



# Sheep, Goat eID Infrastructure Grants

## Frequently Asked Questions

These Frequently Asked Questions apply to grants for eID Infrastructure Grants Scheme Round 1 and Round 2. Applicants should read this document in conjunction with the **Guidelines for Applicants** prior to submission of their application.

Funding applications for Round 1 (invitees only) opened on 8 November 2023 and will close on 30 June 2024.

Funding application for Round 2 (competitive process) will open on 23 February 2024 and will close on 17 May 2024.

All funding acquittals must be received by the Department by 31 December 2024.

### Eligibility

#### Who is eligible to apply for funding in Round 1?

The first round of this scheme is by closed invitation only. Invitees to this round include:

- Saleyards
- Abattoirs
- Registered Feedlots
- Export Depots
- Livestock agent companies

Seasonal operators are not eligible for the first round of grants.

#### Who is eligible to apply for funding in Round 2?

Round 2 is a competitive process for smaller, seasonal downstream market operators as well as community organisations to apply for grants of up to \$10K. The entities that are likely to attract grant funding in Round 2 may have smaller operations than Round 1 invitees, but are significant to the successful traceability of livestock should there be a disease outbreak.

As this round is a competitive process, applicants must be able to demonstrate that are required to monitor and report on the movement of significant numbers of sheep and goats, or are in a position to support, through the hiring out of equipment, such reporting. These entities include but may not be limited to:

- Nonregistered feedlots
- Seasonal or irregular saleyards or other operators
- Community-based organisations that provide support services to their local farming community (eg Community Resource Centres and grower groups)

**ALL APPLICANTS NEED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY HAVE THE NEED FOR EID READING EQUIPMENT.**

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Producers are not eligible in this round of the grant.

You can start your application for a Round 2 grant by visiting this link:

[https://dpird.smartygrants.com.au/eIDInfrastructure\\_R2](https://dpird.smartygrants.com.au/eIDInfrastructure_R2)

### **How do I demonstrate the need for eID equipment?**

You can do this by showing how you manage the movement of stock and have a requirement to report the movements to the NLIS database. The best way to do this would be to run a “Mob-based movement onto PIC” report from the NLIS database and upload the file into the application form. You will need an account with NLIS to do this, as you would if you had the responsibility to upload movements onto the database anyway.

Community and production groups, while not being responsible for scanning and recording movements, are considered key points of contact for operators that do have such responsibilities.

As such, community and production groups can play a key role in providing access to eID reading equipment, making sure that Western Australia has an effective tracing system in. Community and production groups are encouraged to apply for funding under this scheme and can demonstrate their need for equipment by providing information about the community they support via Annual Reports, statements presented at AGMs, Shire council reports or other similar documents.

### **How do I download a “Mob-based movement onto PIC” report from the NLIS database?**

1. Log onto the database using your NLIS account
2. Click on “View/generate all reports”
3. In “Report name” scroll down to the group of reports under the heading “Mob-based (Sheep, Goat and Pigs)” and select “Mob-based movements onto PIC”
4. Enter your PIC where required and change the “Start Date” to 1 Jan 2022 and the “End Date” to 31 Dec 2022. Run report by then clicking on “Go”. After a few moments a list of all movements onto your PIC will appear on the screen.
5. Copy the information into a document by either highlighting the details, press Control-C on your keyboard or right-click your mouse and select ‘copy’. Open a blank word or excel document and press Control-P on your keyboard or right-clicking your mouse and selecting ‘paste’. Save the document onto your device for use in your application.

### **Can I apply if I have already received funding from other government grants?**

Yes. However, applicants will have to provide information about all other grant monies received as part of their application.

## Funding Quotas, Timeframe and Eligible Activities

### What is the maximum funding available per application to Round 1 invitees?

The amount of funding for both rounds of the eID infrastructure grants is \$3.52 million. To ensure equitable distribution among eligible applicants, the following funding ratios have been based on livestock through-put volumes between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023:

- Saleyards:
  - Funding of up to 100% of eID equipment purchases and potential for some limited funding toward other works and equipment required for integrating eID technologies into the facility.
- Small Abattoirs:
  - Funding of hand-held eID wands.
- Medium to Large Abattoirs:
  - Funding of up to 100% of eID equipment purchases and potential for some limited funding toward other works and equipment required for integrating eID technologies into the facility.
- Export Depots:
  - Funding of up to 100% of eID equipment purchases and potential for some limited funding toward other works and equipment required for integrating eID technologies into the facility.
- Registered Feedlots:
  - Funding of up to 100% of eID equipment purchases and potential for some limited funding toward other works and equipment required for integrating eID technologies into the facility.
- Livestock Agencies:
  - Funding of up to 100% of hand-held eID wands and/or a mobile panel reader.
- Others:
  - Funding of hand-held eID wands.

