented online.

Market transparency refers to the availability of information in a market. This information might include:

- prices at different levels of a supply chain
- production or supply levels and trends
- consumption or demand levels and trends, or
- external factors that might affect market dynamics.

### 5.2 Eligible expenditure

You can only spend the grant on eligible expenditure you have incurred on agreed project activities.

Eligible expenditure items include (but are not limited to):

- wages
- costs associated with developing software, education and training
- costs for research and development activities
- costs for legal and financial advice and consulting services
- costs for communications activities
- travel.

If your application is successful, we may ask you to verify project costs that you provided in your application. You may need to provide evidence such as quotes for major costs.

Not all expenditure on your grant activity may be eligible for grant funding. The decision maker makes the final decision on what is eligible expenditure.

You must incur the expenditure on your grant activities between the start date and end or completion date for your grant agreement for it to be eligible.

### 5.3 What the grant money cannot be used for

You cannot use the grant for:

- purchase of land
- major capital expenditure
- the covering of retrospective costs
- costs incurred in the preparation of a grant application or related documentation
- subsidy of general ongoing administration of an organisation such as electricity, phone and rent
- major construction/capital works
- overseas travel
- activities for which other Commonwealth, state, territory or local government bodies have primary responsibility.

### 6 The assessment criteria

You must address all of the following assessment criteria in the application.

The assessment criteria are not weighted.

The amount of detail and supporting evidence you provide in your application should be relative to the size, complexity and grant amount requested.

We will consider the extent to which the evidence in the application demonstrates that it will contribute to meeting the outcomes/objectives of the Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural industries program.

We will also consider the extent to which the applicant demonstrates a commitment to the Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural industries program.

Applications can leverage existing initiatives. If relevant, applications should describe how the project will build on or complement (and not duplicate) existing activities and initiatives to improve market transparency.

While we will consider multiple applications from the same industry, the total amount of funding being applied for each industry will be considered when assessing applications.

The application form includes character limits – up to 6,000 characters (approximately 950 words) per criterion. The application form will not accept characters beyond this limit. Please note spaces are included in the character limit.

#### Criterion 1 – Project Proposal

Describe how your project proposal will contribute to the grant opportunity and intended outcomes (refer to section 2).

When addressing the criterion, strong applicants will:

- demonstrate how the project will achieve the objective and intended outcome of the grant opportunity
- outline how the activities or which activities will be implemented online
- demonstrate how the project will engage relevant stakeholders and the extent to which the project leverages existing initiatives
- describe anticipated short, medium and long-term project outcomes and how outcomes will be monitored and evaluated

- outline how the project will be implemented and the impact across the relevant supply chain
- outline how the project will be supported, funded and maintained after the grant agreement has ended (if relevant)
- demonstrate how the project is supported by the industry, this may include co-sponsorship by partners from across the relevant supply chain (optional).

### **Criterion 2 - Experience**

Describe your organisation's experience working with and delivering projects for your industry.

When addressing the criterion, strong applicants will:

- provide details of the key personnel engaged in delivering the project/sub-projects or collaboration with relevant/specialist organisations
- describe the particular skills or expertise that personnel/project partners will bring to the project
- outline proposed governance arrangements to manage the projects effectively, including management of consortia (if applicable).

### Criterion 3 – Value for Money

Describe how your project proposal represents value for money (refer to Glossary).

When addressing the criterion, strong applicants will:

- demonstrate how the project proposal represents an efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of public resources
- outline the project budget including items that are eligible, reasonable and relevant to the project activities.
- identify any risks associated with the project, and mitigation strategies to manage these risks.

### 7 How to apply

Before applying, you must read and understand these guidelines, the terms and conditions, sample grant agreement and questions and answers.

The Grant Opportunity Guidelines can be found on the <u>GrantConnect</u> and <u>Community Grants Hub</u> <u>websites</u>. Any changes to these guidelines will be published on both sites. All other grant opportunity documentation (including the online application form) will only be available to invited applicants via GrantConnect. Addenda<sup>2</sup> to these grant opportunity documents will only be published on GrantConnect.

By registering on this website, you will be automatically notified of any changes. GrantConnect is the authoritative source for grants information.

A separate application form must be submitted for each project. You must submit one application form for each project. If more than one application is submitted for the same project, the latest accepted application form will progress.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Addenda can include changes to existing grant opportunity documentation and/or publishing additional documents. Changes include but are not limited to: corrections to currently published documents, changes to close times for applications and system outage notices.

To apply, you must:

- complete the online application form on <u>GrantConnect</u>
- provide all the information requested
- address all eligibility criteria and assessment criteria
- include all necessary attachments
- submit your application/s to the Community Grants Hub by 9:00 pm AEDT on 22 February 2022.

We will not provide application forms or accept applications for this grant opportunity by fax or mail.

The application form includes help information. You are responsible for making sure your application is complete and accurate. Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the <u>Criminal Code Act 1995</u> and we will investigate any false or misleading information and may exclude your application from further consideration.

If you need more help about the application process, submitting an application online, have any technical difficulties or find an error in your application after submission, but before the closing date and time, you should contact the Community Grants Hub immediately on 1800 020 283 (option 1) or email <a href="mailto:support@communitygrants.gov.au">support@communitygrants.gov.au</a>. The Community Grants Hub does not have to accept any additional information, or requests from you to correct your application after the closing time.

You cannot change your application after the closing date and time.

If we find an error or something missing, we may ask you for clarification or additional information.

This will not change the nature of your application. However, we can refuse to accept any additional information from you that would change your application after the closing time.

You should keep a copy of your application and any supporting documents.

You will receive an automated notification acknowledging the receipt of your application.

### 7.1 Joint (Consortia) applications

We recognise that some organisations may want to join together as a group to deliver a grant activity.

In these circumstances, you must appoint a 'lead organisation'. Only the lead organisation can submit the application form and enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth. The lead organisation of a consortium must also be an eligible entity type as outlined in section 4.1. The application must identify all other members of the proposed group. All members of the consortium must comply with the National Redress legislation.

You must have a formal arrangement in place with all parties prior to execution of the agreement.

### 7.2 Timing of grant opportunity processes

You must submit an application between the published opening and closing dates.

### Late applications

We will not accept late applications unless an applicant has experienced exceptional circumstances that prevent the submission of the application. Broadly, exceptional circumstances are events characterised by one or more of the following:

- reasonably unforeseeable
- beyond the applicant's control
- unable to be managed or resolved within the application period.

Exceptional circumstances will be considered on their merits and in accordance with probity principles.

### How to lodge a late application

Applicants seeking to submit a late application will be required to submit a late application request to the Community Grants Hub.

The request should include a detailed explanation of the circumstances that prevented the application being submitted prior to the closing time. Where appropriate, supporting evidence can be provided to verify the claim of exceptional circumstances.

The late application request form and instructions for how to submit it can be found on the <u>Community Grants Hub website</u>.

Written requests to lodge a late application will only be accepted within 3 days after the grant opportunity has closed.

The delegate or their appointed representative<sup>3</sup> will determine whether a late application will be accepted. The decision of the delegate will be final and not be subject to a review or appeals process.

Once the outcome is determined, the Community Grants Hub will advise the applicant if their request is accepted or declined.

#### Expected timing for this grant opportunity

If you are successful, you will be expected to start your grant activity around August 2022.

Table 1: Expected timing for this grant opportunity

Activity	Timeframe
Assessment of applications	Within 6 weeks from the closing date
Approval of outcomes of selection process	Within 8 weeks from the closing date
Notification to unsuccessful applicants	Within 12 weeks from the closing date
Negotiations and award of grant agreements	Within 12 weeks from the closing date
Earliest start date of grant activity	July 2022
End date of grant activity	30 June 2025

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This may be the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment delegate or nominated staff member at the EL2 level or above.

### 7.3 Questions during the application process

If you have any questions during the application period, please contact the Community Grants Hub on 1800 020 283 (option 1) or email <u>support@communitygrants.gov.au</u>. Only invited applicants' questions will be responded to during the application submission period.

The Community Grants Hub will respond to emailed questions within 5 working days. Answers to questions are posted on the GrantConnect.

The question period will close at 5:00 pm AEDT on 15 February 2022. Following this time, only questions about using and/or submitting the application form will be answered.

### 8 The grant selection process

### 8.1 Assessment of grant applications

Applications will be assessed based on the eligibility and assessment criteria as set out in these Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

We will assess all applications for eligibility and compliance against the requirements of the application process. Eligible applications will then be considered through a targeted competitive grant process.

### 8.2 Who will assess and select applications?

The department will undertake a preliminary assessment against the selection criteria. The preliminary assessment will provide an initial ranking of applications to inform the deliberations of the Selection Advisory Panel.

The Selection Advisory Panel will be established by the department and may include a mix of employees of the department, experts from the sector, and other Commonwealth officers with relevant specialist expertise.

Any expert/advisor who is not a Commonwealth official will be required/expected to perform their duties in accordance with the CGRGs.

The Selection Advisory Panel will assess whether the application represents value with money and will make final recommendations to the decision maker by taking into account the following factors:

- the initial preliminary score against the assessment criteria
- the overall objective/s to be achieved in providing the grant
- whether the proposed project is in scope
- the relative value of the grant sought
- the extent to which the evidence in the application demonstrates that it will contribute to meeting the outcomes/objectives of the Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural industries program
- the extent to which the applicant demonstrates a commitment to the Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural industries program
- the risks, financial, fraud and other, that the applicant or project poses for the department
- the risks that the applicant or project poses for the Commonwealth
- if there are multiple applications from the same industry, the total amount of funding being applied for each industry

The Selection Advisory Panel may seek additional information from the applicant to assist in making its final recommendations.

### 8.3 Who will approve grants?

Based on the value of the grant round, and in line with the department's financial delegations, the Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia will be the decision maker for this round. The decision maker decides which grants to approve based on the recommendations of the Selection Advisory Panel, taking into consideration any further information that may become known, including the availability of grant funds for the purposes of the grant program.

The decision maker's decision is final in all matters, including the:

- approval of the grant
- grant funding amount to be awarded
- terms and conditions of the grant.

There is no appeal mechanism for decisions to approve or not approve a grant.

### 8.4 The caretaker period

The caretaker period begins at the time the House of Representatives is dissolved and continues until an election result is clear or, if there is a change of government, until a new Ministry is appointed.

During caretaker periods, the Government operates in accordance with the <u>Guidance on Caretaker</u> <u>Conventions</u> produced by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The Caretaker Conventions include that the Government should avoid making major policy decisions, entering into major contracts or making significant appointments during a caretaker period.

If a caretaker period occurs during this grant opportunity the decision to proceed rests with the department and will be made on a case-by-case basis.

### 9 Notification of application outcomes

We will write to you about the outcome of your application. If you are successful, you are advised of any specific conditions attached to the grant.

### 9.1 Feedback on your application

A feedback summary will be published on the Community Grants Hub website to provide all organisations with easy access to information about the grant selection process and the main strengths and areas for improving applications.

Individual feedback will be available upon request. Applicants seeking individual feedback should submit requests to the department (<u>market.transparency@awe.gov.au</u>). Requests for individual feedback will only be accepted within 30 calendar days of receipt of the outcome of your application. We will provide feedback within 30 calendar days of receipt of the request.

