

Application BSBR000452

Application summary

Application ID

BSBR000452

Application title

BSBR - Gippsland Agricultural Group

Program name

Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program

Applicant

Gippsland Agricultural Group

Submitted date

6/10/2021

Program selection

Gippsland Agricultural Group

Are you a trustee acting on behalf of a trust?

No

Do you have an ABN?

Yes

Entity details

What is your ABN?

31971152429

Legal name

Gippsland Agricultural Group

Business name

Gippsland Agricultural Group

Date registered

25/07/2019

GST registered

Yes

Are you a charity registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)?

No

Are you a not-for-profit?

Yes

Program Selection

What program are you applying for?

Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program

Component

Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program

Eligibility

Select which entity type you are.

an incorporated not for profit organisation

Is your project in one or more of the eligible Local Government Areas (LGAs) listed in Appendix A of the grant opportunity guidelines?

Grant opportunity guidelines can be found on [Business.gov.au](https://www.business.gov.au)

Yes

Will your project support the recovery or resilience efforts of communities in eligible Local Government Areas (LGAs) affected by the 2019-20 bushfires?

Yes

Does your project have at least \$20,000 in eligible project expenditure?

Yes

Applicant address

Applicant street address

Is the address located in Australia?

Yes

Address details

455

Bengworden Road

Bairnsdale VIC 3875

Australia

Applicant postal address

Is the address located in Australia?

Yes

Address details

POB 509

Bairnsdale VIC 3875

Australia

About your organisation

We collect the following data from all applicants. We use this data to better understand your organisation and to help us develop better policies and programs.

Indigenous organisations

Is your organisation Indigenous owned?

An organisation is considered Indigenous owned where at least 51% of the organisation's members or proprietors are Indigenous.

No

Is your organisation Indigenous controlled?

An organisation is considered Indigenous controlled where at least 51% of the organisation's board or management committee is Indigenous.

No

Project information

Recovery or Resilience Needs

Identify one or more of the recovery or resilience needs your project aims to support.

You need to select one or more of the kinds of recovery or resilience needs - social recovery and resilience, economic recovery and resilience and/or resilience and recovery of the built environment. See Section 6.1 of the grant opportunity guidelines.

social recovery and resilience

Yes

economic recovery and resilience

Yes

recovery and resilience of the built environment

Yes

Project Type

Select one or more of the criteria below that best describes/supports your eligible project activities.

See section 6.3.1 of the grant guidelines and Appendix B.

projects that address an urgent and unmet need resulting directly from the 2019-20 bushfires

Yes

enhance the cultural life of the community

No

preserve or increase employment

Yes

help to mitigate climate-related risk and damage

Yes

address the health impacts of the bushfires

Yes

benefit of Indigenous people or communities

No

protect or promote interstate and overseas trade and commerce

No

be delivered through a relevant communications service

No

undertaken in the Australian Capital Territory

No

run by local councils

No

involve meteorological observations or statistical collection and analysis

No

relate to insurance

No

Project title and description

If your application is successful, we will publish some grant details on [GrantConnect](#) and other government publications. Published details include:

- name of the grant recipient
- a project title
- a brief project description and its intended outcome

- amount of grant funding awarded

Provide a project title.

Construction of the Gippsland Agricultural Recovery and Resilience Center

Provide a brief project description for publication.

Ensure your project description focuses on your project's key activities and outcomes. Outline what it is you are going to do and how it will benefit your community.

This project involves the construction of the Gippsland Agricultural Recovery and Resilience Center. (The Centre)

The centre will be a multi-purpose community facility providing the agricultural community with a place to gather, learn and apply approaches to bushfire recovery and climate mitigation. These benefits will assist the agricultural community to recover from the impact of the Black Summer bushfires, while increasing the knowledge and resilience of farmers to prepare for, predict, and manage future bushfire events.

The center will be sited at the nexus of the Gippsland Research Farm, the Bairnsdale Airport, and the East Gippsland Field Days site.

Detailed project description and key activities

This information will be included in your grant agreement if your application is successful.

