

# Applicant Factsheet

## 2026 Livestock Biosecurity Funds Grant Program



### Program Overview

The Victorian Government provides grants through the **Livestock Biosecurity Funds (LBF)** to enhance animal health, biosecurity, and market access for Victoria's cattle, sheep, goat, swine, and honey bee industries.

Funding supports projects that prevent, monitor, and control livestock diseases under the *Livestock Disease Control Act 1994*.

### Who Can Apply?

Eligible applicants include:

- Private sector businesses and agencies
- Universities and research institutions
- Cooperatives aligned with program objectives
- Victorian Government entities and local councils
- Incorporated associations.

#### Applicants must:

- Hold a valid ABN
- Be incorporated and financially solvent
- Conduct activities in Victoria
- Meet industrial relations obligations
- Agree to participate in program evaluation and communications.

Not eligible: Individuals/sole traders, trusts, partnerships, and federal government departments.

### What Can Be Funded?

Projects must align with the Act and demonstrate:

- Innovative solutions for livestock biosecurity challenges
- Collaboration across value chains
- Measurable benefits to Victorian livestock industries.

**Examples:** Applied research, capability building, traceability improvements, early disease detection.

**Not funded:** Retrospective costs, lobbying, core business activities, emergency response, capital expenditure, recurrent operating costs, activities outside Victoria.

### Funding Details

- No minimum or maximum grant amount
- Co-funding is not mandatory, but letters of support are required if applicable
- Separate applications are needed for each fund if applying to multiple streams

### Assessment Criteria

Applications are assessed competitively against:

#### Quality of proposal (30%)

Clear problem definition, methodology, risk management

#### Project impact (30%)

Alignment with program objectives, measurable outcomes

#### Organisational capability (20%)

Relevant experience, resourcing

#### Need for funds (20%)

Urgency, industry impact, gap in existing solutions

## Supporting Documents

Include:

- Detailed budget and milestones
- CVs of key project members
- Letters of support for co-funding/in-kind contributions (if applicable)
- Evaluation plan (preferably independent for large projects)
- For previously funded projects: evaluation report

## Application Process

- Apply online via [www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestockbiosecurityfunds](http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestockbiosecurityfunds)
- Attach required documents (Word, PDF, Excel, JPEG; max 10MB each)
- **Submit by 11:59pm, 14 April 2026**
- No hard copy or late applications accepted

## Key Dates

Stage	Date
Applications Open	3 March 2026
Applications Close	14 April 2026

## Additional Information

### Guidelines and FAQs

[www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestockbiosecurityfunds](http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestockbiosecurityfunds)

### Technical assistance

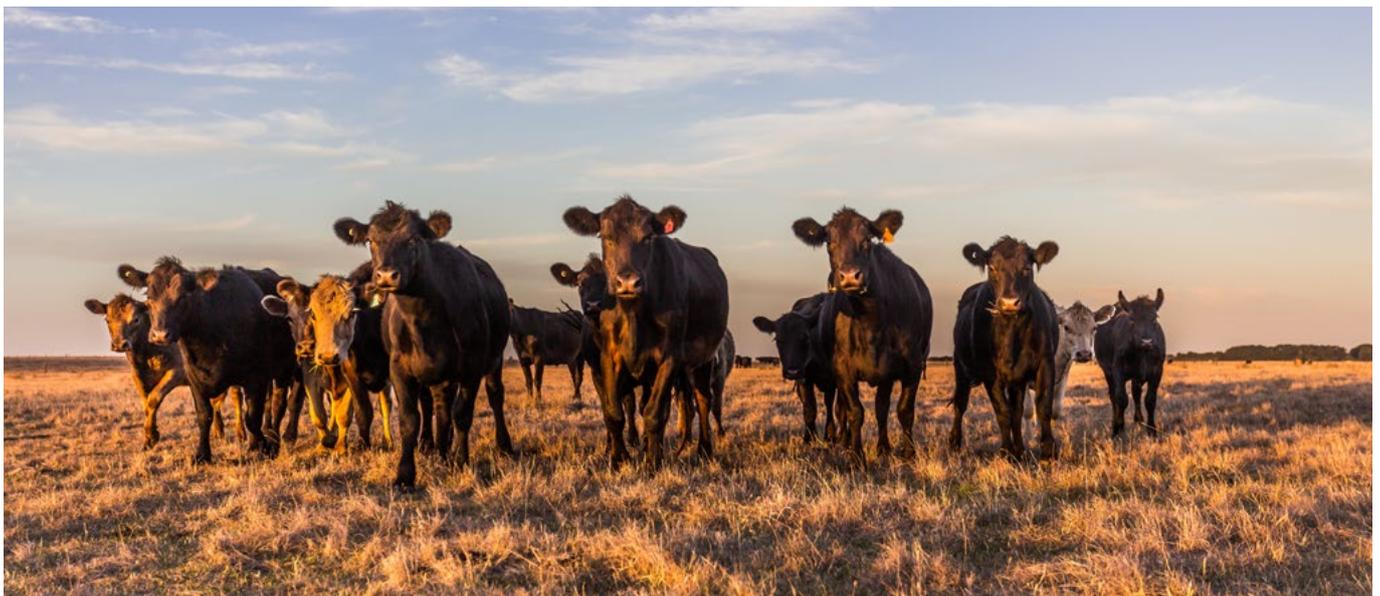
[grantsinfo@deeca.vic.gov.au](mailto:grantsinfo@deeca.vic.gov.au)

### Subject matter queries

[LivestockBiosecurityFund@agriculture.vic.gov.au](mailto:LivestockBiosecurityFund@agriculture.vic.gov.au)



**Tip: Read the full guidelines before applying and ensure your project aligns with the program's strategic priorities.**



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