### 10 Successful grant applications

### **10.1** The grant agreement

You must enter into a legally binding grant agreement with the Commonwealth. We will offer successful applicants a Commonwealth Simple Grant Agreement for this grant opportunity.

Each agreement has standard grant conditions that cannot be changed. Sample grant agreements are available on <u>GrantConnect</u> as part of the grant documentation. We will use a schedule to outline the specific grant requirements.

We must execute a grant agreement with you before we can make any payments. We are not responsible for any of your expenditure until a grant agreement is executed. You must not start any program activities until a grant agreement is executed.

Your grant agreement may have specific conditions determined by the assessment process or other considerations made by the decision maker. These are identified in the agreement.

We may manage the grant agreement through our Grant Recipient Portal. Accepting the agreement through the Grant Recipient Portal is the equivalent of signing a grant agreement. After you have accepted it, we will execute the agreement. Execute means both you and the Commonwealth have entered into the grant agreement. We will notify you when this happens, and a copy of the executed agreement will be available through the portal. The agreement will not become binding until it is executed.

The Commonwealth may recover grant funds if there is a breach of the grant agreement.

#### **Commonwealth Simple Grant Agreement**

We will use a Commonwealth Simple Grant Agreement.

You will have 20 business days from the date of a written offer to sign and return this grant agreement. The grant agreement is not considered to be executed until both you and the Commonwealth have signed the agreement. During this time, we will work with you to finalise details.

The offer may lapse if both parties do not sign the grant agreement within this time. Under certain circumstances, we may extend this period. We base the approval of your grant on the information you provide in your application.

You may request changes to the grant agreement. However, we will review any changes to make sure they do not affect the grant as approved by the decision maker.

#### **10.2** How we pay the grant

The grant agreement will state the:

- maximum grant amount to be paid
- proportion of eligible expenditure covered by the grant (grant percentage)
- any financial contributions you must make
- any in-kind contributions you will make
- any financial contribution provided by a third party
- reporting requirements.

We will not exceed the maximum grant amount under any circumstances. If you incur extra costs, you must meet them yourself.

We will make payments according to an agreed schedule set out in the grant agreement. Payments are subject to satisfactory progress on the grant activity.

### 10.3 Grant payments and GST

Payments will be GST inclusive. If you are registered for the <u>Goods and Services Tax (GST)</u>, where applicable, we will add GST to your grant payment and issue you with a <u>Recipient Created</u> <u>Tax Invoice</u>.

If a government related entity is deemed successful, GST will not apply.

Grants are assessable income for taxation purposes, unless exempted by a taxation law. We recommend you seek independent professional advice on your taxation obligations or seek assistance from the <u>Australian Taxation Office</u>. We do not provide advice on your particular taxation circumstances.

### 11 Announcement of grants

If successful, your grant will be listed on the <u>GrantConnect</u> website no later than 21 calendar days after the date of effect as required by section 5.3 of the CGRGs.

### 12 How we monitor your grant activity

### 12.1 Keeping us informed

You should let us know if anything is likely to affect your grant activity or organisation.

We need to know of any changes to your organisation or its business activities, particularly if they affect your ability to complete your grant, carry on business and pay debts due because of these changes.

You must also inform us of any changes to your:

- name
- addresses
- nominated contact details
- bank account details.

If you become aware of a breach of the terms and conditions under the grant agreement, you must contact us immediately on <u>market.transparency@awe.gov.au</u>.

You must notify us of events relating to your grant and provide an opportunity for the Minister or their representative to attend.

### 12.2 Reporting

You must submit reports in line with the grant agreement. We will provide sample templates for these reports. We will remind you of your reporting obligations before a report is due. We will expect you to report on:

- progress against agreed grant activity milestones and outcomes
- contributions of participants directly related to the grant activity
- expenditure of the grant

The amount of detail you provide in your reports should be relative to the size and complexity of the grant and the grant amount.

We will monitor progress by assessing reports you submit and may conduct site visits or request records to confirm details of your reports if necessary. Occasionally we may need to re-examine claims, ask for more information or request an independent audit of claims and payments.

### **Progress reports**

Progress reports must:

- include evidence of your progress toward completion of agreed activities and outcomes
- show the total eligible expenditure incurred to date
- include evidence of expenditure
- be submitted by the report due date (you can submit reports ahead of time if you have completed relevant activities).

We will only make grant payments when we receive satisfactory progress reports.

You must tell us of any reporting delays with us as soon as you become aware of them.

#### Ad-hoc reports

We may ask you for ad-hoc reports on your grant. This may be to provide an update on progress, or any significant delays or difficulties in completing the grant activity.

#### **Final report**

When you complete the grant activity, you must submit a final report.

Final reports must:

- identify if and how outcomes have been achieved
- include the agreed evidence as specified in the grant agreement
- identify the total eligible expenditure incurred
- be submitted by the due date and in the format provided in the grant agreement.

#### **Financial declaration**

We will ask you to provide a financial declaration that the grant money was spent in accordance with the grant agreement and to report on any underspends of the grant money.

### 12.3 Grant agreement variations

We recognise that unexpected events may affect your progress. In these circumstances, you can request a variation to your grant agreement. You can request a variation by contacting your Funding Arrangement Manager, Community Grants Hub.

You should not assume that a variation request will be successful. We will consider your request based on provisions in the grant agreement and the likely impact on achieving outcomes.

### 12.4 Compliance visits

We may visit you during or at the completion of your grant activity to review your compliance with the grant agreement. We will provide you with reasonable notice of any compliance visit.

### 12.5 Record keeping

We may also inspect the records you are required to keep under the grant agreement.

### 12.6 Evaluation

We will evaluate the grant program to see how well the outcomes and objectives have been achieved. We may use information from your application and reports for this purpose. We may also ask you for more information to help us understand how the grant impacted you and to evaluate how effective the program was in achieving its outcomes.

We may contact you up to one year after you finish your grant for more information to assist with this evaluation.

### 12.7 Acknowledgement

If you make a public statement about a grant activity funded under the program, we require you to acknowledge the grant by using the following:

'This project received grant funding from the Australian Government.'

### 13 Probity

The Australian Government will make sure that the grant opportunity process is fair, according to the published guidelines, incorporates appropriate safeguards against fraud, unlawful activities and other inappropriate conduct and is consistent with the CGRGs.

These guidelines may be changed by the department. When this happens, the revised guidelines are published on the <u>GrantConnect</u> and the <u>Community Grants Hub websites</u>.

### 13.1 Enquiries and feedback

#### Complaints about this grant opportunity

The department's client service charter applies to complaints about this grant opportunity. All complaints about this grant opportunity, including grant decisions, must be made in writing.

Any questions you have about grant decisions for this grant opportunity should be sent to the Program Manager at <u>market.transparency@awe.gov.au</u>.

#### Complaints about the selection process

Applicants can contact the complaints service with complaints about the Community Grants Hub's service/s or the selection process.

Details of what makes an eligible complaint can be provided by asking the Community Grants Hub. Applicants can use the <u>online complaints form</u> on the <u>Department of Social Services website</u>, or contact the Department of Social Services Complaints line.

Phone: 1800 634 035

Email: complaints@dss.gov.au

Mail: Complaints GPO Box 9820 Canberra ACT 2601

#### Complaints to the Ombudsman

If you do not agree with the way the Community Grants Hub or the department has handled your complaint, you may complain to the <u>Commonwealth Ombudsman</u>. The Ombudsman will not usually look into a complaint unless the matter has first been raised directly with the Community Grants Hub or the department.

The Commonwealth Ombudsman can be contacted on:

Phone (Toll free): 1300 362 072 Email: ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au Website: www.ombudsman.gov.au

### 13.2 Conflicts of interest

Any conflicts of interest could affect the performance of the grant opportunity or program. There may be a conflict of interest, or perceived conflict of interest, if the department and the Community Grants Hub staff, any member of a committee or advisor and/or you or any of your personnel has a:

- professional, commercial or personal relationship with a party who is able to influence the application selection process, such as an Australian Government officer or member of an external panel
- relationship with or interest in, an organisation, which is likely to interfere with or restrict the applicants from carrying out the proposed activities fairly and independently
- relationship with, or interest in, an organisation from which they will receive personal gain because the organisation receives a grant under the grant program/grant opportunity.

You will be asked to declare, as part of your application, any perceived or existing conflicts of interest or that, to the best of your knowledge, there is no conflict of interest.

If you later think there is an actual, apparent, or perceived conflict of interest, you must inform the department and the Community Grants Hub in writing immediately.

Conflicts of interest for Australian Government staff will be handled as set out in the Australian <u>Public Service Code of Conduct (section 13(7))</u> of the <u>Public Service Act 1999</u>. Committee members and other officials including the decision maker must also declare any conflicts of interest.

We publish our conflict of interest policy on the Community Grants Hub website.

#### 13.3 Privacy

We treat your personal information according to the <u>Privacy Act 1988</u> and the <u>Australian Privacy</u> <u>Principles</u>. This includes letting you know:

- what personal information we collect
- why we collect your personal information
- who we give your personal information to.

Your personal information can only be disclosed to someone else for the primary purpose for which it was collected, unless an exemption applies.

The Australian Government may also use and give out information about grant applicants and grant recipients under this grant opportunity in any other Australian Government business or function. This includes disclosing grant information on GrantConnect as required for reporting purposes and giving information to the Australian Taxation Office for compliance purposes.

We may share the information you give us with other Commonwealth entities for purposes including government administration, research or service delivery, according to Australian laws.

As part of your application, you declare your ability to comply with the Privacy Act and the Australian Privacy Principles and impose the same privacy obligations on officers, employees, agents and subcontractors that you engage to assist with the activity, in respect of personal information you collect, use, store, or disclose in connection with the activity. Accordingly, you must not do anything, which if done by the department would breach an Australian Privacy Principle as defined in the Privacy Act.

### 13.4 Confidential information

Other than information available in the public domain, you agree not to give out to any person, other than us, any confidential information relating to the grant application and/or agreement, without our prior written approval. The obligation will not be breached where you are required by law, Parliament or a stock exchange to disclose the relevant information or where the relevant information is publicly available (other than through breach of a confidentiality or non-disclosure obligation).

We may at any time, require you to arrange for you; or your employees, agents or subcontractors to give a written undertaking relating to nondisclosure of our confidential information in a form we consider acceptable.

We will keep any information in connection with the grant agreement confidential to the extent that it meets all of the 3 conditions below:

- 1. You clearly identify the information as confidential and explain why we should treat it as confidential.
- 2. The information is commercially sensitive.
- 3. Revealing the information would cause unreasonable harm to you or someone else.

We will not be in breach of any confidentiality agreement if the information is disclosed to:

- Commonwealth employees and contractors to help us manage the program effectively
- employees and contractors of our department so we can research, assess, monitor and analyse our programs and activities
- employees and contractors of other Commonwealth agencies for any purposes, including government administration, research or service delivery
- other Commonwealth, state, territory or local government agencies in program reports and consultations
- the Auditor-General, Ombudsman or Privacy Commissioner
- the responsible Minister or Parliamentary Secretary
- a House or a Committee of the Australian Parliament.

