

The Digital Farm Grants Program - Round 3

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Welcome to the application for the Digital Farm Grants Program - Round 3

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Your application

Addendum to closing date

Please read each section and complete each question as requested. It is recommended that you allow yourself enough time to review the application and submit it well before the due date. The closing date for the **Digital Farm Grants Program - Round 3 (the Program)** is **Friday 27 November 2020 at 5.00pm (AWST)**. Incomplete applications and/or applications received after the closing date will not be considered. Requests for any deadline extensions will not be approved.

Prior to submitting your application, please ensure you have reviewed the Program Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions. Click [Here](#) to view the webpage and the reference documents.

For any queries, please contact us by email digital.farm@dpird.wa.gov.au and allow up to 24 hours for a response. If you have any technical issues with submitting your proposal through this online system, please contact a representative from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (**the Department**) on (08) 6552-2133 or (08) 6552-2032.

Privacy Statement

The Department will store personal information collected as part of this application, including all supporting documentation and any grant administration, monitoring and evaluation activities in compliance with its obligations under the [Privacy Act 1988](#). The Department is also subject to the [Freedom of Information Act 1992](#) and documents in the possession of these agencies are subject to these provisions.

I have read and understood the privacy statement and I consent to and authorise such uses and disclosures. *

Yes, I confirm.

Eligibility

The following eligibility criteria applies for the Program funding:

1. ADDENDUM 1 - Network proposed, at a minimum, should provide a baseline Download capability of 80Mbps and Upload capability of 40Mbps at the customer premise.

2. The Proponent must hold a valid carrier licence under the [Telecommunications Act 1997 \(Commonwealth\)](#), and thereby be authorised to provide carriage services to the public.

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3. Proposals must be located within one of the [three approximate high priority areas across the Central, South-East, and Esperance](#) parts of Western Australia's (WA) Grainbelt region.
4. Proposals must improve connectivity for Agribusinesses that are not currently serviced by the [NBN's fixed line or fixed wireless networks](#), with an exception of a 20 per cent overlap permitted.
5. Proposals are not permitted to significantly overlap in areas being covered by projects being delivered under the inaugural [Digital Farm Grants Program \(DFGP\) and the Digital Farm Grants Program - Round 2 \(DFGP2\)](#) (Note: A 20 per cent overlap is permitted).
6. Proponents must demonstrate at least 25 Agribusinesses are serviced in a Proposal.
7. Co-investment from Proponents is required, however the contribution ratio can be reduced - refer to page 11, section 3.2.1.2 of the Program Guidelines.
8. Proposals must detail the commercial viability and profitability of the proposed Network.

ADDENDUMS

[ADDENDUM 3](#) - Variation to Assessable Criteria - minimum financial and commercial viability.

[ADDENDUM 2](#) - Extension to Application Period.

[ADDENDUM 1](#) - Variation to Eligibility Criteria for minimum download/upload speeds.

Applicant details

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Applicant's Contact Details

Contact person *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Position *

Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Email address *

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Must be a current email address.

Applicant/Name of Organisation *

Organisation Name

Applicant/Organisation postal address *

Applicant/Organisation Website *

Applicant Australian Business Number *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

Trading Name (if different to above)

If the Applicant is a Trustee on behalf of a Trust, please upload the Trust Deed document.

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Is the Organisation Incorporated? *

- Yes
 No

Incorporation is the legal process used to form a corporate entity or company. A corporation is the resulting legal entity that separates the firm's assets and income from its owners and investors.

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Please provide profit and loss statements and balance sheets for your Organisation for the last three financial years. *

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Commercial in Confidence.

Proposal Overview

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Project Title *

Please provide an alternative reference/name/acronym for the Project Title, should the Project Title be too long.

Reference/Name/Acronym for the Project Title (If relevant)

Location/Town of Project *

Must be within one of the three approximate high priority areas across the Central, South-East and Esperance parts of Western Australia's Grainbelt region.

Total Project Cost (Excluding GST) *

Must be a dollar amount.

What is the total budget of the project?

Total Public funding requested (Excluding GST) *

Must be a dollar amount.

Estimated number of months required for full project delivery (including network commissioning) after execution of the funding agreement. *

6 - 12 months

12 - 18 months

18 - 24 months

Proposal Details

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Addendum 1 - The proposed Network, at a minimum, should provide a baseline Download capability of 80Mbps and Upload capability of 40Mbps at the customer's premises.

