National Farm Safety Education Fund: Improving Farm Safety Practices Grant Program Questions and Answers

## What is the closing time and date for applications?

The application form must be submitted by **9:00 PM AEST on 11 August 2021**. It is recommended that you submit your application **well before the closing time and date**.

## If I am not able to submit my application by the due time and date, can I be granted an extension?

No, extensions will not be given.

You must submit an application between the published opening and closing dates. Late applications will not be accepted in any circumstance.

## How much funding is available for this program?

The Australian Government has announced up to $1.6 million (GST exclusive) is available to support projects focused on education and capacity building in 2 priority areas:

* the next generation of farmers
* industry-endorsed training and continued learning.

## How much funding can I apply for?

There is no minimum or maximum funding amount for eligible projects.

## Is the funding ongoing?

No, funding is not ongoing. This is the only funding round anticipated under the program and funding will not be available after 30 June 2023.

## How much time do I have to complete the activity outlined in my grant application?

All activities outlined in your grant application must be completed by 30 June 2023.

## Can I apply for more than one grant under this program?

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

## When will I know the outcome of my application?

You will be notified of the outcome of your application at the end of the selection process. For probity reasons, to treat all applicants fairly and equally, it is not possible to give you information about the status of individual applications during the assessment process.

## How can I submit the application form?

The form is an online application form that you must submit electronically. The Community Grants Hub will not provide application forms or accept application forms for this grant opportunity by fax, email or through Australia Post unless otherwise stated in the grant opportunity documents.

## Do character limits apply to my application?

Yes, the application form includes character limits – up 6,000 characters (approx. 950 words) per assessment criterion. Please note, spaces are included in the character limit. Character limits may vary for responses under ‘Project/Activity Details’ and ‘Additional Information’.

## Can I add attachments?

Yes. The application form allows users to attach files to support their application, where directed to do so. The maximum size for individual attachments is no larger than 2mb and the form will not accept individual attachments above this size.

## Will the decision maker approve a different grant amount to what I requested?

It is possible that the grant amount offered to successful applicants will be less than the funding requested. There is no obligation to accept an offer of grant funding. 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.

## Will all applications be funded?

It is unlikely that all applications will be funded. The funding available under the program cannot exceed $1.6 million (GST exclusive). The Selection Advisory Panel will be looking for applications that represent good value for money and contribute to the grant opportunity and intended outcomes.

## Do I need to have an Australian Business Number (ABN)?

Yes, before you apply, you must have an ABN. Applications without an ABN will not be able to apply for the National Farm Safety Education Fund: Improving Farm Safety Practices grant opportunity.

## Do I need to have a current Working with Vulnerable People Registration and Working with Children Check?

All relevant personnel working on projects who have contact with children, must maintain the following:

* Working with Vulnerable People registration
* Working with Children Check.

## How much detail is required in my application?

The amount of detail and supporting evidence you provide in your application should be relative to the size, complexity and grant amount requested. If we find an error or something missing, we may ask you for clarification or additional information.

## Can I apply as part of a consortium?

Yes. We recognise that some organisations may want to join together as a group to deliver a project. 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.

## Where should I go for further information?

Please email your enquiries to support@communitygrants.gov.au.

## Questions and Answers added on 1 July 2021

## Are sole traders eligible to apply?

Sole traders are not eligible to apply for the grant program but can form a consortia with eligible organisations.

## Have you considered expanding the grant program?

The scope of the grant program was informed by the priorities identified in the National Farm Safety Education Fund Strategy. The Australian Government does not intend to change the scope of the program.