The grant agreement may also include any specific requirements about special categories of information collected, created or held under the grant agreement.

### **13.5** Freedom of information

All documents that the Australian Government has, including those about this grant opportunity, are subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).

The purpose of the FOI Act gives people the ability to get information held by the Australian Government and its organisations. Under the FOI Act, people can ask for documents the Australian Government has. People may not be able to get these documents if these documents need to protect essential public interests and private and business affairs of persons who the information relates to.

All Freedom of Information requests must be referred to the Freedom of Information Coordinator in writing.

By mail: Freedom of Information Team Government and Executive Services Branch Department of Social Services GPO Box 9820 Canberra ACT 2601

By email: foi@dss.gov.au

### 14 Consultation

The department held a series of 14 workshops with interested PAG industries from August to November 2021. A total of 119 non-government participants attended these workshops, along with representatives from the ACCC and the department. This consultation helped inform these grant opportunity guidelines.

Communiques on each workshop can be found on the <u>Department of Agriculture</u>, <u>Water and the</u> <u>Environment website</u>.

## 15 Glossary

Term	Definition
accountable authority	see subsection 12(2) of the <i>Public Governance,</i> <i>Performance and Accountability Act 2013</i> (PGPA Act).
administering entity	when an entity that is not responsible for the policy, is responsible for the administration of part or all of the grant administration processes.
assessment criteria	are the specified principles or standards, against which applications will be judged. These criteria are also used to assess the merits of proposals and, in the case of a competitive grant opportunity, to determine application rankings.
commencement date	the expected start date for the grant activity.
Commonwealth entity	a department of state, or a parliamentary department, or a listed entity or a body corporate established by a law of the Commonwealth. See subsections 10(1) and (2) of the PGPA Act.
<u>Commonwealth Grants Rules and</u> <u>Guidelines (CGRGs)</u>	establish the overarching Commonwealth grants policy framework and articulate the expectations for all non- corporate Commonwealth entities in relation to grants administration. Under this overarching framework, non- corporate Commonwealth entities undertake grants administration based on the mandatory requirements and key principles of grants administration.
completion date	the expected date that the grant activity must be completed, and the grant spent by.
co-sponsoring entity	when 2 or more entities are responsible for the policy and the appropriation for outcomes associated with it.
date of effect	can be the date on which a grant agreement is signed or a specified starting date. Where there is no grant agreement, entities must publish information on individual grants as soon as practicable.
decision maker	the Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia.
eligibility criteria	refer to the mandatory criteria which must be met to qualify for a grant. Assessment criteria may apply in addition to eligibility criteria.
Funding Arrangement Manager	is the officer responsible for the ongoing management of the grantee and their compliance with the grant agreement.

Term	Definition
grant	for the purposes of the CGRGs, a 'grant' is an arrangement for the provision of financial assistance by the Commonwealth or on behalf of the Commonwealth:
	<ul> <li>a. under which relevant money<sup>4</sup> or other Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) money<sup>5</sup> is to be paid to a grantee other than the Commonwealth</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>which is intended to help address one or more of the Australian Government's policy outcomes while assisting the grantee achieve its objectives.</li> </ul>
grant activity/activities	refers to the project/tasks/services that the grantee is required to undertake.
grant agreement	sets out the relationship between the parties to the agreement and specifies the details of the grant.
grant opportunity	refers to the specific grant round or process where a Commonwealth grant is made available to potential grantees. Grant opportunities may be open or targeted and will reflect the relevant grant selection process.
grant program	a 'program' carries its natural meaning and is intended to cover a potentially wide range of related activities aimed at achieving government policy outcomes. A grant program is a group of one or more grant opportunities under a single [entity] Portfolio Budget Statement program.
GrantConnect	is the Australian Government's whole-of-government grants information system, which centralises the publication and reporting of Commonwealth grants in accordance with the CGRGs.
grantee	the individual/organisation which has been selected to receive a grant.
National Redress legislation	means the <u>National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child</u> <u>Sexual Abuse Act 2018.</u>
Portfolio Budget Statement (PBS) program	described within the entity's <u>Portfolio Budget Statement</u> , PBS programs each link to a single outcome and provide transparency for funding decisions. These high-level PBS programs often comprise a number of lower level, more publicly recognised programs, some of which will be grant programs. A PBS program may have more than one grant program associated with it, and each of these may have one or more grant opportunities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Relevant money is defined in the PGPA Act. See section 8, Dictionary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Other CRF money is defined in the PGPA Act. See section 105, Rules in relation to other CRF money.

Term	Definition
Selection Advisory Panel	provides strategic oversight, advice and recommendations to the decision maker on assessed applications from the program specific, service provider composition and service location perspectives.
selection criteria	comprise eligibility criteria and assessment criteria.
selection process	the method used to select potential grantees. This process may involve comparative assessment of applications or the assessment of applications against the eligibility criteria and/or the assessment criteria.
value with money	refers to 'value with relevant money' which is a judgement based on the grant proposal representing an efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of public resources and determined from a variety of considerations.
	When administering a grant opportunity, an official should consider the relevant financial and non-financial costs and benefits of each proposal including, but not limited to the:
	<ul> <li>quality of the project proposal and activities</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>fit for purpose of the proposal in contributing to government objectives</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>absence of a grant is likely to prevent the grantee and government's outcomes being achieved</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>potential grantee's relevant experience and performance history.</li> </ul>

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### Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sorry for the delay and thanks for your understanding. I was away yesterday.

Please find attached the Application Data Report and General Feedback template for the Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries grant opportunity.

### **Application Data Report**

To enable the Hub to reconcile the grants payment system and progress the successful applications to the Establishments team, DAWE are required to complete the Application Data Report and return it to the Hub (in Excel format), with the written authority to fund successful applicants, and must include:

- A list of all successful and unsuccessful applicants
- The amount of funding each applicant will receive broken down by financial year
- Any relevant service areas or locations including the breakdown of funding amount per service area if total recommended funding is less than the applicant applied for, or a service area has been removed

### **General Feedback Template**

A General Feedback template is attached for DAWE to complete. The General Feedback must be approved at the SES Band 1 level. The completed General Feedback is required by Hub at least 5 business days before notifications are issued by the Hub.

The Compliance and Eligibility Report will be sent next week.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thanks s. 47F(1)

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>  Subject: RE: 2021-6343 - Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries - Preassessment Plan and Application Data Report Template [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Selections Team,

Just wanted to confirm that the application data report for this program is en route?

I understand from the pre-assessment plan that this will be provided to the department around 16 March 2022. No issue with a day or two delay, but would like to confirm it's on its way?

Thanks,

### s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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### His. 22(1)(a)(ii)

FYI – I'm gathering that the Hub will provide us with the attached spreadsheet filled out after applications close, and we will need to complete columns Q to U?

Thanks,

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**Subject:** 2021-6343 - Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries - Pre-assessment Plan and Application Data Report Template [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good afternoon

Please find attached the Pre-assessment Plan and Application Data Report template for the Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries grant opportunity.

Thanks s. 47F(1)

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Assessment Team Leader Community Grants Hub Assessment Centre Hub Operations

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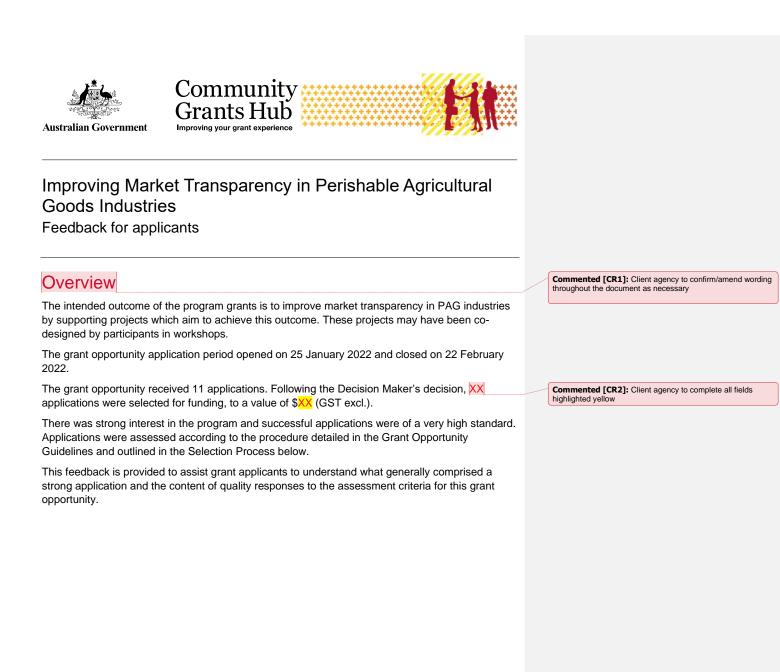
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### Selection Process

The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment used a Targeted Competitive selection process to select XX providers to deliver the Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries grant.

Applications were screened for eligibility and compliance against the requirements outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

Applications were assessed on merit, based on:

- · the initial preliminary score against the assessment criteria
- · the overall objective/s to be achieved in providing the grant
- whether the proposed project is in scope
- · the relative value of the grant sought
- the extent to which the evidence in the application demonstrates that it will contribute to meeting the outcomes/objectives of the Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural industries program
- the extent to which the applicant demonstrates a commitment to the Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural industries program
- · the risks, financial, fraud and other, that the applicant or project poses for the department
- the risks that the applicant or project poses for the Commonwealth
- if there are multiple applications from the same industry, the total amount of funding being applied for each industry

Each applicant was required to address the following selection criteria:

Criterion 1 – Project Proposal Describe how your project proposal will contribute to the grant opportunity and intended outcomes (refer to section 2).

Criterion 2 - Experience Describe your organisation's experience working with and delivering projects for your industry.

Criterion 3 - Value for Money

Preferred applicants were identified based on the strength of their responses to the selection criterion and their demonstrated ability to meet the grant requirements outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

### Selection Results

XX organisations were selected to deliver the Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries grant.

The selected organisations provided strong responses to the selection criteria and demonstrated their ability to meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines. Further detail about what constituted a strong response to each criterion is provided below.

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### Criterion 1

Describe how your project proposal will contribute to the grant opportunity and intended outcomes (refer to section 2).

When addressing the criterion, strong applicants will:

- demonstrate how the project will achieve the objective and intended outcome of the grant opportunity
- outline how the activities or which activities will be implemented online
- demonstrate how the project will engage relevant stakeholders and the extent to which the project leverages existing initiatives
- describe anticipated short, medium and long-term project outcomes and how outcomes will be monitored and evaluated Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries Guidelines January 2022 Page 11 of 25
- outline how the project will be implemented and the impact across the relevant supply chain
- outline how the project will be supported, funded and maintained after the grant agreement has ended (if relevant)
- demonstrate how the project is supported by the industry, this may include co-sponsorship by partners from across the relevant supply chain (optional).

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### Criterion 2

Describe your organisation's experience working with and delivering projects for your industry.

