



# Cattle Industry Funding Scheme

## Management Committee

*Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*

## Biosecurity Research and Development Funding Program - Cattle R&D Grants 2024

### Guidelines and criteria

The Cattle Industry Funding Scheme (IFS) Management Committee is inviting Expressions of Interest for grants to support biosecurity-related research and innovation projects that will benefit the Western Australian (WA) cattle industry.

The Cattle IFS Management Committee manages the scheme, under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*. The Cattle IFS Management Committee is able to authorise expenditure of these funds<sup>1</sup> for activities including:

- The provision of, or the promotion and encouragement of scientific research to improve cattle health and production; or
- Any other purpose that, in the opinion of the Management Committee, will promote support and encourage the WA cattle industry.

### Cattle R&D Grants 2024

- ❖ **Small R&D Grants** of up to \$50,000 per year (up to a max of three years funding) are available for WA research and innovation projects through an open, competitive process.
- ❖ **Large R&D Grants** of up to \$150,000 per year (up to a max of three years funding) are available for WA research and innovation projects through an open, competitive process.

### IFS Biosecurity Research and Development Funding Program focus and scope

The Cattle IFS Research and Development (R&D) Funding Program is an industry-driven program delivered via the Cattle IFS.

The aim of the program is to support biosecurity-related research and innovation projects that will benefit the WA cattle industry by:

- improving cattle health
- increasing productivity
- increasing profitability
- helping develop sustainable industry practice
- promoting market success; and/or
- enhancing industry capability.

*It is essential that proposed projects:*

- Address a WA cattle industry issue
- Are based on sound evidence and information
- Are well-designed and technically achievable as a concept
- Do not duplicate work undertaken elsewhere; and
- Represent value for industry investment.



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*Applications are also welcomed if they are:*

- for pilot studies, preliminary studies and proof of concept are encouraged.
- likely to provide data that will strengthen and make possible an application for national or international funding; or
- aimed at helping young people in the industry to obtain research training in the form of a higher degree (note: IFS funds are *not for a stipend payments* but can be used to fund research and/or experimental costs).

*Funding will not be available for:*

- Purchases of significant capital equipment, land, or major infrastructure;
- Student stipends/wages;
- Projects that provide primary benefit to industries other than the WA cattle industry.

### Eligibility criteria

Interested community, industry and producer groups, research, not-for-profit, government and other organisations, education institutions are encouraged to apply.

*The applicant must have;*

- Australian Business Number (ABN),
- Registered for GST
- Capable of entering into a legally binding agreement with the Western Australian Agriculture Authority.
- Capacity, capability, experience, and commitment to undertake the project successfully.

Eligible applicants who do not have the necessary skills in-house must collaborate with suitable organisations to ensure they meet these requirements.

### Expression of Interest

- Expressions of Interest (EOI) are sought as a first step in this grant process.
- Applicants may submit more than one EOI, however each EOI must be on a separate Smarty Grant submission.
- The EOI proposal must contain sufficient information to demonstrate that the grant will be used for a biosecurity-related project that aligns with the focus and scope of the IFS Biosecurity 2024 R&D Grant Program and will deliver benefit/s to the WA cattle industry.

*Expression of Interest continued;*

- EOI proposals from eligible applicants must be submitted via SmartyGrants. This is an online EOI form that you must submit via the platform. (No hardcopies accepted)
- EOIs open on 15 November 2023. All applicants will be notified by email that their EOI has been received.
- Completed EOIs must be submitted by the due date and time listed on SmartyGrants.



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- Successful EOI proposals will be invited by the Cattle IFS Management Committee to submit a full project proposal.

### Assessment and selection

Assessing grants is a comprehensive process. Successful applications will be selected through a competitive process.

Expressions of Interest and full project proposals will be reviewed by a panel of independent technical experts and recommendations made to the Management Committee.

Conflicts of interest will be assessed and managed for each application and each panel/committee member. The information provided by applicants will be treated confidentially.

The Cattle IFS Management Committee will finalise the shortlist of Expression of Interest proposals. Only shortlisted proposals will be required to complete a full project proposal.

Information on the process for preparing and submitting a full project proposal will be provided to the shortlisted applicants.

The Management Committee may ask for more information to inform their review of the EOI. *(This additional information cannot change the original substance of the application).*

All applicants will be contacted when decision-making process has concluded.

### Further information

Additional information can be found on the IFS Biosecurity R&D Program webpage or contact the IFS Executive Officer at [IFS@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:IFS@dpird.wa.gov.au)

More information about the Cattle IFS and the IFS biosecurity R&D grant opportunity can be found on the Cattle IFS website.

<sup>1</sup> The Cattle IFS includes funds from the former Cattle Industry Compensation Fund (CICF), which was transferred to the IFS when the Cattle Industry Compensation Act 1965 was repealed. As per section 56(2A) of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management (Repeal and Consequential Provisions) Act 2007, the Cattle IFS Management Committee is able to authorise expenditure of these funds for promotion and encouragement of scientific research to improve cattle health and production or any other purpose the Cattle IFS deem to support the WA Cattle industry.

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