Provide a detailed description of your project including the project scope and key activities.

The Centre has been designed as a cost-effective and simple structure, and will include:

- A multipurpose hall
- Shaded external hard stand exhibition space
- A hot desk co-working and office space
- A tutorial room and 'Digital Ag Centre'
- Amenities including toilets, kitchen, and reception area

In addition to the immediate needs of the agricultural community, components of the building design have been designed to meet the requirements for use by emergency services and the military via the Bairnsdale Aerodrome. This was identified as an essential need during the Black Summer bushfire events due to the limited capacity and overcrowding of the airport.

The Gippsland Agricultural Group (GAaG) project development team, including key partner East Gippsland Shire Council, have conducted extensive community consultation, and have contracted A1 Design in Bairnsdale to provide an initial concept design of the Centre. Quotes have now been secured from experienced local contractors, with construction able to commence as soon a funding has been secured.

The centre will be constructed as an industrial shed, on a concrete slab base. The external walls and ceiling will consist of steel, with heating and cooling supplied via an efficient reverse cycle heating/air conditioning system. Internal walls will be constructed with timber and plasterboard fixings.

Construction of the Centre includes the following key activities:

- The chosen local contractors will order materials as soon as possible to lock in prices and minimise the cost of materials.
- GAaG will work with East Gippsland Shire Council to secure all relevant permits.
- Detailed plans for the centre's internal layout will be finalised in consultation with the key user groups.
- Details of the computers and other equipment in the 'Digital Ag Centre' will be finalised with project partner Telstra.
- Construction of the Centre will be undertaken by experienced local contractors, with project management by East Gippsland Shire Council and GAaG.

- The finished centre will be handed over to GAaG.
- The centre will be officially opened, and a community celebration will be held.

The GAaG committee recognises the major benefits which this project will bring to the agricultural community of Gippsland. As a measure of the group's commitment, it is contributing \$29,320 to cover project management costs, a further \$10,000 to cover the project reporting costs, and an additional \$40,000 towards the project as a whole, a total contribution of \$74,320. These funds have been raised by the committee through community fundraising activities.

Project outcomes

This information will be included in your grant agreement if your application is successful.

Provide a summary of the expected project outcomes.

Following the Black Summer bushfires, impacted individuals and families in local geographic areas naturally gathered at facilities such as community halls. At these facilities, householders were able to access support, register for assistance from government and non-profit organisations, obtain vital rebuilding information, and access mental health supports.

The Gippsland agricultural community was also heavily impacted by the Black Summer bushfires, and just like impacted local communities, needed a central point to come together to share information, register for assistance, and access support.

Unfortunately, without a central gathering point for farmers to gather, obtain financial and practical assistance, and access donations of supplies such as fodder, many members of the agricultural community flew 'under the radar' and were unaware of the support and assistance available to them.

Currently GAgG are aware of farmers who were unable to access a wide range of supports, including practical support such as donated materials and labour, as well as mental health supports. This has resulted in several members of the agricultural community experiencing severe mental health impacts, financial issues, and family and marriage stresses.

In response, GAgG have developed plans for the Center. This facility will provide the essential central point for the agricultural community in times of need such as bushfire. Due to the fact that the agricultural community will need many years to recover from the Black Summer bushfires, the centre will also work to educate farmers about the latest research regarding returning fire-impacted agricultural land to full production and will serve as a vital link for bushfire-impacted members of the farming community to access mental health information and support.

The centre has been designed with the support of key partners East Gippsland Shire Council, with an additional aim of specifically providing a vital overflow location for the adjoining Bairnsdale Airport during future bushfires.

The following are examples of the way in which the Gippsland Agricultural Centre will assist the agricultural community as well as the wider community, in the aftermath of the Black Summer bushfires:

SHORT TERM

Farmers are still working hard to return fire-impacted agricultural land to full production, as well as replace stock and equipment. The Centre will

provide a central point for the farming community to access the latest research on the restoration of fire-impacted pastures and land, as well as rebuilding stock numbers and genetics.