When addressing the criterion, strong applicants will:

- provide details of the key personnel engaged in delivering the project/sub-projects or collaboration with relevant/specialist organisations
- describe the particular skills or expertise that personnel/project partners will bring to the project
- outline proposed governance arrangements to manage the projects effectively, including management of consortia (if applicable).

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### Criterion 3

Describe how your project proposal represents value for money (refer to Glossary).

When addressing the criterion, strong applicants will:

- demonstrate how the project proposal represents an efficient, effective, economical and
   ethical use of public resources
- outline the project budget including items that are eligible, reasonable and relevant to the project activities.
- identify any risks associated with the project, and mitigation strategies to manage these risks.

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### s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

From:	Market Transparency
Sent:	Tuesday, 25 January 2022 3:38 PM
То:	Market Transparency
Subject:	Applications are now open - Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural goods industries [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments:	220120 Media Release \$5.4m to improve market transparency.pdf

Dear colleagues

We are pleased to advise that application are now open for "*Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural goods industries.*" A copy of the ministerial media release is **attached**.

Workshop participants will receive an email invitation directly from Grant Connect. General information and workshop communiqués are available on the department's website <u>Improving market transparency in perishable</u> <u>agricultural goods</u>.

Please refer all enquiries about the applications and the grants round to the Community Grants Hub in the first instance.

We look forward to receiving your applications.

Kind regards

### s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Director (a/g) | Dairy and Competition Section | s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Agricultural Policy Division Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment 18 Marcus Clarke St Canberra ACT s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @awe.gov.au

From: Market Transparency <Market.Transparency@agriculture.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 17 January 2022 4:46 PM
To: Market Transparency <Market.Transparency@agriculture.gov.au>
Subject: UPDATE - Grants funding opportunity - Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural goods industries [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear workshop participants,

As part of the Government's commitment to improving market and price transparency in perishable agricultural goods (PAG) industries, the Community Grants Hub, on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, will shortly invite research and development corporations and industry representative organisations who participated in the workshops to apply for grant funding.

Up to \$5 million will be available for projects that establish tailored mechanisms to improve price and market transparency. Successful applications will generate knowledge, technologies, products or processes that improve market transparency in PAG industries.

This follows the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) PAG inquiry, which recommends governments and industries explore measures to increase price transparency in PAG industries, in order to increase competition in those industries.

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Workshops were held between August and November 2021 to understand market transparency requirements in participating PAG industries, providing an opportunity to discuss price and market transparency issues in each sector and to co-design projects to improve market transparency.

Grant opportunities will be offered by a targeted competitive application round process. This means that funding is only available to research and development corporations or industry representative organisations that engaged in the PAG workshops.

Applicants may partner with external organisations or pair up with other organisations as consortia to apply for projects. Applicants will be able to apply for any project that meets the program eligibility criteria – not just those explored during the workshops.

Applications will open on Tuesday 25 January 2022, and close on 22 February 2022.

Relevant information about the application process, eligibility and selection criteria will be made available to all eligible participants at that time on the <u>Community Grants Hub website</u>.

Information on the workshops, including copies of the communiques from each workshop can be found on the department's webpage <u>Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural goods industries</u>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Market Transparency team at <u>market.transparency@awe.gov.au</u>

We look forward to receiving your applications.

Kind regards,

### s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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### The Hon. David Littleproud MP Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia Deputy Leader of the Nationals

Tuesday 25th January 2022

### **\$5.4m to improve market transparency**

- \$5.4 million investment in market transparency for perishable goods
- Competitive grants to fund education and training, technologies, products and processes. Applications open 25 January to 22 February 2022
- The government is backing strong and resilient supply chains and ensuring everyone is treated fairly and pays their share

The Australian Government has committed \$5.4 million for projects to improve price and market transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods (PAG) supply chains. Applications for a \$5 million industry grants program open today.

Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia David Littleproud said the competitive grants will help address market imbalances and give Australian farmers a fair go.

"In 2020 the government directed the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to inquire into the domestic fresh food supply chain," Minister Littleproud said.

"The ACCC found that farmers often have the least information in the fresh food supply chain and recommended governments and industries explore ways to increase price transparency and competition in PAG industries.

"When market power imbalances exist in the fresh food supply chain, farmers are more vulnerable to take-it-or-leave-it terms from buyers or exploitative conduct.

"From today participating PAG industries may apply for funding for projects that improve market transparency and help Aussie farmers make informed business decisions.

"Through a series of workshops, we spoke with industry to establish an understanding of the issues for businesses, and how to address those issues.

"We are backing fair, strong and resilient supply chains and putting in place the frameworks so everyone is treated fairly and pays their share.

"This is another way the government is helping the agricultural industry achieve its goal of \$100 billion by 2030."

Further information: Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries - DAWE link is <u>https://www.awe.gov.au/agriculture-land/farm-food-</u> <u>drought/food/perishable-ag-goods-industries</u>)</u> To apply, visit: Home | Community Grants Hub link is <a href="https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/">https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/</a>

Fast Facts:

- The Australian Government is investing \$5.4 million for projects to improve market transparency across perishable agricultural goods supply chains.
- The ACCC inquiry into PAG recommended that governments and industries explore measures to increase price transparency in perishable agricultural goods industries, to increase competition in those industries.
- Workshops were held in late 2021 with the chicken meat, dairy, horticulture, red meat, seafood, and wine grapes sectors, providing opportunities to identify price and market transparency issues and explore tools and processes to address them.

Media Contact: 0455 448 985

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From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject:	<ul> <li>s. 47F(1) @nff.org.au&gt;</li> <li>Friday, 8 April 2022 7:16 PM</li> <li>s. 47F(1)</li> <li>Ag Media</li> <li>Re: Draft media release quotes for checking due tomorrow - NFF - perishable ag goods grant - Grant for chicken meat industry to explore potential code of conduct [SEC=OFFICIAL]</li> </ul>
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These are fine and reflect the project. I'm happy to organise with TM if you're happy.

 From: Ag Media <Media@agriculture.gov.au>

 Sent: Friday, April 8, 2022 6:43:30 PM

 To: s. 47F(1)
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 @nff.org.au>

 Cc: Ag Media <Media@agriculture.gov.au>

 Subject: Draft media release quotes for checking due tomorrow - NFF - perishable ag goods grant - Grant for chicken meat industry to explore potential code of conduct [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hello,

We've been working on a draft media release to announce this perishable ag goods grant - Grant for chicken meat industry to explore potential code of conduct.

As part of this we would like to include some quotes from NFF. Please see below possible draft quotes for inclusion:

National Farmers' Federation CEO Tony Mahar said stakeholder engagement – both face to face and online – would be held across all growing regions to ensure industry input to the project reflects diverse issues and opportunities in the poultry meat supply chain.

"Contract growers, processors, retailers and other industry stakeholders will be able to provide feedback during the engagement process," Mr Mahar said.

"As well as establishing the purpose and objective of a potential code of conduct, industry engagement will help develop a road map for implementation."

Please let us know of any alterations or additions by 2pm tomorrow if possible,

Thanks and kind regards, s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

### Media

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Hi team,

Here are the applications! Looks like they didn't need to send via Sigbox as there are only 10 applications.

All 6 industries are covered, which is great. I'll send a quick update to Paul.

Cheers, s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Selections <Selections@communitygrants.gov.au>
Sent: Sunday, 27 February 2022 6:14 PM
To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @awe.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@awe.gov.au
Cc: Selections <Selections@communitygrants.gov.au>; s. 47F(1)
@dss.gov.au>

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**Subject:** 2021-6343 - Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries - GPS Export, Applications and Attachments [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good afternoon,

As per the Pre Assessment Plan, the following documents are attached:

- a basic GPS export along with the attachments containing the Application Id, Submission Reference and Organisation Legal Entity Name
- all applications and attachments. N.B. These applications have not undergone pre-assessment checks, and may potentially be withdrawn from the assessment process.

The applications and attachments file names contains the **Application Submission Reference** number, with the application document being called a **receipt**. A search for the **Application Submission Reference** number will identify all documents submitted for the application.

The Community Grants Hub will provide the Application Data Report following completion of the pre-assessment process.

Kind regards

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A/g Assistant Director Community Grants Hub

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Application Submission Reference

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## Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries

Submission Reference: FZ2CCQRW

## **Application Information**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) inquiry into Perishable Agricultural Goods (PAG) recommended that governments and industries should explore measures to increase price transparency in PAG industries, in order to increase competition in those industries. In response to this recommendation, the Australian Government is implementing a program to improve market and price transparency in PAG supply chains.

The program includes:

- The delivery of workshops with interested PAG industries to identify their market transparency issues and barriers, and opportunities to improve market transparency
- A grants program to develop and implement tailored mechanisms to improve price and market transparency.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Provide an opportunity for PAG industries to identify market transparency issues and barriers in their sector
- Co-design potential projects to improve market transparency with participants across the supply chain in interested PAG industries
- Fund projects to generate knowledge, technologies, products or processes that improve price and market transparency in PAG industries.

## Community Grants Hub

This grant round is being administered by the Community Grants Hub, on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment.

## **Closing Date/Time**

Applications must be submitted by 9:00pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) Tuesday 22 February 2022.

## Making Sure Your Application is Saved

Upon exiting the form please ensure that you use the 'Save and Close' button. The 'Continue' button should only be used as you intend to progress through the form. For your Application to be saved when exiting, you will need to click on:

- 'Save and Close', and
- 'Confirm'.

You will know that your application is saved when you are taken from the current form process to the 'Form Saved' page.

Note that the 'Save and Close' button will ask that you 'Confirm' that you wish to save the Application, which you must do to complete the save process. If this is not done, your Application will not be saved.

You can return to your Application with the data saved using the link on the 'Form Saved' page that says 'Click here to return to your form' and confirming your submission reference ID details.

## Grant Opportunity Documents

Read all information in the Grant Opportunity Documents before completing this Application Form. The Grant Opportunity Documents are available on the GrantConnect  $\Box$  and Community Grants Hub  $\Box$  websites. Applications will be assessed using the process outlined in the Guidelines.

## **Application Help**

Information about the Application process is available on the GrantConnect <sup>III</sup> and Community Grants Hub <sup>III</sup> websites.

Applicants must submit any questions relating to the Program or this Application process in writing to support@communitygrants.gov.au  $\square$ . Applicants may submit these questions up until five business days prior to the Closing Time and Date. A response will be provided within five business days.

Applicants may direct any general enquiries, requests for technical help or support in using and/or submitting the Application Form by:

- Phone 1800020283
- Email to support@communitygrants.gov.au

## **Attachment Limits**

This Application Form allows users to attach files to support their application. You must provide an attachment where indicated. Use the 'Upload File' button to select your file from a local drive.

Accepted file types: .bmp, .doc, .docx, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .msg, .pdf, .png, .pps, .ppt, .ptx, .txt, .xls, .xlsb, .xlsx.

Note: There is a 2048.0KB limit per attachment. Multiple documents should be scanned into a single document. Compressed or zip files are not accepted. File names must be unique and not include foreign characters.

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## Submission Reference ID

Each Application Form is allocated a unique Submission Reference ID. Each time this Application is accessed you will be required to use this Submission Reference ID.