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Please provide the service specifications (Download/Upload speed, peak hours, download data and costs). *

The Register of licenced carriers is established under section 84 of the Telecommunications Act 1997. Does the Applicant hold a carrier licence?

Carrier number as noted on the Register.

Gazette notice number (if registered after October 2012).

Please provide either the Carrier number or Gazette notice number.

Please provide either the Carrier number or Gazette notice number.			Maximum 25mb (5mb preferred).
<input type="radio"/> Yes			
<input type="radio"/> No			

Please provide a clear description of proposed Points of Interconnect (POI) requirements including wholesale POI and backhaul requirements. *

POI in telecommunications is the physical interface between media gateways of two service providers, carriers, exchanges and enterprises.

Please provide the backhaul arrangements as part of the application. *

Attach a file:

Click Here to download the form to detail the backhaul arrangements. Maximum 25mb. (5mb preferred)

Minimum Technical and Performance Standards

Please detail and provide the technical design/s of the Network. *

Refer to the Assessable Criteria on page 10 of the Program Guidelines - A1.1 'Minimum Technical & Performance Standards'.

Include diagrams of technical design/s. *

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Multiple file upload. Maximum 25mb. (5mb preferred)

Will public funding be used to subsidise the customer's connection fees to the Network? *

Yes No

What is the proposed subsidy per Network connection? *

\$

Must be a dollar amount.

Please describe any financial barriers; including items such as the cost of connection fees and proposed customers. *

Refer to the Assessable Criteria on page 10 of the Program Guidelines - A1.2 'Minimum Technical & Performance Standards'. Further questions on associated connection costs are required in the 'Cash Flow Statement' form that you will be asked to download and complete on page 6 of this application located in the 'Financial Sustainability' section.

Please detail the Network's access arrangements to demonstrate how the proposed network will interoperate with other public networks. *

Refer to the Assessable Criteria on page 10 of the Program Guidelines - A1.3 'Minimum Technical & Performance Standards'.

Please detail the Network's security arrangements to achieve, maintain and consistently satisfy physical infrastructure and data security requirements and standards. *

Refer to the Assessable Criteria on page 10 of the Program Guidelines - A1.4 'Minimum Technical & Performance Standards'.

Coverage

The Proposal must improve connectivity for Agribusinesses and residents within the Grainbelt region of WA that are not currently serviced by the [National Broadband Network](#) fixed line or fixed wireless network.

The Proposal cannot overlap in areas being covered by the [inaugural Digital Farm Grants Program or the Digital Farm Grants Program - Round 2](#). (Note: A 20 per cent overlap is permitted).

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To increase the reach of the Program, and to ensure that the Proposal has a more diverse client-base, Proponents are encouraged to seek co-contributions from other parties. These can include (but are not limited to) the Commonwealth government, local governments, grower groups, businesses or industry representative bodies. These co-contributions may be financial or in-kind, or a combination of both.

Examples of in-kind contributions could include commitment for complementary access to existing infrastructure, identifying a suitable site for infrastructure placement, civil works required to access a site, assistance with connecting power, or facilitating access to existing infrastructure.

Please provide details of the methodology used to determine monetary equivalent for in-kind contributions. *

Provide detail and breakdown of in-kind contributions (including labour rates per skill type, labour hours and assumptions).

Please attach any supporting document/s

Attach a file:

Maximum 25mb. (5mb preferred)

The base criteria of the Program requires a \$1 Proponent contribution for every \$1 of State funding requested. However, less than this amount in co-contributions from Proponents is acceptable. Please provide the Proponent contribution below:

Cash	In-Kind
Must be a dollar amount.	Must be a dollar amount.
\$ <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

Total Proponent Contribution. *

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Please provide a detailed explanation below if the Program funding amount requested is more than the total amount of Proponent and Third Party funding. *

Third Party Funding Details

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Third Parties including Private, Commonwealth and Local Government.

Name of Third Party	Cash (\$)	In-Kind (\$)	If In-Kind, describe what is being provided.	Secured/ not secured	Supporting Documents	Please provide details of any In-Kind contributions for which no monetary value equivalent is claimed.
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	Must be a dollar amount.	Must be a dollar amount.			Maximum 25mb. (5mb preferred)	
	\$	\$		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Total Third Party Funding. *

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Delivery of Milestones

Please outline Milestones (outputs) to be achieved. The Milestone payment must equate to the total project cost.

Funding Source	Milestone Description	Milestone Payment (\$)
Should more than one funding source be partnering together to deliver one milestone, please provide details. Please insert new rows for separate funding sources/milestones.		Must be a number.