Vitality, the centre will also be a trusted location for the agricultural community to access mental health supports. Research has shown that it is in the second and following years after a natural disaster such as bushfire that mental health impacts become most apparent.

MEDIUM TERM

In the medium term, the center will be a hub for farmers to access co-ordinated service delivery that is tailored to the unique challenges faced when managing agricultural operations during natural disasters such as bushfires and drought.

This will also be a time when the centre begins programs working with students from local primary, secondary and tertiary institutions to ensure that the next generation of farmers have the resources and knowledge to efficiently manage agricultural production while navigating the pressures of climate change and increased demand for agricultural products.

LONG TERM

In the long term the center will be the hub of a thriving agricultural precinct that connects several other agricultural functions including the East Gippsland Field Days, the Gippsland Research Farm, and a community-owned agricultural training facility. This will enable agricultural producers in the region to prepare for and respond to bushfires and other natural disasters and build a resilient and well-connected agricultural community and industry in the region.

During future bushfires and other natural disasters, the Centre will facilitate the overflow operations of the Bairnsdale Airport to allow additional facilities for services including the Australian Army and Royal Flying Doctor Service.

This project aligns with several federal, state, and local government strategic plans, as detailed in the attached Gippsland Agricultural Centre Business Case. Some of these plans include:

- Delivering Ag2030
- Drought Response, Resilience and Preparedness Plan
- National Landcare Program

- Agricultural Stewardship Package, Australian Agricultural Sustainability Framework
- Drought Resilience Research and Adoption Program
- Farm Hub/GrowAG
- National Agricultural Innovation Agenda
- Victorian AgTech Regional Innovation Network
- Regional Development Victoria – Gippsland Regional Partnership
- East Gippsland Shire Council Plan 2021-25

Project duration

Your project must be completed in line with the dates provided in the grant opportunity guidelines.

Your project can start upon execution of the grant agreement, estimated to be from January 2022.

You must complete your project by 31 March 2024.

Estimated project start date

10/01/2022

Estimated project end date

09/01/2023

Estimated project length (in months)

12

Project milestones

Provide details on the project milestones including the key activities occurring at each milestone.

The milestone start and end dates must be between the project start and end dates. You can add up to 10 milestones.

Milestone title

Planning and Preliminary A

Description

Establish grant agreement, and other building preliminaries and engage contractors

Estimated start date

14/01/2022

Estimated end date

01/03/2022

Milestone title

Planning and Preliminary B

Description

Obtain building permit and conduct soil test

Estimated start date

01/04/2022

Estimated end date

14/04/2022

Milestone title

Construction Preliminary

Description

Site preparation, order major construction components

Estimated start date

01/02/2022

Estimated end date

30/04/2022

Milestone title

Construction Commencement

Description

Slab and shed construction.
Plumbing Preliminaries

Estimated start date

01/05/2022

Estimated end date

10/05/2022

Milestone title

Construction Lock-Up

Description

Shed construction, glazing and window completion.

Estimated start date

10/05/2022

Estimated end date

15/05/2022

Milestone title

Construction Fit-out

Description

Construction of internal walls, Bathroom, and office Joinery. Final fix off for plumbing and electrical.

Estimated start date

15/07/2022

Estimated end date

30/09/2022

Milestone title

Completion and Handover

Description

Final Carpentry, Painting, and flooring

Estimated start date

01/10/2022

Estimated end date

10/10/2022

Milestone title

Internal Furniture, Information Technology and Communications Systems Installations

Description

Installation of internal fittings, information, technology, and communications system.

Estimated start date

05/10/2022

Estimated end date

30/10/2022

Milestone title

Project Reporting and Acquittal

Description

Complete final project report and financial acquittals

Estimated start date

01/11/2022

Estimated end date

14/12/2022

Eligible Local Government Areas (LGAs)

You can only undertake project activities in a Local Government Area (LGA) that has been declared as eligible for assistance under the Disaster

Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) for the 2019-20 bushfires.
Individual projects may include activities that are undertaken in multiple eligible LGAs. Eligible LGAs are listed in Appendix A.

