About the grant

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Instructions for Applicants

Before commencing an application for the **Smart Farming Program**, applicants must review the eligibility criteria below to determine whether they meet all mandatory requirements.

The eligibility check is designed to help prospective applicants assess their suitability for the program and understand the steps that must be completed prior to submitting an application.

Applicants who meet all eligibility requirements may proceed to the application form. Applicants who do not currently meet all eligibility requirements should review the Grant Guidelines and complete any outstanding requirements before applying.

Please carefully review and respond to each eligibility question below before proceeding with your application.

Before completing this application form, you should have read the program guidelines. Incomplete applications and/or applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

Application Number

This field is read only.

Program Details

The Smart Farming Program is an EnergyCo funded grant program designed to improve on-farm connectivity and support the adoption of agricultural technology (AgTech) by primary producers. The program aims to boost farm productivity, improve resource management, and strengthen climate resilience through the use of modern technology.

Grant Program Name

This field is read only.
The program this submission is in.

Disclaimer

The applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- submitting this application does not guarantee funding. EnergyCo reserves the right to accept or reject the application at its discretion;
- the applicant is responsible for all costs associated with preparing and submitting the application. EnergyCo accepts no liability for these costs, whether the application is successful or unsuccessful; and
- the applicant has read and understood the Grant Guidelines and the relevant program requirements.

Use of Information

By submitting this application form, the applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- if this project application is successful, the relevant details of the project will be made public, including details such as the names of the organisation (applicant) and any partnering organisation (state government agency or non-government organisation), project title, project description, location, anticipated time for completion and amount awarded;
- EnergyCo and its partnering government agencies will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that any information received in or in respect of this application which is clearly marked ‘Commercial-in-confidence’ or ‘Confidential’ is treated as confidential, however, such documents will remain subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) (GIPA Act); and
- in some circumstances EnergyCo may release information contained in this application form and other relevant information in relation to this application in response to a request lodged under the GIPA Act or otherwise as required or permitted by law.

Privacy Notice

By submitting this application form, the applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- EnergyCo is required to comply with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) (the Privacy Act) and that any personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) collected by EnergyCo in relation to the program will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Act and its privacy policy (available at: https://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/privacy);
- the information provided to EnergyCo in connection with this application will be collected and stored on a database and will only be used for the purposes for which it was collected (including, where necessary, being disclosed to other Government agencies in connection with the assessment of the merits of an application) or as otherwise permitted by the Privacy Act;
- the applicant has taken steps to ensure that any person whose personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) is included in this application has consented to the fact that EnergyCo and other Government agencies may be supplied with that personal information, and has been made aware of the purposes for which it has been collected and may be used.

Pre-Application Eligibility Check

Do you hold a valid ABN? *
○ Yes ○ No
The ABN must be active and registered to the applicant submitting the application.

Do you have an annual average gross income from primary production of at least $40,000 (calculated as the average gross income for the previous three full financial years for each ABN) and are you able to provide tax records for those three financial years to verify this? *
○ Yes ○ No
Gross income means total revenue before expenses and tax. To meet this eligibility requirement, your average gross income from primary production across the previous three full financial years must be at least $40,000 per year for each ABN. You must be able to provide tax records for those years if requested.

Do you, or can you source an Accountant's Declaration confirming that your business is a primary production enterprise holding an ANZSIC (Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification) code in primary production? *
○ Yes ○ No
An Accountant's Declaration is a mandatory attachment for the submission.

Is your primary production enterprise located within an Eligible Area, and will all AgTech funded under the Smart Farming Program be installed at that location? *
○ Yes ○ No
Eligible Areas are areas within the six Local Government Areas (LGAs) including: Dubbo Regional Council, Gilgandra Shire Council, Mid-Western Regional Council, Narromine Shire Council, Upper Hunter Shire Council, and Warrumbungle Shire Council LGAs.