## Submitting Application Form

Once you have completed this Application Form, you must submit it electronically by using the submission section at the end of this form.

Please note: there may be short, scheduled outages to systems as part of regular information technology maintenance that may affect submission of this form. Notification of these outages will be on the website.

Following submission, a message with your Submission Reference ID will appear on your screen and you will be provided a PDF receipt of your submission via email you are also able to send a receipt to an additional email address of your choosing. Please save this email receipt for future reference and use it is all correspondence about this application.

Note: Applications will be assessed using the process outlined in the Grant Opportunity Documents. Applicants will be notified of the grant funding outcome on completion of the assessment process.

## National Relay Service (NRS)

The Community Grants Hub uses the NRS to ensure our contact numbers are accessible to people who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment. Please phone 180055577 to people who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment.

## Australian Tax Office Reporting

The Department will need to report details of payments made to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as part of the taxable reporting obligations for government entities.

In general terms, the types of payments to be reported to the ATO are:

- Payments made for grants to entities with an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Payments made for services.

If you receive a payment from the Department that meets the ATO criteria, it will be reported to the ATO as part of the Taxable payments annual report. Further information is available on the Australian Taxation Office  $\Box$  website.

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If you are providing information to access a non-Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources program, that information will not be accessed by Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources employees. The only exception to this is where Senior Analysts within the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources require access to your information for the sole purpose of troubleshooting technical errors. Where this occurs Senior Analysts will only access the data with permission and at the request of client agencies.

The Community Grants Hub will be able to access the Application as part of the form support services.

By submitting the Application you acknowledge that the information provided in the Application may be shared with other Commonwealth and law enforcement agencies for the prevention and detection of fraud.

For more information about how the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources protects your privacy and personal information, please see the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources' Privacy Policy . The Community Grants Hub Privacy Policy and WCaG Accessibility Information and the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment Privacy Policy should also be read and understood.

### Use of Information

Your Submission Reference is:

## FZ2CCQRW

Please send yourself a link to this saved form by entering your email address below. This email will detail your Submission Reference, the date and time this application process will close, and a link to access your saved form.

If you have any questions relating to this Application phone 1800020283 or email support@communitygrants.gov.au

#### Your email address \*

s. 47F(1)@nff.org.au

Confirm your email address \*

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#### Use of Information

The Community Grants Hub may use the information, other than personal information, provided in this Application Form to assist it to:

- Comply with the Australian Government requirement to publish the details of all grant recipients on the GrantConnect website
- Inform staff negotiating and establishing Grant Agreements of risks and issues that need to be addressed in the Grant Agreement for that program
- Inform future assessments for Applications.

All information including personal information provided in this Application may be shared with other Commonwealth and law enforcement agencies for the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud. This includes personal information of any third party provided in this Application.

You can only apply if you agree to the use of the information you provide in this form for the purposes listed above.

Check this box if you agree to the use of the information you provide in this Application Form.



## **Existing Grant Recipient**

## Is the Applicant an existing Grant Recipient through the Community Grants Hub? \*

Yes N	٩o			
If Yes, provide the Organisation II	D number as it appea	ars on your Grant Agreem	ent and then click 'Verify ID' to confirm	the details are correct.
Tip: Copy and paste the Organisation	n ID number from the (	Grant Agreement to avoid en	ors.	
Organisation ID *				
4-538QI5Q				
Applicant Legal Name				
National Farmers' Federation Lim	iited			
Registered Business Name				
National Farmers' Federation Lim	ited			
Entity Type		ABN	State	
Company		77097140166	ACT	
Postcode				
2600				
GST Registered			Charity	
For Profit Withholding Tax Exempt				
Are updates require	d to the App	licants details?	*	
You must respond to this question.				
Select 'No' if updates are not require	ed to the Applicant's de	tails as currently held by the	Community Grants Hub.	

Select 'Yes' if updates are required to the Applicant's details as currently held by the Community Grants Hub. You will be required to contact your Funding Arrangement Manager to update your details.



## **Eligibility Requirements**

#### What is the Applicant's entity type?

Company

Is the Applicant able to provide documentation to support the entity type?



Please provide your supporting documentation. \*

NFF Financial Statement yr ended 30 June 21 signed.pdf

#### **Eligible Activities \***

Please confirm your grant activity generates knowledge, technologies, products or processes that improve price and market transparency in a perishable agricultural sector, and include a component that is implemented online.

Please note: Market transparency refers to the availability of information in a market. This information might include:

- Prices at different levels of a supply chain
- Production or supply levels and trends
- Consumption or demand levels and trends
- External factors that might affect market dynamics.

To be eligible for this Grant Opportunity you must respond to this question.



#### National Redress Scheme \*

Please confirm you are NOT an organisation, or your project partner is NOT an organisation, included on the National Redress Scheme's website on the list of 'Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme'

The National Redress Scheme has been created in response to recommendations by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme are ineligible for funding.

To be eligible for this Grant Opportunity you must respond to this question.



#### Workshop participation \*

Please confirm you are a Research and Development Corporation or Industry Representative Organisation who participated in at least one workshop under the Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Industries program.

To be eligible for this Grant Opportunity you must respond to this question.



I confirm

### Governance

#### **Relevant Persons \***

Has any senior official or person to be involved in delivering the Activity been involved in any of the following events in the last 5 years?

You must tick at least one of the boxes below.

You may be contacted to provide more information and documentation in relation to these events.

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or

or

Governance Investigation of relevant person(s).

Any business failure of relevant person(s) including business failure of entities in which they hold, or held at the time of the event, a management or board position. Examples of a business failure include a Court Ordered or a Creditors Voluntary Administration Liquidation, External Administration, or Receivership.

Bankruptcies of relevant person(s).

Bankruptcy proceedings, including part IX Debt Agreements or Part X Insolvency Agreements, against relevant person(s).

Litigation against relevant person(s) including judgement debts.

None of the above apply and there is no adverse information on any relevant person associate with this entity.

#### **Reportable Events \***

Select the appropriate box(es) that relate to any events to which your entity may have been subjected in the last 5 years.

You must tick at least one of the boxes below.

You may be contacted to provide more information and documentation in relation to these events.

Governance Investigation of your organisation or related entities.
 Litigation or liquidation proceedings.
 A contract with your entity terminated by the other party.
 Contingent liabilities of a material amount.

Overdue tax liabilities.

Factors which might impact on your entity. For example, pending significant litigation, business commitments, collections by debt collection agencies on behalf of creditors, or potential liquidation proceedings.

Any significant change in your entitys financial position not reflected in the financial statements provided.

Any other particulars which are likely to adversely affect your capacity to undertake this project.

None of the above events apply and there is no adverse information on my entity.

#### Does the Applicant have the following documents?

Note: You may be required to provide copies of the above documentation within 7 days upon request.

1. Documented organisational and financial policies and procedures. \*

Yes
No
2. Business plan and/or strategic plan. \*
Yes
No
3. Risk management plan. \*
Yes
No

## Project/Activity Details

#### Provide a short title of your Application for this Project/Activity.

Exploring the potential for a Code of Conduct to increase price transparency and competition in Australian poultry meat supply chains.

(Limit: approx 38 words, 250 characters)

134 characters of 250 used

#### Provide a brief description of your project or the services to be delivered and how it will contribute to the objectives outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.\*

This project will explore the potential for a Code of Conduct (a Code) to increase the price transparency of Australia's poultry meat supply chains. A Code could assist price transparency by sharing two-way data and removing power imbalances that create information asymmetries. It will also suggest additional options to ensure balance between supply chain actors.

The project will:

- Examine policy options to increase price transparency and the role of a Code
  Conduct stakeholder engagement across the poultry meat supply chain, including workshops with growers and meetings with processors and retailers to:
  Establish the purpose and objective of a Code and how they will be measured.
  Determine appropriate sanctions for non-compliance with a Code
  Collect data to monitor the effectiveness of a Code
  Draft a potential Code based on stakeholder feedback and existing industry codes.

- · Assess the potential compliance costs of any code
- Develop a road map for implementation of any code

(Limit: approx 150 words, 1,000 characters)

1,000 characters of 1,000 used

#### In which service area/s is the Applicant proposing to deliver the Project/Activity? \*

#### Instructions:

- The Service Area Type field below indicates the service areas relevant to this grant opportunity.
- If applicable, choose the relevant state/territory to view the available service areas.
- Tick the applicable service area/s where you are proposing to deliver this project/activity.
- Untick the selected service area/s to remove selection.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

You may only select 40 service areas per form. If you wish to apply for more services areas, a separate form/s will need to be completed.

#### Selected service area/s 3

☑ Australia

**Financials** 

## Provide a breakdown of the requested grant funding for each previously selected service area/s. \*

Australia	
2022-2023 (exc GST) *	
\$	317,840.00
2023-2024 (exc GST) *	
\$	396,840.00
2024-2025 (exc GST) *	
\$	0.00
Total funding	
\$	714,680.00
Approx. % of Total	
	100
Summary	
2022-2023 Total	
\$	317,840.00
2023-2024 Total	
\$	396,840.00
2024-2025 Total	
\$	0
Total funding	
\$	714,680.00

## Provide bank account details for receipt of grant payments should the Application be successful.

You must respond to this question.

Bank account details for the receipt of payments:

- BSB Number: Enter the BSB number for the Applicant's nominated bank account. Must be 6 digits only. Do not enter spaces or other characters.
- Account Number: Enter the account number for the Applicant's nominated bank account. Must be 2 to 9 digits only. Do not enter spaces or other characters.
- Account Name: Enter the account name for the Applicant's nominated bank account. The account name should be as it appears on the bank statement. 60 character limit. The character count includes letters, numbers, spaces, paragraph marks, bullet points etc. NOTE: This field accepts the characters of A to Z, 0 to 9, ()., '&-/\@, all other characters including carriage returns are not accepted.

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Account Name \*

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## Assessment Criteria

#### Criterion 1 - Project Proposal \*

Describe how your project proposal will contribute to the grant opportunity and intended outcomes (refer to section 2 of the grant opportunity guidelines).

When addressing the criterion, strong applicants will:

- Demonstrate how the project will achieve the objective and intended outcome of the grant opportunity
- Outline how the activities, or which activities, will be implemented online
- Demonstrate how the project will engage relevant stakeholders and the extent to which the project leverages existing initiatives
- Describe anticipated short, medium and long-term project outcomes and how outcomes will be monitored and evaluated
- Outline how the project will be implemented and the impact across the relevant supply chain
- Outline how the project will be supported, funded and maintained after the grant agreement has ended (if relevant)
- Demonstrate how the project is supported by the industry, this may include co-sponsorship by partners from across the relevant supply chain (optional).

#### Criterion 2 - Experience \*

Describe your organisation's experience working with and delivering projects for your industry.

When addressing the criterion, strong applicants will:

- Provide details of the key personnel engaged in delivering the project/sub-projects or collaboration with relevant/specialist organisations
- Describe the particular skills or expertise that personnel/project partners will bring to the project
- Outline proposed governance arrangements to manage the projects effectively, including management of consortia (if applicable).