State

Please select from the list below.

VIC

LGA's Eligible in VIC

East Gippsland

Project location

Project site 1

200

Prendergast Road

Bairnsdale VIC 3875

Australia

Estimated % of project value expected to be undertaken at site

100

Project budget

Provide a summary of your eligible project expenditure over the life of the project.

If you are registered for GST, enter the GST exclusive amount. If you are not registered for GST, enter the GST inclusive amount. We only provide grant funding based on eligible expenditure. Refer to the grant opportunity guidelines for guidance on eligible expenditure.

The minimum project expenditure for this grant opportunity is \$20,000.

You will also be required to attach a detailed project budget later in the application form. Refer to the grant opportunity guidelines for the requirements of the budget.

Please note the below budget limitations:

- Administrative support/overheads (including project management or project co-ordination) (max 10% of the grant)
- Staff training (max 5% of the grant)
- Contingency costs (max 10% of the grant)
- Report on project outcomes (max 5% of the grant)

Project budget summary

Head of expenditure	Financial year	Total
Equipment/ Materials (purchase or hire)		\$72,000
Equipment/ Materials (purchase or hire)	2021/22	\$0
Equipment/ Materials (purchase or hire)	2022/23	\$72,000
Salary		\$0
Salary	2021/22	\$0
Salary	2022/23	\$0
Contracts		\$860,050
Contracts	2021/22	\$300,000
Contracts	2022/23	\$560,050
Infrastructure / Building, including approvals		\$6,600
Infrastructure / Building, including approvals	2021/22	\$6,600
Infrastructure / Building, including approvals	2022/23	\$0
Workshops, conferences and events		\$0
Workshops, conferences and events	2021/22	\$0
Workshops, conferences and events	2022/23	\$0
Domestic travel		\$0
Domestic travel	2021/22	\$0
Total project expenditure		\$1,063,970

Head of expenditure	Financial year	Total
Domestic travel	2022/23	\$0
Administrative support/overheads (including project management or project co-ordination)		\$29,320
Administrative support/overheads (including project management or project co-ordination)	2021/22	\$10,000
Administrative support/overheads (including project management or project co-ordination)	2022/23	\$19,320
Planning, environmental or other regulatory approvals		\$0
Planning, environmental or other regulatory approvals	2021/22	\$0
Planning, environmental or other regulatory approvals	2022/23	\$0
Staff training		\$0
Staff training	2021/22	\$0
Staff training	2022/23	\$0
Contingency		\$86,000
Contingency	2021/22	\$35,000
Contingency	2022/23	\$51,000
Total project expenditure		\$1,063,970

Head of expenditure	Financial year	Total
Report on project outcomes		\$10,000
Report on project outcomes	2021/22	\$3,000
Report on project outcomes	2022/23	\$7,000
Other		\$0
Other	2021/22	\$0
Other	2022/23	\$0
Total project expenditure		\$1,063,970

Financial year	Costs
2021/22	\$354,600
2022/23	\$709,370
Total project expenditure	\$1,063,970

What is the total project cost including ineligible expenditure not included above?

This is the sum of eligible and non-eligible costs to the project.

\$ 1,063,970

Source of funding

In this section you must provide details of how you will fund the project.

The total of all sources of funding should be equal to your total project expenditure in the section above. Sources of funding include

- grant amount sought
- your contribution
- other contributions as allowed in the grant opportunity guidelines.

Grant amount sought

Enter the grant amount sought. We will add GST to this where applicable.

The minimum grant amount under this grant opportunity is \$20,000. The maximum grant amount under this grant opportunity is \$10,000,000.

\$ 984,650

Your contribution

Enter your organisation name. In the description field, provide additional details. Indicate whether your contribution is sourced from cash flow, loans, equity etc.

