



AgUP Grants Program

The Australian Government has made available \$7.3 million for the AgUP Grants Program to support initiatives that will help secure and retain workers in the agriculture, fisheries and forestry sector.

The AgUP Grants Program is a key component of AgATTRACT which was announced in the 2021-22 Federal Budget under the Australian Government's Delivering Ag2030 plan. The Ag2030 plan aims to achieve a \$100 billion agricultural industry by 2030.

The Australian Government is supporting industry to position the agriculture sector as a modern, dynamic, innovative and resilient industry with diverse and rewarding career opportunities.

AgUP will help the agriculture industry to improve workforce professionalism and availability of opportunities through upskilling and career progression initiatives. It will support sustainable industry-led approaches that improve workforce outcomes and help retain workers through established career pathways.

The program is about industry in partnership with the Australian Government and other governments, institutions and regional organisations to implement innovative solutions to meet their workforce needs.

Applications for the first round of AgUP grants are **now open** and close on 20 January 2022.

Opportunities and eligibility

Proposals are invited from industry-led consortia comprised of members with the knowledge and experience to make valued contributions to each project's success and sustainability. Consortia members can include:

- universities
- registered training organisations and schools
- state, territory and local governments
- local, regional or community groups
- other national, state, regional or sectoral organisations that represent the Australian agricultural, food and fibre industries
- not-for-profit organisations
- employment service providers or similar partners.

Applicants will need to demonstrate their capability and experience in managing and delivering the project outcomes. They will also need to articulate how the project will transform and change the workforce including the benefits for the participants it targets.

Eligible organisations can apply for grant assistance of 33% of their project budget or \$350,000 (whichever is the lesser amount), for co-funded industry-led (agriculture, fisheries and forestry) initiatives.

Eligible activities may include:

- mentoring, supervising and/or leadership upskilling projects including the use of accredited education and training programs
- developing and piloting career pathway and professional development programs and/or opportunities with the aim to attract and retain the agriculture, fisheries and forestry workforce
- engagement, wrap around and/or participant support services that are not already provided by mainstream employment service programs
- initiatives that foster agility across the agriculture, fisheries and forestry sectors, supply chains and/or employers.

Further information and how to apply for a grant

Read more about the AgUP Grants Program on the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment website or go to the Community Grants Hub website at www.communitygrants.gov.au/grantsw.

Grant applications must be submitted through the Community Grants Hub website. If you require assistance, call the Community Grants Hub Hotline on 1800 020 283 or email support@communitygrants.gov.au.