This project will be led by the NFF with support from an industry consortium deeply integrated in Australia's poultry meat supply chains, including: • NSW Farmers'

• The Australian Chicken Growers Council The Victorian Farmers Federation

Each organisation has specialist skills in project management, industry engagement and policy analysis that will support the review, development and implementation of a code of conduct.

#### NFF

The NFF has a proven track record successfully delivering national projects for the Australian Government. The NFF uses strong, positive relationships with many stakeholders to provide robust projects that drive positive outcomes for agriculture and regional communities. These relationships include government departments, state and local governments, community groups and the private sector. Through existing projects, the NFF has a demonstrated ability to deliver milestones on time, on budget and to a high standard.

The NFF has several key competencies that make it well placed to deliver this project, including:

- national reach and profile
- experience delivering comparable projects
- strong linkages with regional providers
  a leading role across the Australian agriculture and horticulture sectors
- experience communicating through rural media and communications
- exceptional digital delivery
  thorough data analytics and reporting

These competencies make the NFF well placed to deliver this project to a high standard.

The NFF has several project and delivery examples that demonstrate its capacity to deliver this initiative, including:

- AqCAREERSTART
- Australian Agricultural Sustainability Framework
- The Regional Tech Hub
- Digital Champions Project

#### **NSW** Farmers

NSW Farmers' Association (NSW Farmers) is Australia's largest state farming organisation comprising members who are farmers and other stakeholders of the agricultural industry. NSW Farmers is a not-for-profit, advocacy group for the farming sector, championing the rights of farmers and rural communities at all levels of government and with industry stakeholders.

NSW Farmers is a trusted delivery partner for State and Federal Government programs. Over the past seven years NSW Farmers has delivered, on time and on budget, projects totalling over \$10 million. Some examples of externally funded programs delivered by NSW Farmers include:

- Kids to Farms
- Kids to Farms
   Farm Safety Advisor Program
   Agricultural Renewable Energy Acceleration Initiative
   Oyster Industry Sector Development Grants
   Western Division Wild Dog Project

- NSW Quad Bike Safety Improvement Program Young Farmer Business Program - Bank Ready Workshops
   Farm Energy Innovation Program
   Mining and CSG Communications Program.

Each month, NSW Farmers connects with farmers almost 60,000 times across diverse events and media The Farmer magazine and a 1300 hotline for professional workplace relations, policy and regional teams.

NSW Farmers provides contract poultry meat members a designated poultry meat manager to support their distinct needs including facilitated communication with processors, industry advocacy and trusted advice.

#### ACGC

Formed in the early 1980s, ACGC is the peak national body representing contract chicken meat and turkey growers on a range of industry issues at state and national levels.

ACGC works toward the sustainability and viability of its members and the provision of a unifying policy forum. ACGC works with state and national government departments and authorities, local government bodies and agencies and state and national farming organisations, including the National Farmers' Federation, where it sits with the Members' Council.

The ACGC Board consists of members from the state chicken grower representative organisations, including:

- · NSW Farmers
- Queensland Farmers Federation
- South Australian Chicken Growers
- Tasmanian Chicken Grower's Association
   Victorian Chicken Growers' Council
- Western Australian Broiler Grower's Association

ACGC is a member of the Australian Chicken Meat Federation executive.

#### VFF

The Victorian Farmers Federation is the leading organisation that represents the interests of farmers and regional communities across Victoria. With a strong record of successful political advocacy and leadership, the VFF has generated substantial benefits for farmers and regional Victorians since its formation in 1979, helping to create a profitable, sustainable and socially responsible agricultural industry connecting with all Victorians.

The VFF runs a range of projects that provide benefits to Victorian farmers and rural communities. Projects are funded by both private organisations and government. They include areas of importance such as fire recovery, farm safety, mental health, employment, biosecurity and education. Recent successful projects include:

- Stock Sense
- Making Our Farms Safer
- Kids to Ag
   Developing Community Understanding of Agriculture Cattle Underpass Scheme

#### Project Governance Committee

An independent Governance Committee will provide long-term oversight of the project. It will review project activity and implementation to ensure the project is being delivered within timeframes and budget. It will actively review risks and project delivery to ensure it is being delivered to a high standard. This will ensure all project activities provide value for money and remain relevant for stakeholders across the supply chain.

It will also play a key role managing the consortium to ensure all project partners are delivering in line with agreed activities and intentions. This will allow ongoing industry feedback to be considered as part of project delivery. The NFF will develop a clear Terms of Reference for the committee to ensure it appropriately considers project oversight, relevant delivery and subcontracting and milestone reporting. This will also include committee members, initially from: NFF

NSW F

 ACGC Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
 VFF

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#### Criterion 3 - Value for Money \*

Describe how your project proposal represents value for money (refer to the Glossary in the grant opportunity guidelines).

When addressing the criterion, strong applicants will:

- Demonstrate how the project proposal represents an efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of public resources
- Outline the project budget including items that are eligible, reasonable and relevant to the project activities
- Identify any risks associated with the project, and mitigation strategies to manage these risks.

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### Additional Information

#### **Consortium Arrangements \***

Does the Applicant plan to deliver the Activity as the lead agency of a consortium?



#### Details 1

#### If Yes, provide the Consortium details.

Consortium Member Legal Name \*

NSW Farmers' Association

Consortium Member ABN

31 000 004 651

#### Details 2

#### If Yes, provide the Consortium details.

Consortium Member Legal Name \*

AUSTRALIAN CHICKEN GROWERS' COUNCIL LTD

Consortium Member ABN

31 8	37 493 703		

#### Details 3

If Yes, provide the Consortium details.

Consortium Member Legal Name \*

VICTORIAN FARMERS FEDERATION

Consortium Member ABN

67 079 980 304

If the Application is successful, the Applicant will be offered a Grant Agreement as the lead agency and held liable for all obligations contained in the Grant Agreement's Terms and Conditions. This includes monitoring, management, financial performance, service outcomes and insurance coverage.

The panel of consortium members does not enter into a Grant Agreement. The Applicant should obtain agreement prior to submitting this Application.

Further evidence of the consortium arrangements may be sought from successful Applicants prior to the signing of the Grant Agreement.

## Other Funding \*

You are required to contribute funding (monetary and in-kind) towards the project.

No

Please provide details about your funding contribution.



If Yes, provide details of other contributions which will be relied upon to complete this Activity.

Please note that you may be requested to provide letters of support or other forms of evidence before your Application is considered further in the assessment process.

Other Funding Item 1

Source of funding (List a maximum of 10) \*

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Limit: approx 15 words, 100 characters)		24 characters of 100 used
Amount of Funding(exc GST) *	Can this proposal proceed without this funding? *	
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Has funding been secured? *		
Confirmed		
Other Funding Item 2		
Source of funding (List a maximum of 10) *		
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Has funding been secured? *		
Confirmed		

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## **Applicant Contacts**

## Who is the Applicant's preferred authorised contact person for this Application?

The person must have authority to act on behalf of the Applicant in relation to this Application.

Title *	
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First Name *	Last Name *
s. 47F(1)	s. 47F(1)
Position *	Position Title *
Other	Senior Project Officer
Telephone *	Mobile
s. 47F(1)	
Email address *	
s. 47F(1)@nff.org.au	

## Provide an alternate authorised contact for this Application.

This person must also have authority to act on behalf of the Applicant in relation to this Application.

Title *	
s. 47F(1)	
First Name *	Last Name *
s. 47F(1)	s. 47F(1)
Position *	
s. 47F(1)	
Telephone *	Mobile
s. 47F(1)	
Email address *	
s. 47F(1)@nff.org.au	

## Declaration

## Do you have any conflicts of interest that may occur related to or from submitting this application? \*

Yes No

#### Please read and complete the following declaration.

This Declaration must be signed by an authorised representative of the Applicant (or, if this Application is a joint/consortium Application, an authorised representative of the lead organisation). The authorised representative should be a person who is legally empowered to enter into contracts and commitments on behalf of the Applicant.

I declare that:

- The information contained in this form is true and correct.
- I have read, understood and agree to abide by the Guidelines.
- I have read, understood and agree to the Grant Terms and Conditions, should this Application be successful.
- I agree to receiving a Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI) for this funding, if applicable, should this Application is successful.
- I have read, understood and agree to information provided in this Application as detailed in the Use of Information.
- If and where any personal details of a third party are included, the third party has been made aware of, and given their permission for those details to appear in this Application and for their personal information to be shared as detailed in the Use of Information.
- I give consent to the Community Grants Hub to make public the details of the Applicant and the funding received, should this Application be successful.
- I consent to receive correspondence, legal notices, grant agreements and any subsequent letters of variations to the agreement electronically. I understand and agree
  that my electronic correspondences constitute a valid and legally binding method for interacting under the grant agreement and the Electronic Transactions Act 1999
  (Cth).

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I understand and agree to the declaration above. \*

I acknowledge that giving false or misleading information to the Community Grants Hub is a serious offence under Section 137.1 of the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth). \*

Full name of Authorised Officer *	_	Position of Authorised Officer *	D	Date
s. 47F(1)		Other		22/02/2022

#### Please provide an estimate of the time taken to complete this Application Form, including:

- Actual time spent reading the guidelines, instructions and questions
- Time spent by all employees in collecting and providing the information
- Time spent completing all questions in the Application Form.

Hours	Minutes		
48			

A copy of receipt will be sent to: s. 47F(1)@nff.org.au

## s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Sent: To: Subject: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Wednesday, 23 February 2022 2:27 PM Market Transparency FW: UPDATE: 2021-6343 - Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Industries - Number of applications received at 23 February 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

For file please.

#### s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Director | Dairy and Competition

Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment <u>18 Marcus Clarke Street</u>, Canberra City ACT 2601 GPO Box 858, Canberra City ACT 2601

Tel. s. 22(1)(a)(ii) | market.transparency@awe.gov.au

From: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)Sent: Wednesday, 23 February 2022 2:27 PMTo: Selections <Selections@communitygrants.gov.au>Cc: s. 47F(1)@dss.gov.au>; DAWEdesign <DAWEdesign@dss.gov.au>;s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @awe.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii)@agriculture.gov.au>Subject: RE: UPDATE: 2021-6343 - Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Industries - Number ofapplications received at 23 February 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

HI Selections Team,

My team manages this program in DAWE. We have been asked to move assessment forward, which we can manage internally in consultation with our probity adviser.

Is the Grants Hub is in a position to bring the eligibility check forward? This is a small number of applications, but I appreciate that the Grants Hub is working to peak demand.

Very happy to discuss by phone (mob s. 22(1)(a)(ii).

Kind regards,

### s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Assistant Director | Dairy and Competition

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From: DAWEdesign <<u>DAWEdesign@dss.gov.au</u>> Sent: Wednesday, 23 February 2022 11:32 AM To: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @awe.gov.au; s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @agriculture.gov.au>

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Cc: s. 47F(1) @dss.gov.au>; Selections <<u>Selections@communitygrants.gov.au</u>>; DAWEdesign <<u>DAWEdesign@dss.gov.au</u>>

## **Subject:** UPDATE: 2021-6343 - Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Industries - Number of applications received at 23 February 2022 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

#### Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

As you are aware, the submission period for this round is now closed. Please see below the latest update on the number of applications received as at 23 February 2022 @ 6:01 AM.

