

Small Scale Abattoir Feasibility Voucher Program

Frequently Asked Questions

These Frequently Asked Questions apply to grants for the Small Scale Abattoir Feasibility Voucher Program. Applicants should read this document in conjunction with the **Guidelines** prior to submission of their application.

The Fund will open to applications on **30th January, 2025**.

The closing date for applications is **4pm on the 30th of June, 2025**, or when the funding is exhausted, whichever occurs first.

Eligibility

Who is eligible to apply for funding?

To be eligible to receive a grant, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Operate as an individual, sole trader, partnership, trust, cooperative or private company.
- Be based in, and be looking to investigate the feasibility of a project located in, regional and/or metropolitan Western Australia.
- Be capable of entering into a legally binding agreement with the Western Australian Government.
- Have attended or intend to attend a facilitated session with DPIRD.
- Have the financial capacity to fund the minimum cash contribution.
- Agree that the total cost of professional services funded by DPIRD is up to \$10,000 (exclusive of GST).
- Agree to meet the voucher's required cash contribution matched dollar-for-dollar up to a maximum of \$10,000 (exclusive of GST), noting that anything above \$10,000 is at the applicant's cost. In-kind contributions do not count towards the applicant co-contribution.
- Agree that any additional costs that are deemed to be ineligible are to be met by the Recipient.
- Agree to participate in the program evaluation (e.g. survey and/or interview) to assist DPIRD in understanding the impact of the program.
- Must provide an eligible quote for the scope of work to be undertaken, which must include the characteristics outlined in the Guideline.

I don't have an ABN – can I apply?

Yes, individuals can apply.

It should be noted that the service provider nominated for the purposes of this program must possess a current, valid ABN.

Funding Limits, Timeframe and Eligible Activities

What is the maximum funding available per application?

The program provides vouchers of up to \$10,000, which must be matched dollar-for-dollar up to a maximum of \$10,000 by the applicant. Additional costs or costs that are deemed to be ineligible are to be paid by the Applicant.

How many vouchers can I apply for?

Applicants can apply for a maximum of one (1) voucher.

Can I use my voucher for more than one service provider or type of service?

No. Vouchers are to be used for one (1) type of service, and for one (1) service provider.

What are the timeframes to commence and complete the project proposed in the application?

The program will cover projects that commence no earlier than the date the voucher is awarded. Projects must be completed within six months of notification that the voucher application has been successful and/or prior to acquittals being due, whichever occurs earlier.

What types of activities are eligible for funding?

The program provides funding to seek written advice from suitably qualified service providers, which must address an aspect of feasibility for the establishment, operation or supply to a boutique or mobile abattoir in WA.

This could include (but is not limited to):

- Market analysis of supply and demand factors (e.g. continuity of supply).
- Potential costs around infrastructure and ongoing maintenance.
- Analysis of the operational model and/or regulatory requirements.
- Potential locations and investigation of site suitability.
- Potential business structures.

What types of activities are NOT eligible for funding?

Funding cannot be used for:

- Capital expenditure.
- Basic professional services such as ongoing, routine accounting, tax and legal business.

- Costs associated with the preparation of this or other grant applications.
- Costs associated with meeting the applicant's existing regulatory compliance.
- Costs incurred prior to the voucher commencement date advised at time of award.
- Any other expenditure as determined by DPIRD that does not meet program conditions.

Application

How do I apply?

All applications must be submitted online using the **SmartyGrants** application form, prior to the closing date and time of 4pm, 30th of June, 2025 (or before the funding is exhausted, whichever occurs first). To access the SmartyGrants application form, please go to: <https://dpiird.smartygrants.com.au/SSAFvouchers>

How will I know if my application has been received?

Once you have submitted your application, you will receive an acknowledgement email from SmartyGrants that it has been received. Please email SSAFvouchers@dpiird.wa.gov.au if you don't receive this.

Can I update/revise my application after it has been submitted?

Because this program will be assessed on a rolling basis, updates and revisions will not be accepted after submission.

I am having difficulties with the Smarty Grants application form, who can I contact?

For technical issues or queries with the Smarty Grants application form, please contact SSAFvouchers@dpiird.wa.gov.au.

Grant Value

What is the total amount of funding available for this grant round?

A total of \$150,000 has been allocated to fund the program.

How much do I need to contribute?

It is an eligibility requirement to agree to meet the voucher's required cash contribution to be matched dollar-for-dollar up to a maximum of \$10,000 (exclusive of GST) by this voucher program. This means that recipients will need to provide a contribution at least equivalent to the amount they are requesting from the grant.

Any additional costs incurred above the required matching \$10,000 are at the Applicant's cost. The Applicant must also meet any costs that are deemed to be ineligible.

What happens if the project cost is more than the maximum amount that I can apply for?

The maximum voucher amount is \$10,000 (exclusive of GST), which must be matched dollar-for-dollar by the applicant. Any additional costs will be borne by the Applicant.

Application Outcome

Will all eligible applicants be successful?

Each application will be assessed against the applicant and service provider eligibility criteria set out in the Guidelines, and on how the scope of works relates to an aspect of feasibility for the establishment, operation or supply to a boutique or mobile abattoir in WA. Failure to meet the eligibility criteria will result in the application being recommended to be declined.

DPIRD reserves the right to not award vouchers if service providers cannot show appropriate qualifications or experience in the nominated advice category.

What are the project reporting and evaluation requirements?

Applicants will be required to complete a Service Completion Form and to submit a copy of the final report via the SmartyGrants platform.

Have another question?

Get in touch with a Small Scale Abattoir Feasibility Voucher Program team member via email, at SSAFvouchers@dpiird.wa.gov.au.

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