Primary Industries Future Forward Fund

Fund Guidelines

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Purpose

The Primary Industries Future Forward Fund (the Fund) commits $8 million over four years to advance the prosperity, sustainability and resilience of South Australia's primary producers.

The Fund will assist industry sectors to deliver projects with sector-wide benefits:

- investment in innovation, research and development, and cutting-edge technologies to increase industry productivity and capability
- promotion of South Australian agriculture, food and wine
- support primary production businesses to build capability to respond to environmental and market pressures
- increase sustainability credentials throughout the supply chain
- strengthen and develop the workforce for primary industries
- increase sector preparedness for environmental disruptions, biosecurity threats and other emerging issues.

Fund information

There are two components to the Fund:

- $6 million for allocation among the grains, wine, livestock, dairy, horticulture, seafood, fisheries and spirits industries.
- $2 million for the forest industries.

The Fund is administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) for the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development and Minister for Forest Industries (the Minister). The Minister will make the final decision on all applications.

The Fund Guidelines may be updated from time to time with the approval of the Minister.

Successful applicants will be required to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Government of South Australia which will outline any special conditions of the provision of funding.

The program will be delivered across four years. Applications are now open and will remain open until 30 June 2030, or when the funding allocation is exhausted, whichever comes first.

Applications will be assessed against the Fund Guidelines following receipt and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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Project eligibility

- The applicant must be a participant in one of the following sectors: grains, wine, livestock, dairy, horticulture, seafood, fisheries, spirits or forestry.
- The applicant must be a legal entity, the key driver of the project and have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and be registered for GST.
- The following entities are ineligible to apply as a lead applicant but may be involved as a collaborative partner: government agencies, statutory boards, local government, for-profit companies and consultants and Regional Development Australia Associations. In exceptional circumstances, an application from one of these entities may be considered where the proposed project delivers significant multi-sector benefits and the applicant can demonstrate it is uniquely positioned to lead and deliver the project.
- The project is ineligible if:
  - The applicant has previously received assistance from PIRSA or other relevant State or Australian Government grant funds to achieve the same project benefits
  - It is more appropriately funded through other funding sources i.e. State or Australian programs.
- The project is required to demonstrate a direct link to an existing masterplan, blueprint or other strategic plan or report – see examples listed in the table below.

Sector	Plan
Forest industries	South Australian Wood Fibre and Timber Industry Master Plan
Grains	SA Grain Industry Blueprint 2025-2035
Wine	South Australian Wine Industry Association's Key Priorities 2025-2028 Wine Grape Council SA Strategic Plan 2025-2027 Riverland Wine Industry Blueprint and Implementation Plan Regional and National strategic plans, e.g. • McLaren Vale Grape and Wine Tourism Association Strategic Plan • Limestone Coast Grape and Wine Council Inc. Strategic Plan 2025-2030 • Clare Valley Strategic Plan 2026+ • Wine Australia Strategic Plan 2025-2030 • Australian Grape and Wine Strategic Plan 2022-2027
Livestock	SA Red Meat and Wool Blueprint 2030 Chicken Meat Strategic Plan
Dairy	South Australian Dairy Industry Action Plan 2024-2029
Horticulture	South Australian Horticultural Industry Blueprint 2025 AUSVEG SA State of Industry Report 2024/25
Seafood	Seafood Growth Strategy

Spirits	SA Spirit Industry Blueprint
All	More Than an Industry Report

Project information

The applicant must provide the following project information in an application:

- explanation of expected sector-wide benefits to be delivered through the project and the alignment to an existing masterplan, blueprint or other strategic plan or report
- project plan including major milestones and budget
- details of the financial and technical capability of the applicant and available resources to successfully deliver the project
- additional information demonstrating project feasibility and management of risks
- the ability to communicate outcomes, prepare a final project report and disseminate findings of the project for the benefit of primary producers (noting the Minister has the first right to project announcement); and an associated communications plan
- evidence of appropriate stakeholder and or community engagement
- applications that include co-contributions (in-kind and funding) and the ability to leverage other funding sources will be positively considered with regard given to significant projects where co-investment strengthens value for money and overall project outcomes.

Definitions

Sector-wide benefits

Outcomes that provide tangible and enduring value to a broader industry sector, rather than primarily benefiting an individual enterprise. Benefits should be capable of being shared across the sector and contribute to industry priorities identified in relevant blueprints, masterplans or strategic plans.

Enquiries

It is recommended that potential applicants contact the Department of Primary Industries and Regions to discuss their proposed project and the Fund Guidelines.

Email	PIRSA.Futureforward@sa.gov.au
Website	https://pir.sa.gov.au/regions-and-support/investment-in-regions/primary-industries-future-forward-fund

Applications

Applications should be developed using the Fund Guidelines and can be submitted in writing through the application form on the PIRSA website.