Name of contributor

Gippsland Agricultural Group

Details of contribution

Contribution type	Due date	Amount	Description
Cash	1/08/2022	\$40,000	Gippsland Agricultural Group will contribute this funding for the overall project from funds raised by the group
In-Kind	1/08/2022	\$39,320	Gippsland Agricultural Group will fund the project management and reporting requirements of this project from their operational budget
Total		\$79,320	

Other non-government contribution

Enter the organisation name. In the description field, provide additional details.

If you have project partners we will ask you for their details later in the application. You must provide their name and their contribution here.

Assessment criteria

We will assess your application based on the weighting given to each criterion and against the indicators listed beneath each criterion. We will only consider funding applications that score at least 50 per cent against each criterion, as these represent best value for money.

The amount of detail and supporting evidence you provide should be commensurate with the project size, complexity and grant amount requested. You should define, quantify and provide evidence to support your answers.

To support your responses you must include mandatory attachments later in the application.

Assessment criterion 1

How your project will assist in community recovery from the 2019-20 bushfires?

(Score out of 50)

You should demonstrate this by identifying:

- a. how your project addresses the recovery or resilience needs of the community directly related to impacts of the 2019-20 bushfires through the adoption of/or investment in one or more of the following benefit areas:
 - **social recovery and resilience needs** of the local community may include improving community connections and social inclusion through community development activities, cultural events and workshops, protecting local heritage and addressing disadvantage within the community, preserving Aboriginal cultural heritage and supporting Indigenous communities through activities, workshops and events.
 - **economic recovery and resilience needs** of the region may include job creation, new businesses, tourism and supporting local producers and suppliers. Projects must support communities, not just individual businesses or organisations.
 - **recovery and resilience of the built environment needs** may include the improvement or extension of existing infrastructure in a manner that drives economic growth, creates jobs and makes the affected LGA or broader region a more attractive place to live or visit.
- b. how your project complements, builds on and does not duplicate existing or planned 2019-20 bushfire recovery efforts in the community.
- c. the broader benefits that your project will deliver for the region and the community.

The bushfires of 2019/2020 had devastating impacts on East Gippsland farmers and the agricultural industry. After four years of the harshest drought in 400 years, conditions in the region were extremely dry. This compounded the impacts and intensity of the fires and resulted in the following direct impacts to 979 properties in East and central Gippsland: 21 per cent of East Gippsland's agricultural land was severely impacted by the fires.

\$31.3 million of fencing was destroyed

\$33.7 million dollars of key infrastructure (dairy, machinery, hay sheds, etc) was burned

\$25.6 million of field crops was destroyed

869 livestock were killed

30 family farmhouses were destroyed

10 woolsheds, 55 haysheds, 88 machinery sheds were destroyed.

Immediately following the fires, GAgG worked tirelessly to gather information on affected producers and provide information and assistance about the practical, financial, and emotional supports available to the region's producers. During this time a central location to co-ordinate these response and relief activities was desperately needed.

This lack of a central base made it difficult to co-ordinate, triage, and deliver timely and effective immediate and ongoing recovery support for fire impacted farmers. Feed, fodder, and veterinary supplies rolled into the region, but the co-ordination of the distribution was challenging for the various industry, support and producer-led groups participating in the relief and recovery effort. This resulted in the duplication of many services and left gaps in recovery support and service delivery in others.

The agricultural community will take many years to recover fully. State-wide recovery of burnt pastures will continue well into 2022, with resulting impacts on livestock production in these areas. Production losses from burnt pastures are estimated to be \$48 million in 2021 and \$18 million in 2022. Victorian agriculture is expected to lose \$400 million through 2020 and 2022 in lost assets and agricultural production as a direct result of the bushfires.

In the aftermath of the fires a significant amount of work remains to develop and deliver learnings about bushfire recovery from our pasture trail work to the agricultural community. Farmers are desperately seeking guidance in the best approaches to successfully re-establish fire affected pasture, based on local climatic conditions and soil parameters.

