



Frequently Asked Questions

These Frequently Asked Questions for the Carbon for Farmers Voucher Program (CF-VP) Round 2:

- Provide information on commonly asked questions about the program.
- Should be read in conjunction with the <u>CF-VP Round 2 Guidelines</u> for those submitting an application to CF-VP Round 2.

How do I apply?

All applications must be submitted online using the <u>SmartyGrants</u> application form, please see the <u>Guidelines document</u> for more details.

Is Round 2 of the CF-VP a competitive grant program?

Yes, it is an is an open, competitive grant program. Applications will be assessed against eligibility, information provided in submitted applications, and the scope of the services detailed in the quote(s) provided with the application.

Who is eligible to apply for funding?

An owner of a commercial farming property based in the <u>South-West Land Division</u> operating a primary production business as a sole trader, partnership, trust or private company with an Australian Business Number and Western Australian postcode.

Who is NOT eligible to apply for funding?

- Commonwealth, state and local government agencies or bodies.
- Publicly funded research institutions.
- Industry associations.
- Not-for-profit organisations.
- Community based organisations.
- Successful recipients of CF-VP Round 1 who finalised and acquitted their voucher.

What is the maximum funding available per applicant?

Up to \$15 000 ex-GST is available for farmers. Full eligibility details are provided in the "Things To Know" section of the CF-VP Round 2 Guidelines.

What do I have to pay?

A maximum 20 percent co-contribution of up to \$3 000 and any additional costs that exceed the approved voucher amount.

What is eligible for funding?

Professional advice from independent Service Provider(s) to develop a property specific Carbon Farming Plan for soil and/or vegetation projects. For a list of the types of carbon farming projects that will be considered, please see the <u>CF-VP Round 2 Guidelines</u>.

What is NOT eligible for funding?

- Projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions (avoidance activities).
- Calculations of farm emissions or carbon footprint.
- Farm properties located outside of the South-West Land Division.

Can I apply if I'm considering an aggregated project with other farmers?

Yes. An aggregated project is defined by the Clean Energy Regulator as:

"Where activities that use the same method to bring about carbon abatement are grouped into a single registered project. Aggregation can be undertaken by individuals or organisations".

Each applicant of the proposed aggregation will need to make an application. DPIRD will consider aggregated projects on a case-by-case basis to decide the amount of funding provided as a total for the aggregated project.

Do I have to use a Service Provider as part of my voucher?

Yes. Please ensure you discuss with your chosen Service Provider(s) what their expectations/requirements are when assessing quotes. A Service Provider must be engaged from the following categories:

- · Carbon service adviser
- Agribusiness adviser and agronomists
- Environmental consultants (ecologist, restoration, natural resource management experts).
- Accountants/Financial advisers
- Solicitors

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 cfvp@dpird.wa.gov.au to have it re-opened. No updates or revisions will be accepted after applications close; your revised application must be resubmitted before the deadline.

When will applicants be notified of funding decisions?

Applicants will be notified within one month of the closing date. Please note that DPIRD will inform applicants if this timeframe is revised.

What are the project reporting and evaluation requirements?

- Provide a copy of the written Carbon Farming Plan.
- Complete service satisfaction survey to acquit project.
- Applicants must agree to participate in any future program evaluation such as a survey or interview. This is to assist the government understand the impact of this program.

What if the Carbon Farming Plan doesn't meet my expectations?

You are required to check your Carbon Farming Plan upon its completion and if satisfied, complete a simple satisfaction form. DPIRD will then complete its own Service Completion

Check of the plan. If you are not satisfied, please contact the Low Carbon Futures team via email: cfvp@dpird.wa.gov.au or (08) 6552 1882 to discuss further.

If I apply for the Carbon Farming and Land Restoration Program in the future, can I use this voucher as part of my co-contribution?

Yes, successful recipients from this voucher program can add the value of their cash cocontribution into their budget if applying for any future funding as part of the Carbon Farming and Land Restoration Program.

What information and documents will I need when completing the application form?

You are encouraged to have the following at hand when completing your application in SmartyGrants.

- Your ABN, ACN and trading name if different from the entity name.
- Details for chosen/lead Service Provider.
- Preferred quote from your chosen Service Provider(s).
- Recipients and their Service Providers must agree to commit to attend an online readiness session (~1hr). This session is designed to help you and your provider(s) to understand the requirements, timeframes, and resources available to deliver your Carbon Farming Plan.
- Ensure you discuss with your chosen Service Provider(s) what their expectations/requirements are when assessing quote(s).

What other resources are available under CF-VP Round 2?

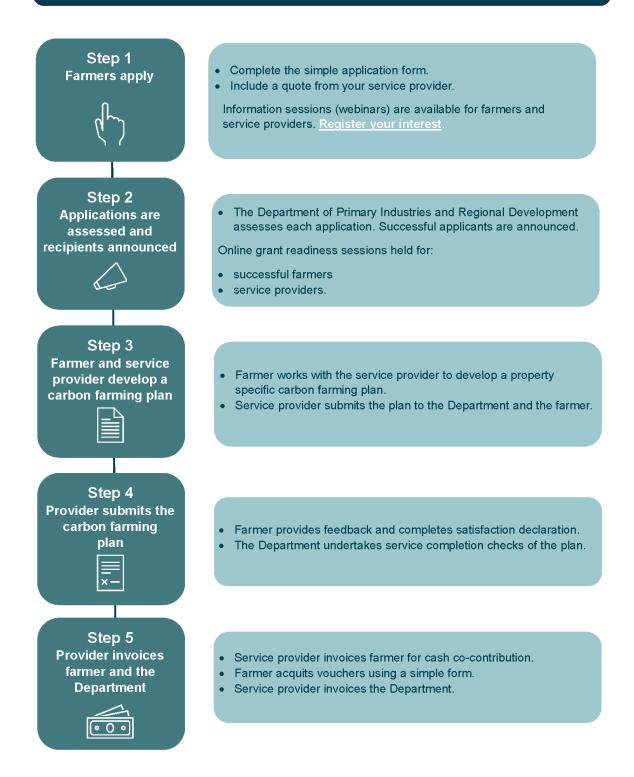
To support applicants and recipients with the CF-VP Round 2, the following resources will be provided:

- **CF-VP Round 2 Flyer** provides an easily understood overview of the program and links to additional resources.
- **Guidance document** provides farmers with information on some of the key considerations when developing a Carbon Farming Plan.
- **Webinars** will be held throughout the opening period for the program.
- Online grant readiness session (~1 hour) this session, which Recipients agree to attend, provides Recipients with an understanding of the requirements, timeframes, and resources available to deliver the project. These sessions will be held after formal notification of the grant has been publicly announced.
- CF-VP Round 2 webpage with all available resources and a dedicated <u>cfvp@dpird.wa.gov.au</u> email address to answer questions regarding the Program.

Have any other questions?

Get in touch with a Low Carbon Futures team member via email: cfvp@dpird.wa.gov.au or (08) 6552 1882.

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