



# Hardship Support Grant

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Where do I go to find out information about the grant?

2024 Drought Response, [Hardship Support Grant webpage](#).

### How much is the grant and what can I use the money for?

The Minister for Agriculture and Food announced a package that included \$2 million in hardship grants and \$4 million in interest-free loans for farmers impacted by drought conditions.

Farm businesses facing financial hardship due to drought conditions can apply for \$5,000 per business to help cover the cost of stockfeed, water and transportation.

### When does the grant round open and close?

Applications for the Hardship Support Grant opened at 9am on Wednesday 8 May 2024 and close at midnight on Sunday 30 June 2024, or when funding is exhausted.

Details regarding interest-free loans for farmers will be released soon. Further information regarding the loans will be made available on the [Season 2024: information for WA farmers web page](#) in the coming weeks. Please check back regularly for updates.

### How do I apply for the grant?

Applications can only be submitted online via the [SmartyGrants](#) webpage.

Applications cannot be completed and submitted by a third party on behalf of the applicant business.

### What documentation or evidence do I need to provide when applying for the grant?

Details regarding the required documentation can be found in the Hardship Support Grant guidelines at [Hardship Support Grant webpage](#).

### What information do I need to provide to prove hardship?

You will need to provide certification from a financial counsellor, agricultural consultant, or accountant that the farm business is in financial hardship and requires this grant to cover the cost of stockfeed, water or transportation.

A proforma for the certification can be found at [Hardship Support Grant webpage](#).

You will also need to provide evidence that the financial hardship is due to extended dry conditions – for example, additional expenditure incurred on stockfeed, water or transportation, plus farm data showing rainfall, water or soil moisture deficiency, or local government rain decile data.

### **How will I know if my property is in a rainfall deficiency area?**

Details regarding rainfall deficiency areas can be found on the WA Rainfall Deciles Maps at [Hardship Support Grant webpage](#).

### **When will I receive the money?**

Assessment and notification of the outcome of your grant may take up to four weeks. If your application is approved, the funds will be transferred into your nominated bank account within one week of notification.

### **Where can I get further information or advice?**

Questions regarding the scheme can be directed to DPIRD's Rural Business Development Unit in WA by emailing [ruralbusiness.developmentunit@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:ruralbusiness.developmentunit@dpird.wa.gov.au) or calling 08 9368 3082 before the scheme closing date.

Important: For further information, support or advice, please see visit [Season 2024: information for WA farmers webpage](#) and click on the [Funding and Support Info Sheet](#).

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