Financial sustainability

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In this section, please download the [financial sustainability forms](#) (note separate tabs) to provide the details of financial forecasting and associated costs pertaining to the Network.

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Attach the completed financial sustainability forms.

Attach a file:

Maximum 25mb (5mb preferred).

Please describe any other additional non on-going revenue that could be generated from this network.

Future Growth

Please provide a brief description of the addressable market size, whether and how the service could be scaled up or expanded to other areas to meet increased demand. *

Benefits and Outcomes

List the medium (18 months - 5 years after completion) and long term outcomes (over 5 years after completion) that the Proposal is expected to deliver. Please state these outcomes with reference to a minimum of two of the following priorities. Please provide evidence to support the following:

- to maximise jobs creation and improve career opportunities in regional WA;
- to develop and broaden the economic base of regional WA; and
- to provide infrastructure and services in regional WA.

Employment	Target Outcome	Medium/Long-Term

Economic Development	Target Outcome	Medium/Long-Term

Co-Investment	Target Outcome	Medium/Long-Term

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Usage	Target Outcome	Medium/Long-Term

Risk and Constraints

Identify actual and potential risks, liabilities, and challenges associated with the Proposal including issues that may prevent the Project from progressing or that may hinder the achievement of deliverables. Consider and explain the risk mitigation strategies which will reduce the effects of such risks, liabilities, and challenges. Ensure that the full lifecycle of the Proposal and 'post' funding risks such as operation and maintenance are considered. Please also address if the Proposal will result in unfair competition to the existing industry and/or business.

Identified Risks	Mitigation Strategies

Please upload the Proposal's Risk Management Plan.

Attach a file:

Maximum 25mb (5mb preferred).

Additional Information

Please attach any supporting document/s.

Attach a file:

Maximum 25mb (5mb preferred).

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

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Briefly describe the partnerships that support your Proposal. Please provide evidence to support your statement.

Letters of support can be provided, however please ensure the letters are up-to-date and relevant to the current Proposal. If a partner is making a financial or in-kind contribution to the Proposal, this should be described. Other evidence may include Terms of Reference for a steering group, an agreement, Memorandum of Understanding or other arrangement between project partners.

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Please attach any supporting documents.

Attach a file:

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Describe how you have/will involve local government/s, the community, potential customers or other during the planning and decision making of your Proposal. *

Eligibility Checklist

80 Mbps / 40 Mbps download/upload minimum performance criteria is preferred, however, applicants can propose other fit-for-purpose download/upload speeds for each project, setting out a clear justification for the reduction. Have the download/upload minimum performance criteria been identified?

Yes No

[Click Here Addendum 1 to Eligibility Criteria](#)

Has evidence been attached that a valid Carrier Licence is held?

Yes No

As per the Telecommunications Act 1997 (Cth). [Click Here](#)

Will your Proposal improve connectivity for Agribusinesses that are not currently serviced by the National Broadband Network fixed line or fixed wireless network? (Note: A 20 per cent overlap is permitted).

Yes No

[Click Here for NBN's coverage areas.](#)

Does your Proposal overlap with areas covered by projects being delivered under the inaugural Digital Farm Grants Program and Digital Farm Grants Program - Round 2 or any other new or existing fixed wireless service areas. (Note: A 20 per cent overlap is permitted).

Yes No

[Click Here for the coverage footprint provided under the inaugural Digital Farm Grants Program and Digital Farm Grants Program - Round 2.](#)

Will your Proposal provide connectivity solutions for at least twenty-five Agribusinesses?

Yes No

Have you detailed co-contributions towards the Proposal?

Yes No

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Have you attached the financial sustainability forms to detail the commercial viability and profitability of the proposed Network?

- Yes No

Declaration

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(All Investment Proposals must be endorsed by the Chief Financial Officer (or other Accountable Officer) and the Chief Executive Officer of the Applicant. This is to ensure the content of the Investment Proposal adequately reflects the financial details, the scope of works and the capacity for the Agency to deliver the Proposal).

You are responsible for ensuring that your application is complete and accurate. If it is determined that you have provided false or misleading information to obtain, or attempt to obtain State funding, your application will be disqualified.

I declare that the information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate and complete. *

- Yes No

I have obtained the appropriate clearances within the business entity to submit this application. *

- Yes No

Particulars of person responsible for completing the form. *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Position *

Date *

Must be a date.