



The Dairy Australia Grant Access Support Scheme

Program guidelines

The Dairy Australia Grant Access Support (GAS) Scheme is an initiative funded by Dairy Australia (DA) which provides financial assistance to Australian dairy processors to engage specialist grant writers and technical consultants to assist with developing submissions for project funding support.

By supporting Australian dairy manufacturers to access the many relevant funding opportunities available to them, the GAS Scheme is designed to encourage implementation of profitable infrastructure projects which sit outside the manufacturer's normal capital hurdles as well as facilitate increased adoption of innovative, best-practice technologies. The ultimate aim of the Scheme is to advance the competitiveness, profitability and sustainability of the Australian dairy sector by enabling ongoing investment in projects which strengthen Australia's dairy manufacturing base.

Priority will be given to projects which seek to implement projects with the capacity to improve the sector's performance with respect to the manufacturing-based targets under the Australian Dairy Industry Council's Sustainability Framework, namely:

- › reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity
- › reduction of consumptive water intensity
- › reduction of waste to landfill.

Eligibility requirements

Organisation Eligibility

- › Australian-based dairy processor with a registered ABN/ACN
- › Applicant must be a Company Member of the Dairy Manufacturer's Sustainability Council
- › Applications from a consortium of more than one dairy processor will be highly regarded/encouraged.

Project Eligibility

- › The project must involve developing a grant application for funding assistance for a capital infrastructure project or a commercial demonstration project.
- › The project proponent must be able to demonstrate at the application stage the quantum of the potential benefit that the project (if successfully co-funded) could provide to the dairy processor individually and

the Australian dairy supply chain as a whole.

- › The project proponent must demonstrate that the funding application is one which could not be completed using the internal technical capabilities of the applicant organisation.
- › Project proponents will be required to acknowledge Dairy Australia's support.
- › Project proponents will be required to permit Dairy Australia to publish a brief description of the details of the project for which grant access support is being provided to on-line and/or print.

Funding details

- › The maximum total project assistance that DA will provide to eligible projects under the GAS Scheme is \$10,000.
- › Eligible projects will need to identify the nature and value of in-kind support being provided to the project by applicant organisation (i.e. through provision of site data, technical input, etc).
- › In all cases, 10% of the total project funding will be retained by DA until it is satisfied that all project deliverables are met.

Conducting the project

- › DA will work closely with the applicant during the proposal development stage to focus the project on deliverable and quantifiable targets.
- › The grant application must be developed by a suitably qualified third-party in collaboration with the applicant organisation.

Application and selection process

The GAS Scheme will be opened for applications over two funding rounds each year.

Assistance will be prioritised based on a combined evaluation of the following:

- › Technical capacity of the team assembled to undertake the project
- › Level of in-kind and cash co-contribution being provided by the applicant relative to the assistance requested
- › Quantum of the potential benefit that the project for which grant access assistance is being requested could provide to the Australian dairy supply chain
- › Capacity of the technology to improve the sector's performance with respect to the manufacturing-based targets under the Australian Dairy Industry's Sustainability Framework, namely:
 - reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity
 - reduction of consumptive water intensity
 - reduction of waste to landfill.

In order to be formally considered for assistance under the GAS Scheme, the dairy processor applicant is required to submit a completed GAS Scheme Application Form to the DA Program Manager – Innovation & Sustainability, Ian Olmstead iolmstead@dairyaustralia.com.au

Prior to completing the Application Form, applicants are encouraged to contact the DA Program Manager to discuss the broad details of their proposed project in order to gauge its suitability. Assuming the project proposed appears suitable, the DA Program Manager can then provide guidance through the application stage. The grant writer or project

developer selected by the applicant to undertake the development of the grant application can and should also support the applicant in completing the GAS Scheme application.

Completed Applications that are submitted to DA will be assessed by the DA Program Manager with support from other investment analysts within DA. Preferred projects will then be referred to the relevant personnel on the DA Executive Leadership for final approval.

Successful applicants will be notified in writing and will be required to enter into a legal Project Agreement with DA before being entitled to any payment of project funds.

Projects will not commence until Project Agreements have been signed and finalised.

Project Agreements must be signed and finalised within 60 days of the applicant being notified of their success. Failure to finalise Agreements within the 60 days will result in the withdrawal of the offer by DA.

The Project Title and a brief Project Summary will be published on DA's website and within relevant Program marketing and reporting publications.

Reporting obligations

In return for DA's assistance towards their grant application, applicants are required to submit the following to DA:

- › Brief project summary for publication on DA's website and within relevant Program marketing and reporting publications.

The project summary must include the project title, one or two sentence project description, name of grant program being targeted and total funding requested
- › Copy of Submitted Grant Application
- › Notification of success.

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