**Selections** – Grateful if you could please provide the <u>uncleansed Data Report</u> to DAWE as soon as it becomes available.

TRACKER ID	GRANT ROUND	DELIVERED ON BEHALF OF	OPEN DATE	CLOSE DATE	EXPECTED APPLICATIONS	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
2021- 6343	Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Industries	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	25 January 2022	22 February 2022	10	10

Kind regards

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Project OfficerGrants Services OfficeCommunity Grants HubDepartment of Social ServicesP: s. 47F(1)E: s. 47F(1)

@dss.gov.au

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## s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

 From:
 Ag Media

 Sent:
 Saturday, 9 April 2022 11:51 AM

 To:
 s. 47F(1) ; Ag Media; s. 47F(1)

 Cc:
 Ag Media

 Subject:
 RE: Draft media release quotes for checking due tomorrow - NFF - perishable ag goods grant - Grant for chicken meat industry to explore potential code of conduct [SEC=OFFICIAL]

## His. 47F(1)

Okay, great, many thanks for your assistance and rapid response here,

Kind regardss. 22(1)(a)(ii)

#### Media

**Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment** Environment media inquiries: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Agriculture and water media inquiries: s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

 From: s. 47F(1)
 @nff.org.au>

 Sent: Saturday, 9 April 2022 11:36 AM

 To: Ag Media <Media@agriculture.gov.au>; s. 47F(1)
 @nff.org.au>

 Cc: Ag Media <Media@agriculture.gov.au>

 Subject: Re: Draft media release quotes for checking due tomorrow - NFF - perishable ag goods grant - Grant for chicken meat industry to explore potential code of conduct [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Morning<sup>s. 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>

These quotes have been approved by <sup>s. 47F(1)</sup>. Good to go ahead with the media release.

Cheers,

s. 47F(1)

From: Ag Media <<u>Media@agriculture.gov.au</u>> Sent: Friday, April 8, 2022 6:43 pm To: s. 47F(1) <u>@nff.org.au</u>>; s. 47F(1) Cc: Ag Media <<u>Media@agriculture.gov.au</u>>

@nff.org.au>

**Subject:** Draft media release quotes for checking due tomorrow - NFF - perishable ag goods grant - Grant for chicken meat industry to explore potential code of conduct [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hello,

We've been working on a draft media release to announce this perishable ag goods grant - Grant for chicken meat industry to explore potential code of conduct.

As part of this we would like to include some quotes from NFF. Please see below possible draft quotes for inclusion:

National Farmers' Federation CEO Tony Mahar said stakeholder engagement – both face to face and online – would be held across all growing regions to ensure industry input to the project reflects diverse issues and opportunities in the poultry meat supply chain.

"Contract growers, processors, retailers and other industry stakeholders will be able to provide feedback during the engagement process," Mr Mahar said.

"As well as establishing the purpose and objective of a potential code of conduct, industry engagement will help develop a road map for implementation."

Please let us know of any alterations or additions by 2pm tomorrow if possible,

Thanks and kind regards,

## s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

#### Media

Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment Agriculture and water inquiries: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) |<u>media@agriculture.gov.au</u> Environment inquiries: s. 22(1)(a)(ii) |<u>media@environment.gov.au</u>

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### s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: Sent:	Market Transparency Wednesday, 2 February 2022 5:25 PM		
To:	Market Transparency		
Subject:	Sample application form - Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural goods industries [SEC=OFFICIAL]		
Attachments:	Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries - Sample Application Form.pdf		
Categories:	Filed in drive		

#### Dear colleagues

Please find attached the questions as listed on the Community Grants Hub application form for the grant program " Improving market transparency in perishable agricultural goods industries".

This offline version may prove useful when preparing your applications.

#### Kind regards

#### s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Director (a/g) | Dairy and Competition Section | s. 22(1)(a)(ii) Agricultural Policy Division Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment 18 Marcus Clarke St Canberra ACT

s. 22(1)(a)(ii) @awe.gov.au





## Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Goods Industries

Submission Reference:

## **Application Information**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) inquiry into Perishable Agricultural Goods (PAG) recommended that governments and industries should explore measures to increase price transparency in PAG industries, in order to increase competition in those industries. In response to this recommendation, the Australian Government is implementing a program to improve market and price transparency in PAG supply chains.

The program includes:

- The delivery of workshops with interested PAG industries to identify their market transparency issues and barriers, and opportunities to improve market transparency
- A grants program to develop and implement tailored mechanisms to improve price and market transparency.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Provide an opportunity for PAG industries to identify market transparency issues and barriers in their sector
- Co-design potential projects to improve market transparency with participants across the supply chain in interested PAG industries
- Fund projects to generate knowledge, technologies, products or processes that improve price and market transparency in PAG industries.

## Community Grants Hub

This grant round is being administered by the Community Grants Hub, on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment.

## **Closing Date/Time**

Applications must be submitted by 9:00pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) Tuesday 22 February 2022.

## Making Sure Your Application is Saved

Upon exiting the form please ensure that you use the 'Save and Close' button. The 'Continue' button should only be used as you intend to progress through the form. For your Application to be saved when exiting, you will need to click on:

- 'Save and Close', and
- 'Confirm'.

You will know that your application is saved when you are taken from the current form process to the 'Form Saved' page.

Note that the 'Save and Close' button will ask that you 'Confirm' that you wish to save the Application, which you must do to complete the save process. If this is not done, your Application will not be saved.

You can return to your Application with the data saved using the link on the 'Form Saved' page that says 'Click here to return to your form' and confirming your submission reference ID details.

## Grant Opportunity Documents

Read all information in the Grant Opportunity Documents before completing this Application Form. The Grant Opportunity Documents are available on the GrantConnect  $\Box$  and Community Grants Hub  $\Box$  websites. Applications will be assessed using the process outlined in the Guidelines.

## **Application Help**

Information about the Application process is available on the GrantConnect 🗆 and Community Grants Hub 🗆 websites.

Applicants must submit any questions relating to the Program or this Application process in writing to support@communitygrants.gov.au <sup>□</sup>. Applicants may submit these questions up until five business days prior to the Closing Time and Date. A response will be provided within five business days.

Applicants may direct any general enquiries, requests for technical help or support in using and/or submitting the Application Form by:

- Phone 1800020283
- Email to support@communitygrants.gov.au

## Attachment Limits

This Application Form allows users to attach files to support their application. You must provide an attachment where indicated. Use the 'Upload File' button to select your file from a local drive.

Accepted file types: .bmp, .doc, .docx, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .msg, .pdf, .png, .pps, .ppt, .ptx, .txt, .xls, .xlsb, .xlsx.

Note: There is a 2048.0KB limit per attachment. Multiple documents should be scanned into a single document. Compressed or zip files are not accepted. File names must be unique and not include foreign characters.

## Sharing this Form

More than one person should not access this form at the same time. If this is done there is a risk that information entered in the form may be lost and not transferred upon submission. If you wish to share this form and access details, please ensure that only one user edits the form at any given time.

To avoid any issues with your submission, ensure each contributor has completed their updates, saved their changes and exited the form prior to another person accessing the same form.

## Submission Reference ID

Each Application Form is allocated a unique Submission Reference ID. Each time this Application is accessed you will be required to use this Submission Reference ID

## Submitting Application Form

Once you have completed this Application Form, you must submit it electronically by using the submission section at the end of this form.

Please note: there may be short, scheduled outages to systems as part of regular information technology maintenance that may affect submission of this form. Notification of these outages will be on the website.

Following submission, a message with your Submission Reference ID will appear on your screen and you will be provided a PDF receipt of your submission via email you are also able to send a receipt to an additional email address of your choosing. Please save this email receipt for future reference and use it is all correspondence about this application.

Note: Applications will be assessed using the process outlined in the Grant Opportunity Documents. Applicants will be notified of the grant funding outcome on completion of the assessment process.

## National Relay Service (NRS)

The Community Grants Hub uses the NRS to ensure our contact numbers are accessible to people who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment. Please phone 10000000// to access the NRS

## Australian Tax Office Reporting

The Department will need to report details of payments made to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as part of the taxable reporting obligations for government entities.

In general terms, the types of payments to be reported to the ATO are:

- Payments made for grants to entities with an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Payments made for services.

If you receive a payment from the Department that meets the ATO criteria, it will be reported to the ATO as part of the Taxable payments annual report. Further information is available on the Australian Taxation Office  $\square$  website.

## Privacy

The Community Grants Hub uses an integrated Smartform service assisted by the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources on www.business.gov.au

If you are providing information to access a non-Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources program, that information will not be accessed by Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources program, that information will not be accessed by Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources employees. The only exception to this is where Senior Analysts within the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources require access to your information for the sole purpose of troubleshooting technical errors. Where this occurs Senior Analysts will only access the data with permission and at the request of client agencies.

The Community Grants Hub will be able to access the Application as part of the form support services.

By submitting the Application you acknowledge that the information provided in the Application may be shared with other Commonwealth and law enforcement agencies for the prevention and detection of fraud.

For more information about how the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources protects your privacy and personal information, please see the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources' Privacy Policy . The Community Grants Hub Privacy Policy and WCaG Accessibility Information and the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment Privacy Policy should also be read and understood.

## Use of Information

#### Your Submission Reference is:

Please send yourself a link to this saved form by entering your email address below. This email will detail your Submission Reference, the date and time this application process will close, and a link to access your saved form.

If you have any questions relating to this Application phone 1800020283 or email support@communitygrants.gov.au

#### Your email address \*

Confirm your email address \*

#### Use of Information

The Community Grants Hub may use the information, other than personal information, provided in this Application Form to assist it to:

- Comply with the Australian Government requirement to publish the details of all grant recipients on the GrantConnect website
- Inform staff negotiating and establishing Grant Agreements of risks and issues that need to be addressed in the Grant Agreement for that program
- Inform future assessments for Applications.

All information including personal information provided in this Application may be shared with other Commonwealth and law enforcement agencies for the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud. This includes personal information of any third party provided in this Application.

You can only apply if you agree to the use of the information you provide in this form for the purposes listed above.

Check this box if you agree to the use of the information you provide in this Application Form.



## Existing Grant Recipient

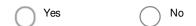
## Is the Applicant an existing Grant Recipient through the Community Grants Hub? $^*$

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If Yes, provide the Organisation ID number as it app	ears on your Grant Agreemen	t and then click 'Verify ID' to confirm the details are correct.
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## **Eligibility Requirements**

### What is the Applicant's entity type?

Is the Applicant able to provide documentation to support the entity type?



Please provide your supporting documentation. \*

**Eligible Activities \*** 

Please confirm your grant activity generates knowledge, technologies, products or processes that improve price and market transparency in a perishable agricultural sector, and include a component that is implemented online.

Please note: Market transparency refers to the availability of information in a market. This information might include:

- Prices at different levels of a supply chain
- Production or supply levels and trends
- Consumption or demand levels and trends
- External factors that might affect market dynamics.

To be eligible for this Grant Opportunity you must respond to this question.



