

Bushfire Industry Recovery Package: Supply Chain Support Grants – Viticulture

New South Wales is the second-largest wine-producing state in Australia, accounting for 30% of the \$5 billion Australian wine industry.

The bushfires of 2019-20 saw grape growers in key wine industry regions in NSW such as the Hunter, Tumbarumba and Shoalhaven Coast experience direct property damage, with other key regions also being impacted from the extended exposure to smoke, which has caused taint in the grapes and has rendered much of the 2020 vintage unsuitable for commercially released wine.

NSW Wine Industry Association estimates the cost in NSW to be in excess of \$100 million when also accounting for the downturn in wine tourism. The impact of the fires comes on top of the drought, which had already reduced grape yields significantly.

This package will provide co-contributions to viticulturalists in NSW who have been impacted by the bushfires from 31 August 2019 to assist in the recovery of their farms and vineyards.

The grants are split into two categories: Repair and Replanting Grants and Recovery Grants. This document talks about the **Repair and Replanting Grant**.

The eligible activities and costs have been determined through the development of the Agriculture Recovery Plan available on the Bushfire Industry Recovery Package website.

Key dates

Applications open: 19 May 2020

Applications close: 12 June 2020 (5pm AEST)

Assessment: Rolling as applications are submitted

Notifications: Within 10 days of submission

Eligible applicants for the Repair and Replanting Grant

Businesses which had vineyards in active production which were directly damaged by fire.

Eligible projects for the Repair and Replanting Grant

Projects to re-establish and repair vineyards directly damaged by bushfires including site clean-up, repair or replacement of netting, trellises and irrigation, technical advice and replanting.

Eligible Costs for the Repair and Replanting Grant

Capital and other costs directly related to the re-establishment and repair of damaged vineyards. These will be assessed by the Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) as reasonable costs and services to re-establish a damaged vineyard.

Costs already claimed under the Rural Assistance Authority Special Disaster Grant – Bushfires, other State or Commonwealth grants or insurance will not be eligible.

Eligible Amounts and Limits for the Repair and Replanting Grants

Grants are available up to \$20,000 dollars per burnt hectare, to be matched by an equal cash or in-kind contribution from the business.

Co-Contribution for the Repair and Replanting Grants

Co-contributions can include direct cash and in-kind contributions to the project. Costs already incurred by businesses for the re-establishment and repair of damaged vineyards (and not already claimed or paid under another State or Commonwealth program or insurance) can be deemed a co-contribution.

Application Process

All applications will be completed online.

Applicants will be required to provide the following information:

- business details including location, ABN and evidence of active production
- evidence of damage and impact from the bushfires
- costings for activities proposed to be funded by the grant
- demonstration of matching co-contribution from the applicant.

In undertaking assessment, the NSW Rural Assistance Authority may request additional information to form a determination.

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