Have you completed the DPIRD FOTF AgTech Fundamentals Workshop (in-person or online)? Primary producers who have attended an in-person AgTech Fundamentals Workshop in the previous 2 years prior to the opening date will be eligible to apply and do not have to complete the training again. *
○ Yes ○ No
If you have not yet completed a Farms of the Future AgTech Fundamentals Workshop (in-person or online), you must register for and complete a workshop through the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's Farms of the Future program before applying. Further information, workshop dates and registration details are available at https://www.agtech.dpi.nsw.gov.au/pages/agtech-workshops. Applicants must also obtain an approved AgTech Plan and Certificate of Completion before submitting a Smart Farming Program application.

At the time of application, will you have a DPIRD FOTF-approved AgTech Plan and Certificate of Completion? *
○ Yes ○ No
If you have not received DPIRD Farms of the Future (FOTF) approval for the AgTech, please refer to the Guidelines. Evidence of FOTF approval will be a mandatory attachment required as part of the application submission.

If your application is successful, do you agree to pay the full cost of the proposed Eligible Expenditure items upfront and claim reimbursement of 70% of eligible costs (excluding GST) from the grant program? *
○ Yes ○ No
Funding is provided on a reimbursement basis. Applicants must pay 100% of eligible project costs upfront and provide evidence of payment before claiming reimbursement of up to 70% of eligible costs (excluding GST). Applicants are required to contribute the remaining 30% of project costs.

Do you confirm you are not currently receiving Commonwealth, State Territory or Local Government funding for any of the proposed eligible expenditure items? *

○ Yes ○ No

You must not be receiving funding from another government program for the same project costs or activities.

IMPORTANT - Application Eligibility Notice

Thank you for your interest in applying for this grant program.

Based on your responses, you have selected **"NO"** to one or more eligibility questions. As a result, **you are currently unable to proceed** with your application.

Please **carefully review the Grant Guidelines to ensure that all eligibility requirements have been met** before continuing with your application. If your circumstances have changed or you believe an incorrect response was provided, you may update your answers and reassess your eligibility.

Only applicants who meet all mandatory eligibility requirements will be able to proceed to the application stage.

If you require further clarification regarding the eligibility criteria, please refer to the Grant Guidelines.

Eligibility Requirements Not Met *

Your application cannot proceed because the eligibility criteria have not been met. Please review and update your responses before continuing.

Applicant Details

* indicates a required field

Organisation Details

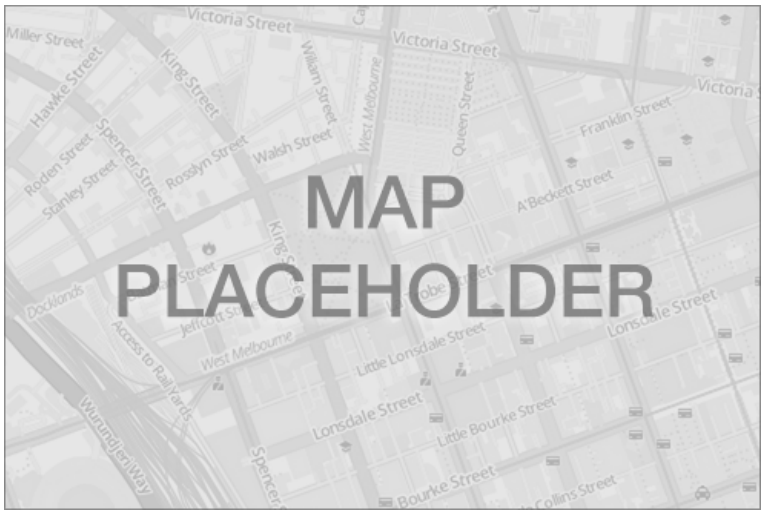
Organisation Name *

Organisation Name

Please use the organisation's full name. Make sure you provide the same name that is listed in official documentation such as that with the ABR, ACNC or ATO.