### National Redress Scheme \*

Please confirm you are NOT an organisation, or your project partner is NOT an organisation, included on the National Redress Scheme's website on the list of 'Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme'

The National Redress Scheme has been created in response to recommendations by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme are ineligible for funding.

To be eligible for this Grant Opportunity you must respond to this question.



### Workshop participation \*

Please confirm you are a Research and Development Corporation or Industry Representative Organisation who participated in at least one workshop under the Improving Market Transparency in Perishable Agricultural Industries program.

To be eligible for this Grant Opportunity you must respond to this question.

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Governance

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### **Relevant Persons \***

Has any senior official or person to be involved in delivering the Activity been involved in any of the following events in the last 5 years?

You must tick at least one of the boxes below.

You may be contacted to provide more information and documentation in relation to these events.

	Governance Investigation of relevant person(s). Any business failure of relevant person(s) including business failure of entities in which they hold, or held at the time of the event, a management or board position. Examples of a business failure include a Court Ordered or a Creditors Voluntary Administration Liquidation, External Administration, or Receivership. Bankruptcies of relevant person(s). Bankruptcy proceedings, including part IX Debt Agreements or Part X Insolvency Agreements, against relevant person(s). Litigation against relevant person(s) including judgement debts.
First N	lame * Last Name *
Positio	n *
Descri	ption *
(Limit: a,	prox 300 words, 2,000 characters)
Rep	ortable Events *
Select	the appropriate box(es) that relate to any events to which your entity may have been subjected in the last 5 years.
You	must tick at least one of the boxes below.
You	may be contacted to provide more information and documentation in relation to these events.

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Governance Investigation of your organisation or related entities.

Litigation or liquidation proceedings.

A contract with your entity terminated by the other party.

Contingent liabilities of a material amount.

Overdue tax liabilities.

Factors which might impact on your entity. For example, pending significant litigation, business commitments, collections by debt collection agencies on behalf of

 $\Box$ creditors, or potential liquidation proceedings.

Any significant change in your entitys financial position not reflected in the financial statements provided.

Any other particulars which are likely to adversely affect your capacity to undertake this project.

None of the above events apply and there is no adverse information on my entity.

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### Does the Applicant have the following documents?

Note: You may be required to provide copies of the above documentation within 7 days upon request.

 1. Documented organisational and financial policies and procedures. \*

 Yes
 No

 2. Business plan and/or strategic plan. \*

 Yes
 No

 3. Risk management plan. \*
 No

 Yes
 No

## Project/Activity Details

Provide a short title of your Application for this Project/Activity.

(Limit: approx 38 words, 250 characters)

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Provide a brief description of your project or the services to be delivered and how it will contribute to the objectives outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

(Limit: approx 150 words, 1,000 characters)

## In which service area/s is the Applicant proposing to deliver the Project/Activity? \*

Instructions:

- The Service Area Type field below indicates the service areas relevant to this grant opportunity.
- If applicable, choose the relevant state/territory to view the available service areas.
- Tick the applicable service area/s where you are proposing to deliver this project/activity.
- Untick the selected service area/s to remove selection.

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

You may only select 40 service areas per form. If you wish to apply for more services areas, a separate form/s will need to be completed.

### Selected service area/s \*

- Australian Capital Territory
- New South Wales
- Northern Territory
- Queensland
- South Australia
- Tasmania
- Victoria
- U Western Australia

### Financials

Provide a breakdown of the requested grant funding for each previously selected service

area/s. \*

2022-2023 (exc GST) \*

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2023-2024 (exc GST) \*

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2024-2025 (exc GST) \*

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Total funding

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### Approx. % of Total

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### Total funding

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### Approx. % of Total



### South Australia

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2022-2023 (exc GST) \*

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2023-2024 (exc GST) \*

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2024-2025 (exc GST) \*

Total funding

\$

Approx. % of Total

Tasmania

2022-2023 (exc GST) \*

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2023-2024 (exc GST) \*

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2024-2025 (exc GST) \*

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Total funding

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Approx. % of Total

Victoria

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2024-2025 (exc GST) \*

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Total funding

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Approx. % of Total

Western Australia

2022-2023 (exc GST) \*

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2023-2024 (exc GST) \*

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2024-2025 (exc GST) \*



### Total funding

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### Approx. % of Total

#### Summary

2022-2023 Total

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# Provide bank account details for receipt of grant payments should the Application be successful.

You must respond to this question.

Bank account details for the receipt of payments:

- BSB Number: Enter the BSB number for the Applicant's nominated bank account. Must be 6 digits only. Do not enter spaces or other characters.
- Account Number: Enter the account number for the Applicant's nominated bank account. Must be 2 to 9 digits only. Do not enter spaces or other characters.
  Account Name: Enter the account name for the Applicant's nominated bank account. The account name should be as it appears on the bank statement. 60 character
- limit. The character count includes letters, numbers, spaces, paragraph marks, bullet points etc. NOTE: This field accepts the characters of A to Z, 0 to 9, ()., '&-/ \@, all other characters including carriage returns are not accepted.

BSB number *	Account number *	
Account Name *		

## Assessment Criteria

### Criterion 1 - Project Proposal \*

Describe how your project proposal will contribute to the grant opportunity and intended outcomes (refer to section 2 of the grant opportunity guidelines).

When addressing the criterion, strong applicants will:

- Demonstrate how the project will achieve the objective and intended outcome of the grant opportunity
- Outline how the activities, or which activities, will be implemented online
- Demonstrate how the project will engage relevant stakeholders and the extent to which the project leverages existing initiatives
- Describe anticipated short, medium and long-term project outcomes and how outcomes will be monitored and evaluated
- Outline how the project will be implemented and the impact across the relevant supply chain
- Outline how the project will be supported, funded and maintained after the grant agreement has ended (if relevant)
- Demonstrate how the project is supported by the industry, this may include co-sponsorship by partners from across the relevant supply chain (optional).

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### Criterion 2 - Experience \*

Describe your organisation's experience working with and delivering projects for your industry.

When addressing the criterion, strong applicants will:

- Provide details of the key personnel engaged in delivering the project/sub-projects or collaboration with relevant/specialist organisations
- Describe the particular skills or expertise that personnel/project partners will bring to the project
- Outline proposed governance arrangements to manage the projects effectively, including management of consortia (if applicable).

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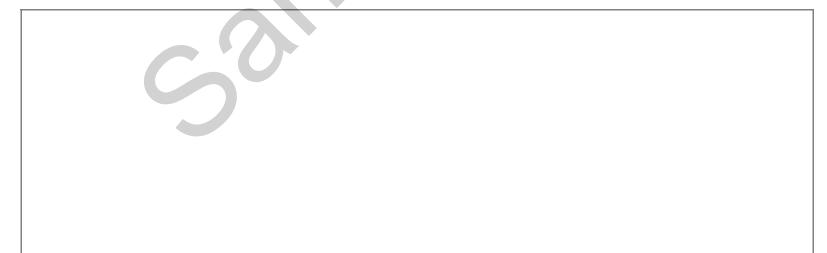
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### Criterion 3 - Value for Money \*

Describe how your project proposal represents value for money (refer to the Glossary in the grant opportunity guidelines).

When addressing the criterion, strong applicants will:

- Demonstrate how the project proposal represents an efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of public resources
- Outline the project budget including items that are eligible, reasonable and relevant to the project activities
- Identify any risks associated with the project, and mitigation strategies to manage these risks.



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## Additional Information

### **Consortium Arrangements \***

Does the Applicant plan to deliver the Activity as the lead agency of a consortium?

O Yes



Details 1

### If Yes, provide the Consortium details.

Consortium Member Legal Name \*

Consortium Member ABN

Details 2

### If Yes, provide the Consortium details.

Consortium Member Legal Name \*

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### Consortium Member ABN

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Details 20

### If Yes, provide the Consortium details.

Consortium Member Legal Name \*

Consortium Member ABN

You have reached the maximum number of records allowed.

No

Do you have more than 20 consortium members? \*



### More than 20 consortium members. \*

If you have more than 20 consortium members, please supply the same details as asked for the first 20 in a document and attach to this Application. This is mandatory if you have indicated that you will have more than 20 consortium members.

If the Application is successful, the Applicant will be offered a Grant Agreement as the lead agency and held liable for all obligations contained in the Grant Agreement's Terms and Conditions. This includes monitoring, management, financial performance, service outcomes and insurance coverage.

The panel of consortium members does not enter into a Grant Agreement. The Applicant should obtain agreement prior to submitting this Application.

Further evidence of the consortium arrangements may be sought from successful Applicants prior to the signing of the Grant Agreement.

### **Other Funding \***

You are required to contribute funding (monetary and in-kind) towards the project.

Please provide details about your funding contribution.

Yes No

If Yes, provide details of other contributions which will be relied upon to complete this Activity.

Please note that you may be requested to provide letters of support or other forms of evidence before your Application is considered further in the assessment process.

Other Funding Item 1

Source of funding (List a maximum of 10) \*

Funding Item 1

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(Limit: approx 15 words, 100 characters)

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### Amount of Funding(exc GST) \*

### Can this proposal proceed without this funding? \*

Has funding been secured? \*

Other Funding Item 2

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Has funding been secured? \*

Other Funding Item 8

Source of funding (List a maximum of 10) \*

Funding Item 8

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Amount of Funding(exc GST) \*

### Can this proposal proceed without this funding? \*

Has funding been secured? \*

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## Declaration

### Do you have any conflicts of interest that may occur related to or from submitting this application? \*

Yes

No

Describe any conflicts of interest that may occur from submitting this Application.

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### Please read and complete the following declaration.

This Declaration must be signed by an authorised representative of the Applicant (or, if this Application is a joint/consortium Application, an authorised representative of the lead organisation). The authorised representative should be a person who is legally empowered to enter into contracts and commitments on behalf of the Applicant.

I declare that:

- The information contained in this form is true and correct.
- I have read, understood and agree to abide by the Guidelines.
- I have read, understood and agree to the Grant Terms and Conditions, should this Application be successful.
- I agree to receiving a Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI) for this funding, if applicable, should this Application is successful.
- I have read, understood and agree to information provided in this Application as detailed in the Use of Information.
- If and where any personal details of a third party are included, the third party has been made aware of, and given their permission for those details to appear in this Application and for their personal information to be shared as detailed in the Use of Information.
- I give consent to the Community Grants Hub to make public the details of the Applicant and the funding received, should this Application be successful.
- I consent to receive correspondence, legal notices, grant agreements and any subsequent letters of variations to the agreement electronically. I understand and agree • that my electronic correspondences constitute a valid and legally binding method for interacting under the grant agreement and the Electronic Transactions Act 1999 (Cth).

I understand and agree to the declaration above.

I acknowledge that giving false or misleading information to the Community Grants Hub is a serious offence under Section 137.1 of the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth). '

Full name of Authorised Officer *	Position of Authorised Officer *	Date		

### Please provide an estimate of the time taken to complete this Application Form, including:

- Actual time spent reading the guidelines, instructions and questions
- Time spent by all employees in collecting and providing the information
- Time spent completing all questions in the Application Form. ۰