### What is the maximum funding available per application to Round 2 applicants?

Round 2 is a competitive process and, as such, funding will be prioritised to the operations or organisations that are most in need of eID equipment. Round 2 grants will be capped at \$10,000 to cover hand-held wands or basic panel reader sets.

### How is the funding provided?

Successful applicants, receiving \$20,000 or more as part of Round 1, will be required to enter into a funding agreement that outlines the terms and conditions of funding as well as a Funding Schedule that will outline each approved activity and the level of approval that has been approved for each activity.

Successful applicants, receiving less than \$20,000 in either Round will receive a Letter of Approval that will outline the terms and conditions of funding as well as what has been

approved for funding and the total, itemised, quantum of funds made available through this program.

Funding in both rounds will be provided upon a receipt of works/purchase being provided to the Department via [eIDGrants@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:eIDGrants@dpird.wa.gov.au) Up-front grant funds, or retrospective works, may be provided for in certain circumstances. This should be discussed with the grants team.

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

The first round of applications, which is a closed invitation only round, opens at 9am on: 16 November 2023 and closes 30 June 2024 at 5pm.

The second round of applications, for all remaining applicants, is an open and competitive round. This will open at 9am on 23 February 2024 and closes on 17 May 2024 at 5pm.

No late applications will be accepted.

## **What types of activities are eligible for funding in Round 1?**

The funding is intended to support the ordering and purchase of essential equipment necessary for meeting the minimum statutory requirements for NLIS reporting for sheep and goats.

Examples of essential equipment include:

- Premium and/or hand wands.
- Singular, multi-panel or mobile readers.
- Auto-drafters to be used with eID sheep (saleyards only).
- Panel controllers.
- Limited infrastructural works to facilitate, enable and house new eID-specific technologies (i.e. power supplies, Wi-Fi boosters, metal interference mitigation tools/materials, tablets).

Funding for additional hardware and other associated operational costs may only be considered on a case-by-case basis, dependent on specific site requirements. Funding levels are largely based on livestock through-put volumes, which help to meet the State's traceability expectations, but will also depend on each site's unique operational circumstances. If you believe you require additional grant funds due to circumstances which differ from these guidelines in general, please contact [eIDGrants@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:eIDGrants@dpird.wa.gov.au).

Link: <https://www.integritysystems.com.au/globalassets/isc/pdf-files/rfid-standards.pdf>

## **What types of activities are eligible for funding in Round 2?**

Funding in Round 2 is intended to support the purchase of various types of sheep and goat eID equipment including hand-held wands, readers, singular or multi-panel readers or mobile readers. Grants are capped at \$10K.

## What types of activities are NOT eligible for funding?

Funding under this round is not intended to contribute toward:

- Computer equipment (tablets, laptops etc) other than equipment which is integral to the operation of eID equipment (i.e. tablets used as panel controllers).
- Optional eID equipment.
- Software not specifically integral to eID upgrades.
- Project management fees.
- Consultant fees.
- Fees or charges toward the cost of quotes.
- Wholesale infrastructural changes not solely related to eID upgrades.
- Operational salaries.
- Any reporting or audit requirements associated with this funding.

## Application

### How do I apply to Round 1 of this scheme?

Round 1 is by invitation only. All operations eligible to apply for funding in Round 1 were emailed in invitation to participate. Each applicant to Round 1 will be required to submit an online application providing a project proposal identifying:

- The nature and scale of the applicant's operation in terms of annual throughput of sheep and goats (over the past three years).
- The proposed scope of works / specifications for the project, including:
  - **For each site, an itemised list of all eID equipment and hardware including quotation for costs.**
  - A site plan showing detail of proposed works including installation locations for essential equipment.
  - An estimate or quote of installation costs (including raw materials).
  - An estimate or quote for the cost of any remedial or retrofitting work to be undertaken as part of the installation project.
  - An estimated timeline for implementation.
- Any amounts or contributions already received under another grant process or assistance scheme in connection with this project.
- Any amounts already paid (including down-payments or deposits) in connection with the purchase of essential equipment or services detailed above after 21 September 2022.

