



AGRIBUSINESS SUPPORT GRANT

Purpose

The **Agribusiness Support Grant** is part of the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program, funded by the Australian Government and delivered by Mount Barker District Council.

The objectives of the grant are to:

- Support recovery and resilience of communities impacted by the 2019-20 bushfires; and
- Build stronger communities by supporting social, economic and built environment recovery.

The Agribusiness Support Grant is aimed at enabling recipients to **test, trial and experiment with new products, processes or offerings to support the productivity of our agricultural sector.**

How much and what can I apply for?

Small to medium size business can apply for a single grant of between **\$5,000 and \$15,000.**

Grant funding **must** be matched dollar for dollar (1:1). Matched funding greater than 1:1 will be considered.

Grant Guidelines

The Grant aims to support the productivity and growth of agricultural businesses and build resilience, especially those impacted directly or indirectly by the 2019-20 bushfires. Applications should address one or more of the following:

- Supporting a new product or technology, process or service offering;
- Addresses challenges and/or barriers to business growth, innovation or diversification;
- Assist with increasing the productivity of primary production zoned land, either directly or indirectly;

Examples could be: the adoption of an Agtech product or technology or providing a value-added offering on the land.

Timeframes

Applications will be open from 23 May 2023 to 30 June 2023. Applications will be assessed in July 2023 and applicants notified shortly thereafter.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Who is eligible?

The grant is open to any small medium enterprise in the District that meets the following eligibility criteria:

- The proposed project must meet the Purpose of the grant outlined above.
- This grant is open to agricultural businesses (for the purposes of this grant, a business undertaking activity on primary production zoned land or providing services to such activities) with an ABN and are a legal entity.
- Has 200 or fewer full-time equivalent employees (small medium enterprises).
- The applicant must be located and the project majority undertaken within the Mount Barker District LGA.
- Grant funding must be matched dollar for dollar (1:1).
- Costs incurred prior to signing of a grant agreement are not eligible.
- Eligible expenditure must be clearly shown in your application, specifying how they are relevant to your proposed project.
- An application from a consortium is welcome, however one organisation will need to submit the application form and be the lead party that enters into a grant agreement if successful.
- The proposed project must be completed in time to complete a project report 31 December 2023

What is not eligible to claim funding for?

- Replacement of existing equipment that does not improve productivity.
- New equipment solely for reducing costs (e.g.; solar installations or more power efficient equipment) rather than increasing productivity.
- Furniture.
- Standard software applications such as accounting software.
- Not-for-profit, properly constituted and incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act (1985).
- Retrospective payments or budget deficit payments.
- Activities that are not completed within the Mount Barker District Council.
- Education and government institutions.
- Businesses with outstanding debts to Council.
- Political organisations.
- Items that are clearly intended to be supported through any of the council's other grant programs (e.g. Community Grants Program).

ASSESSMENT

How & when are applications assessed?

The first stage is an eligibility check where we consider your application against the eligibility criteria. If this criteria is met, then there is the assessment stage, which accesses application against assessment criteria. This process will take place July 2023.

Furthermore, each application will need to ensure:

- All appropriate documentation has been provided.
- Planning and landlord approvals have been secured (if relevant)

Each application will be assessed on merit, against the Assessment Criteria outlined below.

Measures, devices, and technology products supported through the scheme must be installed by appropriately licensed and accredited installers and installed and maintained in accordance with industry standards and relevant guidelines. In addition, the manner of installation must not pose risks to health or welfare of any person.

Council will accept no liability in any respect for any claim or damage, of any form which may result from the work. The applicant will have full responsibility for all acts and failures to act by any party in relation to design, documentation, contact(s) or the work on site.

Assessment Criteria for Agribusiness Grants

Criteria	
Demonstrated alignment with grant guidelines (Meets Criteria)	35%
Expected improvement to Small & Medium sized Enterprises operations because of proposed initiative	35%
Cost-effectiveness of proposed initiative(s) (Value for money)	10%
Reasonable and proportional contribution (in kind and financial)	10%
Where possible suppliers and manufactured products or providers are local to Mount Barker District Council	10%

What else do you need to know?

- Only one application will be considered for funding, per applicant.
- You will need to acknowledge Council's grant in a publication or publicity.
- Council will report on projects that have been funded as part of its marketing and communications.
- Successful applications will be required to complete grant conditions & acquittal documents.

How to apply



Applications are processed through [Home Page - Mount Barker District Council](https://www.mountbarker.sa.gov.au/home) (smartygrants.com.au). If you require any additional information on the Agribusiness Support Program please go to [Business Support | Mount Barker District Council](#)

You'll need to supply supporting documentation, including quotes and supporting photos, approvals, technical and compliance documents when applying.

Who can I talk to?

Before lodging your application you are encouraged to discuss your application with Brian Jackway.

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