

Food Source Victoria

Information Sheet

The Victorian Government's \$20 million Food Source Victoria program is designed to support activities that add value to agricultural produce sourced from regional Victoria.

The **objective** is to build stronger agri-food businesses and regional communities through value adding to agricultural production in Victoria that will result in:

- new, ongoing **jobs**, particularly in regional Victoria
- **growth** in Victoria's agricultural, food and related industries
- farmers, growers, processors, and manufacturers working together and supply chain partners driving **innovation and efficiencies**
- greater **skills**, knowledge and confidence of workers to respond to growing global demand for premium products
- increased Victorian agri-food **exports**.

There are four grant programs:

- Scholarships for individuals
- Planning Grants
- Growth Grants
- Network Facilitator Grants (new).

Scholarships give individuals working in agriculture, processing and manufacturing in regional Victoria the skills to expand or add value to their businesses.

Planning Grants enable partners along the agri-food supply chain to engage independent skilled advisers to test the feasibility of ideas, explore growth opportunities and develop a Growth Plan with clear actions.

Growth Grants provide seed funding to implement actions in Growth Plans or existing equivalent plans.

Many smaller operators have difficulty finding partners to work through barriers to trade, or developing ideas to capture the benefits of value adding. Support is now available through **Network Facilitator Grants** provided to member based organisations, such as grower groups and agricultural organisations.

Network Facilitators will pull together the right people, discuss the issues and opportunities, develop growth plans, and prepare applications to the Growth Grants program.

For further information on these grants visit:
<http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/food-and-fibre-industries/food-source-victoria>