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# Assistance Grants – Access to Industry Priority Uses of Agvet Chemicals Program 2025–26 – Round 11

## Feedback for applicants

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Thank you for your interest in the Access to Industry Priority Uses of Agvet Chemicals Round 11 grant opportunity. We appreciate the time and effort you put into your application.

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (the Department) is providing the following general feedback for grant applicants to support future grant applications.

## Summary of the Grant Opportunity

**Application period: opened 21 November 2025 and closed 3 February 2026.**

**Applications received: 24**

**Summary of the round:** To support Research and Development Corporations (RDCs) in generating data for permit or new label use applications to the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA). Applications must aim to gain, maintain, or expand access to an agricultural and veterinary (agvet) chemical “minor use” identified as a priority through the 2025 Priority Setting forum.

## Conflict of Interest Management for Assessment Staff

All Community Grants Hub and Departmental staff were required to declare any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest before participating in the assessment process. Where a conflict was identified, appropriate steps were taken to manage it, which could include:

- Excluding the team member from undertaking assessment related to the affected application(s).
- Assigning the application(s) to an alternate assessor.
- Documenting the conflict and the management action in accordance with the Department’s Conflict of Interest Policy.

## Selection Process

The Community Grants Hub reviewed all applications to confirm they met the eligibility and compliance requirements for the grant opportunity. This information was provided to the Department’s Grant Opportunity Delegate, who made the final decision on whether each identified grant application met those requirements.

Following completion of these checks, the Department undertook the preliminary assessment of all eligible and compliant applications through a Closed Non-Competitive grant process. This involved assessing applications against the published selection criteria and any additional requirements outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

Following the preliminary assessment, the Department convened a Selection Advisory Panel to make final recommendations to the Financial Delegate. The Selection Advisory Panel was made up of subject matter experts whose role was to review the assessed applications, provide advice, and make recommendations to the Grant Opportunity Delegate.

Before participating in the assessment process, all Selection Advisory Panel members were required to declare any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest. In cases where a conflict was identified, appropriate management strategies were applied to ensure the integrity of the process. These strategies included:

- Excluding the panel member from discussions or decisions related to the affected application(s).
- Reassigning the application(s) to an alternate assessor.
- Documenting the conflict and the management action in accordance with the Department's Conflict of Interest Policy.

In undertaking their role on the Selection Advisory Panel, panel members were required to consider:

- Whether applications met all eligibility and compliance requirements listed in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.
- How well responses addressed the published assessment criteria.
- The completeness and relevance of supporting attachments.
- Whether the proposed project demonstrated value for money.
- How the proposed activities aligned with the objectives of the grant opportunity.
- Any risks identified and the strategies proposed to manage those risks.

## Selection Results

There was strong interest in this grant opportunity, and applications were of a high standard. The preferred applicant(s) demonstrated their ability to meet the requirements outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines based on the strength of their responses to the published assessment criteria. Applicants were notified of the outcome of their application in writing at the end of the selection period.

The following feedback is provided to assist grant applicants in understanding what comprised a strong application and what quality responses looked like against the requirements of the grant opportunity.

## Common Mistakes to Avoid

### Read the supporting information before applying:

Comprehensive guidance and information for the grant round is available through the Grant Opportunity Guidelines. Applicants should ensure they understand the content of the guidelines before beginning an application.

### Eligibility:

Only eligible projects identified through the collaborative forum may submit applications. Applicants should ensure all details of an application match the project details, including entity/RDC, project name, and priority code.

### Attachments and evidence:

Supporting evidence must be provided in the available template format. Where templates are not used, the content of attachments will not be assessed.

### Criterion 1: What national priority project will this grant activity address?

#### What strong applications did well:

- Applicant included the single unique identification code for a project on the Priority and Reserve List 2025-26 (Appendix A)

## Criterion 2: How will the grant activity funds be spent?

### What strong applications did well:

- Demonstrated value for money through efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of public funding.

### Tips for Future Applications

- Start early and read the **Grant Opportunity Guidelines** carefully.
- Check eligibility and gather required evidence before drafting your application.
- Provide complete, relevant attachments and references.
- Address each assessment criterion directly and clearly.
- Explain how your proposed activities deliver outcomes and demonstrate **value for money**.
- Identify risks and outline strategies for managing them.

### Next Steps

Individual feedback will be available upon request. Applicants seeking individual feedback should submit requests to [agvetaccessgrants@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:agvetaccessgrants@agriculture.gov.au). Requests for individual feedback will only be accepted within 21 days of receipt of the outcome of your application. Feedback will be provided within 28 days of receipt of the request.

If you would like to know about upcoming grants opportunities for funding, you can [register](#)<sup>1</sup> to receive email alerts with [GrantConnect](#)<sup>2</sup> the Australian Government's grants information system.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.grants.gov.au/RegisteredUser/Register>

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