The Centre will better enable learning and sharing of information to enable

the region's farming communities to recover faster and be better prepared for future bushfires and other disasters. By providing a central gathering place intersecting with research farm trials, the Centre will greatly assist in this endeavour over the next 3-5 years and beyond.

The Centre will facilitate recovery from the Black Summer bushfires and the development of resilience following future natural disasters in the agricultural community by:

SOCIAL RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE NEEDS

Combating social isolation and building a community support network for one of the nation's most at-risk groups of suicide.

Providing a meeting place for not-for-profit producer groups such as Landcare, Topsoils, East Gippsland Women in Agriculture etc

ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE NEEDS

Being a place to educate, train and upskill our region's agricultural workforce to attract and retain talent to sustain our small communities

Presenting cutting-edge technology to inform regionally relevant adaptations and innovations to be implemented to boost productivity and increase resilience to future drought and bushfire events

Embracing digital transformation through education and promotion of data collection and early warning systems which track and report data relevant to our region, to inform adaption and mitigation of risks before they materialize.

RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Engaging producers in learning and adaptation toward increasing production as well as mapping and managing risks in their systems

During our community consultation, more than 15 user groups have identified a need and listed extensive uses for the facility across the year.

All these activities will assist the agricultural community to recover from the Black Summer bushfires, including:

Weekly education classes that incorporate online learning from universities with field work on the research farm

TAFE classes for short and long courses in agriculture

Classes and engagement days from primary and secondary educational institutions

Short skills and competency-based courses such as shearing schools and chemical users permit classes

Quarterly Field Days to present and share research and trial work

Annual Conferences, East Gippsland Women in Agriculture, and Gippsland Red Meat.

Assessment criterion 2

Capacity, capability and resources to deliver the project

(Score out of 50)

You should demonstrate this by identifying:

- a. your track record managing similar projects and access to personnel and/or partners with the right skills and experience
- b. sound project planning to manage and monitor the project, including scope, implementation methodology, timeframes, budget and risk management planning (including mitigation of health risks associated with the current COVID-19 pandemic).

This project will be managed by GAgG in partnership with East Gippsland Shire Council and will be constructed by experienced local contractors. Since the Black Summer fires the concept and business case for this proposed Centre has been developed following significant collaboration with bodies including East Gippsland Shire Council, community bushfire recovery committees, peak industry bodies (such as MLA and AWI), the Victorian Drought Hub, The National Recovery and Resilience Agency, over 15 community agricultural related organisations, and local secondary and tertiary education providers including Federation University.

Every element of the project has been accurately costed to December 2021 with assurances that our suppliers have the capacity and time in their work schedule to promptly commence construction as soon as funding is secured. A detailed project plan has been developed with a project control group consisting of:

- Trevor Caithness – GAgG CEO and owner operator of a large business in regional Victoria.
- Ken White – GAgG Treasurer and chartered accountant, with extensive experience on capital works project delivery, reporting and compliance.
- Jen Smith – General Manager GAgG – lead person on project funding application and on the ground project delivery, with over 15 years' experience in project co-ordination in both the private and government sectors.
- s22 [REDACTED] – East Gippsland Shire Council General Manager Assets and Environment.
- s22 [REDACTED] – East Gippsland Shire Council Bushfire Recovery

Manager.

- s22 - Construction Manager - extensive experience in managing major construction projects including Bairnsdale TAFE Education and Learning Facility as well as several other large projects.
- s22 - Project Administrator - highly experienced in administration, including record keeping, data processing, and ensuring administrative goals and deadlines are met.
- s22 - Project Communications and Engagement Manager - experienced commercial journalism and social media content writer, who will ensure that this project is well communicated at a local, state and commonwealth level.

The contractors selected to provide quotes for this job have been chosen based on their capacity to deliver the project well within the project timing guidelines. The lead contractor Eastern Victorian Construction Group has 30 years of experience in delivering similar projects.

GAgG have approached the procurement of costings and quotations for this project with a specific focus on both supporting fire-affected construction businesses and contractors and maximising the capacity for the project to be delivered in a timely and cost-efficient manner.

