

# Apiary Industry Fund

*Primary Industry Funding Schemes (Apiary Industry Fund) Regulations 2016*

Management Plan 2019-20 to 2023-24



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# Introduction

The *Primary Industry Funding Schemes Act 1998* (the Act) was established to provide South Australian primary industries with a legislative-based ability to raise funds within their sector to fund activities that support the sector.

Section 4 of the Act allows the Governor to make regulations to establish a fund for a particular primary industry sector.

The Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development (the Minister) is the Administrator for all the funds, which ensures appropriate accountability for the application of funds for the benefit of those industries. Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) manages the operations of the funds for the Minister. The Minister is required to report annually to Parliament on the operation of each fund and its accounts.

The Apiary Industry Fund (AIF) is established by the *Primary Industry Funding Schemes (Apiary Industry Fund) Regulations 2016* (the regulations).

Contributions are payable at the rate prescribed in the regulations. Beekeepers with more than 5 hives at the time of registration<sup>1</sup> contribute to the fund. Contributions are collected by PIRSA at the time of registration.

Contributors may seek a refund of their contributions. If a refund is paid to a contributor, they are deemed to be 'in default' and not entitled to receive benefits or services funded by payments from the fund.

Payments are made from the fund for purposes defined in regulation 6.

This management plan has been developed in consultation with the apiary industry. It covers a five-year period and must be revised annually, but may be updated at any time by the administrator of the fund.

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<sup>1</sup> Registration as a beekeeper as defined under section 17 of the *Livestock Act 1997*.

## Estimate of contributions to the fund

The regulations require beekeepers with more than 5 hives at the time of registration. The contribution rate for this fund is outlined in regulation 5 as \$1.00 for each hive kept by the person at the prescribed date.

The estimated contribution income for the coming five financial years is provided in Table 1.

Industry contribution estimates have been derived based on the number of registered hives in SA belonging to persons keeping 5 or more hives at the time of registration.

**Table 1 Estimated Contribution Income to the Apiary Industry Fund (2019-2020 to 2023-2024)**

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
<b>Contribution rate</b>	\$1.00/ hive	\$1.00/ hive	\$1.00/ hive	\$1.00/ hive	\$1.00/ hive
<b>Estimated no. hives kept by apiarists with <math>\geq</math> 5 hives</b>	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
<b>Estimated income</b>	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000

## Investment of the fund

PIRSA administers the financial operations of the fund on behalf of the Minister in accordance with the regulations and the [Public Finance and Audit Act 1987](#).

Contributions are invested in a separate interest bearing account at the Department of Treasury and Finance. Interest is paid quarterly on monies held, and is treated as income to the fund in accordance with regulation 4(3)(d).

# Purposes of the fund

Payments from the fund must be made in accordance with regulation 6:

## 6 – Application of Fund

The Fund may be applied by the Minister for any of the following purposes:

- (a) the undertaking of programs relating to the apiary industry or apiary products or any other aspect of the apiary industry that the Minister considers will benefit the apiary industry;
- (b) payment of the expenses of administering the Fund;
- (c) repayment of contributions to the Fund under regulation 5.

# Funding guidelines

## Application process

Applications may be made directly to the Minister by March each year for projects to commence in the coming financial year.

As the administrator of the Fund, the Minister has recognised the Apiaries Alliance SA (AASA) as the industry body to provide advice on the use of the Fund. Prior to expenditure of the Fund each financial year, the Minister will consult with the AASA.

The Minister may consider applications outside of the annual cycle described above provided the application is supported by AASA and subject to the availability of funds. Organisations are encouraged to contact the responsible officer (p2 of this management plan) early in the development stages of the application.

Applications must consist of:

1. A covering letter to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development seeking funding, and describing how the program relates to the apiary industry, apiary products or any other aspect of the apiary industry.
2. A project plan outlining:
  - a. Project name
  - b. Applicant information including organisation name, ABN, address and name of primary contact
  - c. Project details including aims, objectives, outcomes, methodology and industry benefits
  - d. Project budget.

## Application approval

The funding application is approved by the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, in consideration of advice provided by the AASA.

# Attachment A: Apiary Industry Fund Five Year Budget

This budget has been developed in consultation with the Apiary Alliance SA. This budget is indicative and subject to review at any time.

	<b>2019-20</b> <i>Fwd Estimates</i>	<b>2020-21</b> <i>Fwd Estimates</i>	<b>2021-22</b> <i>Fwd Estimates</i>	<b>2022-23</b> <i>Fwd Estimates</i>	<b>2023-24</b> <i>Fwd Estimates</i>
<b>Contribution Rate</b>	<b>\$1/hive</b> (5 or more hives)	<b>\$1/hive</b> (5 or more hives)	<b>\$1/hive</b> (5 or more hives)	<b>\$1/hive</b> (5 or more hives)	<b>\$1/hive</b> (5 or more hives)
<b>Opening Balance<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$328,986</b>	<b>\$340,986</b>	<b>\$351,686</b>	<b>\$361,054</b>	<b>\$369,055</b>
<b>Income</b>					
Contributions	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Interest	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>69,000</b>	<b>69,000</b>	<b>69,000</b>	<b>69,000</b>	<b>69,000</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
<b>Projects</b>					
Bee Biosecurity Officer <sup>2</sup>	40,000	41,000	42,025	43,076	44,153
<b>Total Project Expenditure</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>41,000</b>	<b>42,025</b>	<b>43,076</b>	<b>44,153</b>
<b>Administration</b>					
Fund administration <sup>2</sup>	6,000	6,150	6,304	6,461	6,623
Audit Fees <sup>2</sup>	6,000	6,150	6,304	6,461	6,623
Contribution refund allowance <sup>3</sup>	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>Total Administrative Expenditure</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>17,300</b>	<b>17,608</b>	<b>17,923</b>	<b>18,246</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>57,000</b>	<b>58,300</b>	<b>59,633</b>	<b>60,998</b>	<b>62,398</b>
<b>Assets/Liabilities</b>					
<b>Closing Balance<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$340,986</b>	<b>\$351,686</b>	<b>\$361,054</b>	<b>\$369,055</b>	<b>\$375,657</b>

<sup>1</sup> Estimated cash balance plus net receivables/payables

<sup>2</sup> Forward estimates indexed at 2.5%

<sup>3</sup> Contribution refund allowance only expended on receipt and verification of refund requests