Primary Address

Address



Postal Address
Address

Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Other Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Email Address *

Must be an email address.

Website

Must be a URL.

Does the applicant have an Australian Business Number (ABN)? *

○ Yes ○ No

ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity Name	
ABN Status	
Entity Type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main Business Location	

Must be an ABN.

Primary Contact Details

Primary Contact *

Title | First Name | Last Name

Please nominate a primary contact who is authorised to discuss the grant on behalf of the organisation. This person will receive all communications relating to the application, assessment outcome, funding agreement, reporting requirements, and grant payments.

Primary Contact Position *

e.g., Manager, Board Member or Fundraising Coordinator.

Primary Contact Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Primary Contact Other Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.
Country code not required, area code for landlines is required.

Primary Contact Email *

Must be an email address.
This is the address we will use to correspond with you about this grant.

Supporting Documents

* indicates a required field

Evidence of ANZSIC code in primary production *
Attach a file:

Evidence of ANZSIC code in primary production should be evidenced by an Accountant's Declaration

Please provide your ANZSIC code *

Enter the ANZSIC code that best represents your primary business activity. If you are unsure of your code, refer to the Australian Bureau of Statistics ANZSIC classification.

Do you declare that the DPIRD FOTF AgTech Fundamentals Workshop was attended and completed by the ABN holder, or by an employee or associated person acting on behalf of the primary production business? *

○ Yes ○ No

Select Yes if the workshop was completed by the ABN holder or by an employee or associated person representing the primary production business.

I declare that, where a person other than the ABN holder attends and completes the DPIRD FOTF AgTech Fundamentals Workshop, that person is an employee of, or an associated person connected to, the primary production business. *

○

Tick this box to confirm that any nominated workshop participant is an employee of, or associated with, the primary production business.

Please provide the name of the workshop attendee *

If it was not the ABN holder who attended the workshop, we require the first and last name of the attendee.

DPIRD Certificate of Completion *
Attach a file:

The certificate must clearly identify the applicant (or participating business), the completed activity, and the date of completion.

DPIRD Approved Tech List *
Attach a file:

The document must clearly identify the approved AgTech item and demonstrate its eligibility under the Program. Acceptable evidence includes a copy of the DPIRD FOTF approved Tech List, which forms part of your approved AgTech Plan by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) Farms of the Future.

Evidence of average gross primary production income ≥ $40,000 *
Attach a file:

Upload your lodged ATO Tax Return for the last 3 financial years. Please upload the FULL document including all pages.

Tick this box to declare that you are willing and able to provide the required cash contribution for this project. *

○

Applicants must contribute the required cash co-contribution amount as outlined in the grant guidelines.

Tick this box to declare that you are not receiving and have not applied for Commonwealth, State, Territory or Local Government funding for the same proposed Eligible Expenditure items. *

○

Duplicate funding occurs when the same proposed Eligible Expenditure items, including delivery and installation, are funded by more than one government grant or program.

Tick this box to declare that you do not have any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest that could influence, or be perceived to influence, this application or the delivery of the project. *

○

If you are aware of any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest, you should disclose it in your application.

If you do have a conflict of interest, please declare it below.

Describe the conflict of interest, including who is involved and how it may relate to this application.

Tick this box to confirm that you have read, understood, and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the Funding Agreement if your application is successful. *

○

Successful applicants will be required to enter into a Funding Agreement with the NSW Government. By ticking this box, you acknowledge that you have reviewed the Funding Agreement and are willing to accept and comply with its terms and conditions.

Budget

* indicates a required field

Which categories best describe your proposed AgTech solution?

Select all AgTech categories that apply to the technology you propose to purchase and install. *

☐ Animal monitoring
☐ Asset monitoring
☐ On-farm connectivity solutions
☐ Dashboards
☐ Crop monitoring
☐ Water monitoring
☐ Subscriptions
☐ Software solutions
☐ Other:

Choose the categories that best describe the primary function of the AgTech solution. You may select more than one category where applicable.