Some examples of previous GAgG group project management includes:

- Partnering with Agriculture Victoria on the redevelopment of the former Southern Farming Systems agricultural trial site of approximately 10 hectares into a showpiece 117 Hectare dedicated dryland research farm, which was the first of its kind in Eastern Victoria. This project was delivered early and on budget, with all milestones achieved to the satisfaction of our funding partner.
- Collaborative work with East Gippsland Shire Council and Agriculture Victoria to rollout an extensive Soil Moisture Probe program throughout our member base in East Gippsland.
- Ongoing research project trial work at the Bairnsdale Research Farm with several industry groups including Meat and Livestock Australia, Landcare, East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, along with various seed companies and agricultural industry participants.
- Gippsland Agricultural Group is currently engaged in two projects in conjunction with East Gippsland Shire Council at the Bairnsdale Research Farm aimed at delivering recovery and resilience outcomes for fire affected producers.

Project partners

If applicable, provide details about all project partners

For details about project partner contributions refer to the grant opportunity guidelines.

Project partner

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

Is the project partner a trustee acting on behalf of a trust?

No

Does the project partner have an ABN?

Yes

Project partner details

What is the ABN?

81957967765

Legal name

EAST GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

Business name

East Gippsland Shire Council

Date registered

5/11/1999

GST registered

Yes

Is the project partner registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)?

No

Is the project partner a not-for-profit?

No

Project partner street address

Is the address located in Australia?

Yes

Address details

273 Main St
BAIRNSDALE VIC 3875
Australia

Project partner postal address

Is the address located in Australia?

Yes

Address details

273 Main St
BAIRNSDALE VIC 3875
Australia

Project partner contact

Project partner contact: s22

Title

Mrs

Given name

s22

Family name

s22

Position title

General manager Assets and Environment

Email address

s22

Primary phone number

0351539500

Secondary phone number

s22

Project partner letter of support

Project Partner letter of support

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Project Partner Letter of Support - East Gippsland Shire.pdf

Bank Account Details

If your application is successful we will need to set up a payment process to pay your grant. We need your bank account details to do this. If your application is not successful we will not process these details.

Account Name

s22

BSB

s22

Account Number

s22

Payment Contact

We will send the payment remittance advice to this person. All other notifications are sent to the primary contact whose details you provide on the last page of this application.

Title

Mrs

Given name

Jen

Family Name

Smith

Position Title

General Manager

Email address

s22

Phone number

s22

Mobile Number

s22

Application finalisation

Conflict of interest

Do you have any perceived or existing conflicts of interest to declare?

Refer to the grant opportunity guidelines for further information on your conflict of interest responsibilities.

No

Program feedback

How did you hear about this grant opportunity?

Word of mouth

Additional information

You should attach any additional supporting documentation here. You should only attach documents that we have requested or you have referred to in your application.

Project plan

A detailed project plan that includes a risk assessment plan.

Project Plan GAgG BSBR grant application - Final.pdf

Project budget

A detailed project budget that identifies costs under each head of expenditure and includes an explanation of how the costs were determined. Include any third party contributions.

Project Budget - Gippsland Agricultural Recovery & Resilience Center.docx

Evidence of community support

This could include items such as letters of support for your project and testimonials.

Letter of Support - Gippsland Agricultural Center - Darren Chester MP.pdf
LOS_Gippsland Agriculture Group Application_TAFE 30082021.pdf
LoS _ Gippsland Agricultural Education Centre 310821 - FED UNI.pdf
Gippsland Agricultural Group - C4G Letter of Support APRIL 2021.pdf
Gippsland Agricultural Group Letter of Support - Clifton Creek CRC.pdf
Letter of Support - Sarsfeild CRC.pdf
RALF letter of support - Gippsland Agriculture Group.docx
Letter of support from Bruthen CRC to Gippsland Agricultural Group.docx
LOS Gippsland Agricultural Centre - MADRA.docx
Letter of support from Bestwool for Gipps Ag Centre April 2021.pdf
ORCRA - Letter of Support Draft.docx
Letter Of Support GAag - Gippsland Stud Merino Breeders.docx
20210826 LOS Gippsland Agricultural Group (1) FFG 1.9.2021.pdf
Project Partner Letter of Support - East Gippsland Shire.pdf

Evidence of landownership or environmental approvals (where applicable)

Where the proposed project site/s are not owned or managed by you, written consent is required from the property owner and/or property manager that allows for the implementation of the proposed project on each project site.

