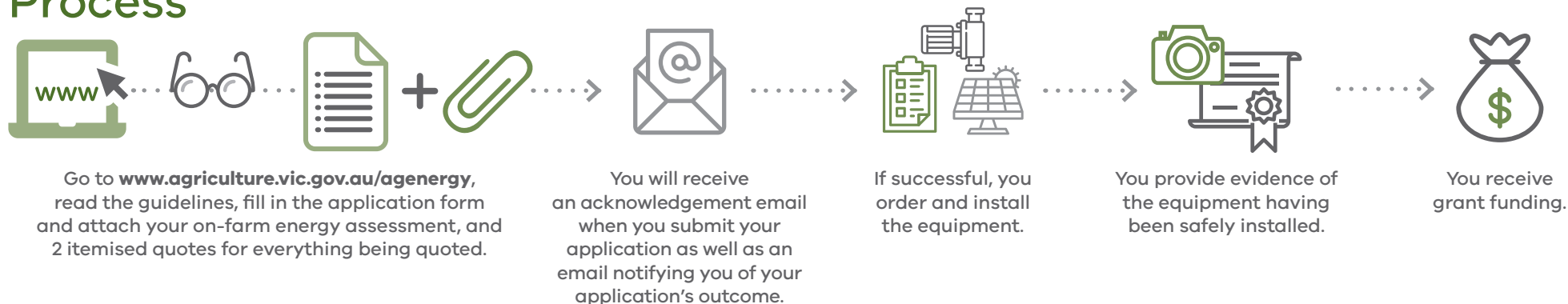


Agriculture Energy Investment Plan

How to apply for an On-Farm Energy Tier 1 Grant

Process



The Victorian Government will provide up to \$50,000 (excluding GST). Grants will be provided on a \$1 for \$1 cash co-contribution basis. Recipients are required to contribute at least 50 per cent of the total cash costs of the project. Applications for Tier 1 grants will be considered and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. The grants will be available to eligible farm businesses until March 2020 or until the available funding is exhausted (whichever occurs first).

Only online application forms will be accepted (hard copy applications will not be accepted). Applicants must have an email address.

What documentation will be required for the application?

- Your Australian Business Number (ABN)
- A copy of your type 1 or type 2 on-farm energy assessment or approved equivalent energy assessment
- Two itemised quotes for each equipment item and/or fit-out cost identified in the energy assessment report
- For individual applicants that have received a group on-farm energy assessment, an itemised energy assessment report that relates to the applicant's equipment requirements.

To be eligible for an On-Farm Energy Tier 1 Grant farms must:

- Be in receipt of a type 1 or type 2 on-farm energy assessment, or an approved equivalent energy assessment;
- Be a business with an ABN;
- Have an eligible farm business located in Victoria;
- Spend more than \$8,000 per annum (including GST) on energy inclusive of electricity, gas, LPG and diesel (excluding energy for transport);
- Be a legal entity;¹
- Be able to meet the required cash co-contribution (at least \$1 for every \$1 provided);²
- Attest to having obtained all relevant regulatory approvals for the project to commence (where applicable);
- Meet all industrial relations obligations as an employer in accordance with the National Employment Standards; and
- Agree to participate in future program evaluation activity.

¹ A legal entity is an association, corporation, trustee of a trust, or individual that has legal standing in the eyes of the law. A legal entity has legal capacity to enter into agreements or contracts, assume obligations, incur and pay debts, sue and be sued in its own right, and to be held responsible for its actions.

² Applicants may be required to submit audited financial accounts for the previous two (2) years, plus interim accounts if the financial accounts are over six (6) months old.