

# Frequently Asked Questions - Carbon for Farmers Voucher Program Round 3

The [Carbon for Farmers Voucher Program Round 3](#) webpage has the Program Guidelines, a pre-recorded webinar and a range of other resources to assist the applicants.

## Overview of the Round

### Q. When do applications close?

Round 3 opens on **Wednesday 30 July** and closes on **Friday 19 September 2025 at 12 noon**.

### Q. What is the Carbon for Farmers Voucher Program (CV-VP)?

The vouchers provide funding for farmers to seek professional advice to help them understand carbon farming, assess project feasibility and make informed decisions.

### Q. What is a voucher and what is it used for?

Vouchers fund a specified amount of the cost of services and is paid directly to the Service Providers by DPIRD. This round has two options:

1. **Opportunity Report** – voucher of up to \$5,000 (ex GST) with a **30%** minimum cash co-contribution for eligible expenses. This is for farmers with a basic understanding of carbon farming who want to explore how a project could work for them.
2. **Carbon Farming Plan** – up to \$15,000 (ex GST) with a **20%** minimum cash co-contribution for eligible expenses. This is for farmers who have done some investigation, know the type of project they want and are ready to find out more.

### Q. How do I know which option to apply for?

Refer to the Program Guidelines for guidance or talk to a Service Provider.

### Q. How do I find a Service Provider?

DPIRD's [Service Provider Directory](#) can assist you to find someone to work with. Providers not in the Directory can also be used.

### Q. What is the co-contribution and how do I determine it?

The co-contribution is the amount that the farmer needs to pay towards the services provided. The Program Guidelines has examples of how to the co-contribution and the voucher works for Opportunity Reports and the Carbon Farming Plans.

## **Application**

### **Q. How do I apply?**

You access the application form online by logging into [SmartyGrants](#). You then create a username and password, complete the form and submit it electronically.

### **Q. Who can apply?**

Owners of commercial farming properties in WA's Southwest Land Division are eligible to apply and earn their main income from farming. You also need an ABN.

### **Q. Can I apply for more than one voucher?**

No. Applicants can apply for either an Opportunity Report or a Carbon Farming Plan.

### **Q. I've applied before but was unsuccessful, can I apply again?**

Yes. Make sure you meet the requirements in the Program Guidelines.

### **Q. I already have a carbon farming project but want to explore options on another property. Can I apply?**

Yes. However, the CF-VP aims to increase the number of farmers who understand the opportunities and requirements of carbon farming projects, so new entrants have priority.

### **Q. Can I use the voucher money for other services?**

Only services directly related to an Opportunity Report or Carbon Farming Plan, as described in the Program Guidelines, are eligible.

### **Q. Is there a minimum project or property size?**

There is no minimum project or property size, but the CF-VP aims to assess the feasibility of viable carbon farming projects on commercial scale farm properties.

### **Q. What information do I need for the application form?**

- ABN
- Property address
- Service Provider details – business name, contact details
- A detailed written quote from the Service Provider(s)

You will be asked questions about why you're applying and how the report or plan will benefit your business. This will help DPIRD assess your application.

### **Q. How will I know if my application was received?**

You will receive an automated acknowledgement email once the form is received. Please email [cfvp@dpiird.wa.gov.au](mailto:cfvp@dpiird.wa.gov.au) if you don't receive this email.

### **Q. Can I update/revise my application after it has been submitted?**

Yes. You can revise your submitted application before the closing date. Email [cfvp@dpiird.wa.gov.au](mailto:cfvp@dpiird.wa.gov.au) to get it re-opened. After the closing date no changes are accepted.

## **Q. Will I have to submit any farm data?**

No. The information collected is general in nature.

## **Assessment**

## **Q. How will my application be assessed?**

Eligible applications and the quote(s) are assessed against 3 merit criteria:

1. Motivation and farm business impact
2. Value for money
3. Alignment to the program's purpose and objectives

## **Q. How do I know if my quote is value for money?**

You should get quotes from a couple of service providers to assess if its good value, the capability of the provider; and whether the services are suitable.

The Program Guidelines lists the content that needs to be included. The quote will be itemised using 'Required Headings' to make sure you know what is being offered.

## **Q. How will I know if I'm successful?**

DPIRD will contact you and your nominated Service Provider with the approved voucher amount, cash co-contribution, what you need to do next, and the terms and conditions. Details are outlined in the Program Guidelines.

## **Q. When will I be notified of the decision?**

The time needed to assess the applications depends on the number of applicants. The successful applicants will also be published on DPIRD's website.

## **Q. What happens if I apply and change my mind after the close date?**

No problem. Please contact a Carbon Farming team member to discuss (details below).

## **Have more questions?**

Contact the DPIRD Carbon Farming team on:

e: [cfvp@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:cfvp@dpird.wa.gov.au)

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