Fully signed lease 345 Bengworden Road Bairnsdale Gippsland
Agricultural Group Inc (1)-compressed.pdf

Project Partner Letter of Support - East Gippsland Shire.pdf

Trust documents

Where you have indicated your entity type is a trustee applying on behalf of a trust, you must attach trust documents showing the relationship of the incorporated trustee to the trust. If your trust deed is too large or you cannot upload your document please contact us via BSBR@industry.gov.au.

Primary contact

Title

Mrs

Given name

Jen

Family name

Smith

Position title

General Manager

Email address

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Primary phone number

s22

Secondary phone number

s22

Business postal address of the primary contact

Is the address located in Australia?

Yes

Address details

s22

Declaration

Privacy and confidentiality provisions

I acknowledge that this is an Australian Government program and that the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (the department) will use the information I provide in accordance with the following:

- [Australian Government Public Data Policy Statement](#)
- [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines](#)
- grant opportunity guidelines
- applicable Australian laws.

Accordingly, I understand that the department may share my personal information provided in this application within this department and other government agencies:

- a. for purposes directly related to administering the program, including governance, research and the distribution of funds to successful applicants
- b. to facilitate research, assessment, monitoring and analysis of other programs and activities

unless otherwise prohibited by law.

I understand that where I am successful in obtaining a grant, the financial information that I provide for the purposes of payment will be accessible to departmental staff to enable payments to be made through the department's accounts payable software system.

I understand that information that is deemed 'confidential' in accordance with the grant opportunity guidelines may also be shared for a relevant Commonwealth purpose.

The department will publish information on individual grants in the public domain, including on the department's website, unless otherwise prohibited by law.

Applicant declaration

I declare that I have read and understood the grant opportunity guidelines, including the privacy, confidentiality and disclosure provisions.

I declare that the proposed project outlined in this application and any associated expenditure has been endorsed by the applicant's board/management committee or person with authority to commit the applicant to this project.

I declare that the applicant will comply with, and require that its subcontractors and independent contractors comply with, all applicable laws.

I declare that the information contained in this application together with any statement provided is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate, complete and not misleading and that I understand that giving of false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth).

I acknowledge that I may be requested to provide further clarification or documentation to verify the information supplied in this form and that the department may, during the application process, consult with other government agencies, including state and territory government agencies, about the applicant's claims and may also engage external technical or financial advisors to advise on information provided in the application.

I agree to participate in the periodic evaluation of the services undertaken by the department.

I approve the information in this application being communicated to the department in electronic form.

I understand that the applicant is responsible for ensuring that it has met relevant state or territory legislation obligations related to working with children, and that any person that has direct, unsupervised contact with children as part of a project under this grant opportunity, has undertaken and passed, a working with children check, if required under relevant state or territory legislation. The applicant is also responsible for assessing the suitability of people engaged on this project to ensure children are kept safe.

I acknowledge that if the department is satisfied that any statement made in an application is incorrect, incomplete, false or misleading the department may, at its absolute discretion, take appropriate action. I note such action may include excluding an application from further consideration; withdrawing an offer of funding; using the information contained in the application for a fraud investigation that would be consistent with the Australian Government's Investigations Standards and Commonwealth Fraud Control Framework and/or for a grant under management, terminating a grant agreement between the Commonwealth and the grantee including recovering funds already paid.

I declare that I am authorised to submit this form on behalf of the applicant and acknowledge that this is the equivalent of signing this application.

By checking this box, I agree to all of the above declarations and confirm all of the above statements to be true.

Yes