A link to the application form for Round 1 was provided in the email to invitees. If you think you are eligible to apply in Round 1 then please email [eIDGrants@dpiird.wa.gov.au](mailto:eIDGrants@dpiird.wa.gov.au).

### How do I apply to Round 2 of this scheme?

Any operation or organisation that believe they meet the criteria for Round 2 of this grant can apply. Applicants will be required to complete a shorter online application, stating:

- The type of equipment that requires purchasing.
- The purpose of this purchase.
- The benefits of this purchase for your organisation/entity and the broader community.

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Applicants must be able to provide justification as to why an eID Infrastructure Grant is required and how such a grant will enable better traceability measures within your local or regional area.

The application form for Round Two is available via the DPIRD website at [agric.wa.gov.au/eid-sheep-and-goats](http://agric.wa.gov.au/eid-sheep-and-goats).

## **What other information do I need to include in my application?**

All applicants must also supply the following information:

- If a trustee of a trust, a copy of the trust deed that outlines that the trustee has the powers under the deed to enter into and carry out the proposal set out in the application bank account details.
- Physical and postal addresses.
- Contact details.
- Where applicable, the registered Property Identification Code (PIC) for the property.

The Department may contact applicants to discuss their applications or seek additional information.

## **Can I submit a joint application?**

Eligible applicants may choose to form a consortium and make a joint submission. In this case, each eligible applicant will be assessed individually, and the total grant amount will be the cumulative maximum of the applicants' entitlements. Submissions must clearly delineate which components of the submission relate to each applicant. If you have any questions on lodging a joint application, please contact [eIDGrants@dpiird.wa.gov.au](mailto:eIDGrants@dpiird.wa.gov.au).

In these circumstances, applicants will be required to provide written evidence that the funds being applied for are applicable to other organisations.

## **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 [eIDTeam@dpiird.wa.gov.au](mailto:eIDTeam@dpiird.wa.gov.au) if you don't receive this.

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

Yes. If you wish to revise your application prior to the closing date, please email [eIDTeam@dpiird.wa.gov.au](mailto:eIDTeam@dpiird.wa.gov.au) and provide your application number to have it re-opened. No updates or revisions will be accepted after applications close, and your revised application must be resubmitted before the deadline at 5:00pm on 30 June 2024 for Round 1 or 17 May 2024 for Round 2.

## **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 [eIDTeam@dpiird.wa.gov.au](mailto:eIDTeam@dpiird.wa.gov.au). Your query will be answered within five business days.



## Grant Value

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

The total amount of funds available for this grants program is funding for \$3.52M.

### How much do I need to contribute?

No co-contribution is required as part of your grant application. However, some operators will be required to cover the costs that are not funded through this grant program.

### Can my application include collaborator(s)?

Yes. Provided the collaborator is another eligible applicant. The application will need to clearly identify the requirements of each entity that is part of the collaboration.

## Application Outcome

### Will all eligible applicants be successful?

Submitting an application does not guarantee the eligible applicant will be successful. Applicants will need to meet the desired criteria will need to demonstrate value for money as well as a greater need for grant funding than other applicants.

### When will applicants be informed of the outcome of their application?

Round 1 applications will be assessed within 10 working days of their applications being submitted and will be notified of the result of that assessment within 20 following working days.

Round 2 applications will all be assessed after the closing date of 17 May 2024. Applicants will be informed of the outcome of the Round 2 assessment process by 30 June 2024.

### When will grant funds be made available to successful applicants?

Typically, successful applicants who have entered into an agreement with the Department will receive approved grant funding upon the completion of all approved works and the submission of any documentation (i.e. invoices, receipts, reports) as stipulated in the Grant Agreement (for funding of \$20,000 or more) or Letter of Approval (for funding of less than \$20,000). This includes applicants who seek funding for any works undertaken since 21 September 2022.

If you have been successful and wish to discuss any alternate grant payment arrangements, please contact [eIDTeam@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:eIDTeam@dpird.wa.gov.au).

### What are the project reporting and evaluation requirements?

The reporting requirements vary for each category and depend on the level of financial support provided as well as whether the works undertaken require a retrospective reimbursement or not. This will be detailed in the Agreement/Letter of Approval.

If successful, recipients will not be able to use funding provided for reporting purposes.

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## Have another question?

Get in touch with Sheep and Goat eID team member by emailing [eIDTeam@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:eIDTeam@dpird.wa.gov.au).

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