Is your business registered for Goods and Services Tax (GST)? *

○ Yes ○ No

This information will be used to determine whether project costs and grant amounts should be calculated inclusive or exclusive of GST.

Project Value - For applicants registered for GST

What is the total eligible expenditure cost (excluding GST)

This must match your approved AgTech list

Project Value - For applicants NOT registered for GST

What is the total eligible expenditure cost (including GST)

This must match your approved AgTech list

Total Amount Requested *

$

Must be a dollar amount.
For Grantees that are registered for GST please provide the GST exclusive amount. For applicants that are not registered for GST, please include 10% GST

Grant Funding Ratio - For applicants registered for GST

Maximum 70%

This number/amount is calculated

Grant Funding Ratio - For applicants not registered for GST

Maximum 70%

This number/amount is calculated.

Outcomes

Outcomes

Please describe the outcomes you expect to achieve through the adoption of the proposed AgTech. Outcomes should relate to the benefits your farming enterprise

will experience as a result of implementing the technology. Consider how the project may improve:

- Farm productivity and operational efficiency
- Connectivity and access to digital technologies
- Resource management (such as water, energy, livestock or crop management)
- Data-driven decision-making
- Farm sustainability and environmental outcomes
- Business resilience and preparedness for future challenges, including climate variability

Your outcomes	How do the expected outcomes of your project align with the Smart Farming Program?	Explanatory notes
Please describe the expected outcomes of your project and how the proposed AgTech will benefit your farming operation. Include any anticipated improvements to productivity, efficiency, decision-making, resource management, connectivity, safety, or resilience.	Consider how your project will support increased productivity, improved resource management, enhanced connectivity, better decision-making, or greater climate resilience.	Add notes if you need to provide more context.

Payment and Supporting Documents

* indicates a required field

Bank Details

Please provide the bank account details for the organisation that entered into the Funding Agreement. Grant payments will only be made to an account held in the name of the funded organisation.

Applicant Bank Account *
Account Name

BSB Number Account Number

Must be a valid Australian bank account format.

Please provide a recent bank statement of the account you would use to receive the grant funding if you are successful. *
Attach a file:

The statement must clearly show the account name, BSB and account number.

You do not have to show transaction details, however, the statement must:

- Be for an account in the name of the applicant
- Clearly show the BSB, account number and name of the account holder
- Be a statement on financial institution letterhead
- Not be an online transaction list

Declaration and Authorisation

* indicates a required field

Declaration

The Applicant represents and warrants that this application has been submitted by an authorised representative of the Applicant.

Where this Application is submitted in the course of employment by a representative of any kind (e.g. authorised representative or agent) of the Applicant, you: (i) acknowledge and agree that the Applicant is deemed to be jointly and separately bound by this application; and (ii) represent and warrant that you have the authority to represent and bind the Applicant as contemplated by this provision.

By submitting this application form I hereby declare that:

- I agree for my project to be automatically considered in other NSW funding programs;
- I have read and understood each of the acknowledgements, agreements, representations and warranties provided above, and that each of these are true and correct;
- All information provided including the responses to each question in the relevant sections of this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge;
- Any information contained in this application may be disclosed to other Government agencies, staff administering the program, and to external stakeholders (including consultants, lawyers and other advisers) as part of the assessment of this application;
- I am authorised to submit this application on behalf of, and have the authority to represent and bind the Applicant;
- I understand that any false declaration may render this application ineligible/invalid; and
- All relevant conflicts of interest have been declared

Authorisation

I agree *

☐ Yes

Name of authorised person *

Title | First Name | Last Name

Must be a senior staff member, board member or appropriately authorised volunteer

Position *

Position held in applicant organisation (e.g. CEO, Treasurer)

Phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.
We may contact you to verify that this application is authorised by the applicant organisation

Email *

Must be an email address.

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