

## Rural Relief Fund Grant Application Form



### Information for Applicants

#### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this assistance is to provide small financial assistance to support farming families during times of economic hardship due to flood, fire and drought etc. The fund is to support those in our rural and regional community impacted by adverse conditions.

State Government contribution and tax deductible donations collected by the fund are directed specifically to Tasmanian farmers, fishers and small business and their families. Eligible beneficiaries may apply for support that can be used to assist with primary production activity including fencing, protection for animals, food and immediate and ongoing needs of devastated families. All funds collected remain within the Tasmanian rural community and Rural Relief Fund rules of operation ensure appropriate management of funds received and allocation to those most in need.

#### ASSESSMENT:

**All claims for assistance will be assessed on a case by case basis.** Successful applicants will receive payment directly to a nominated debtor.

#### ELIGIBILITY:

If your family enterprise:

- Has a right or interest in land or assets used for the purposes of primary production, small business or fisheries\*, and;
- Contributes a significant part (greater than 51%) of your labour and capital to the enterprise, and;
- Is registered with the Australian Taxation Office and have an ABN thus indicating you run a small business, farming or fishing enterprise, and;
- Is still conducting this enterprise and/or intend to continue/resume in the foreseeable future, and;
- Are suffering hardship at the present time

You may be entitled to a grant under the Rural Relief Fund of Tasmania guidelines.

\* Eligible applicants include individuals, partnership, trust or company operating commercially who are involved in any of the following: Nursery and floriculture production, mushroom and vegetable growing, fruit and tree nut growing, grain, sheep and beef cattle farming, other crop growing, dairy cattle farming, poultry farming, deer farming, other livestock farming, services to agriculture, hunting and trapping, commercial fishing (marine, aquaculture and mariculture), and/or small business services in regional/rural Tasmania.

#### TAXATION STATUS:

- The grant has not been increased to allow for GST and a tax invoice will not be sought.
- The grant is assessable income and must be declared. It is recommended that you seek professional advice on your tax obligations.

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Supporting Partners: State Government of Tasmania and  
Rural Youth Organisation of Tasmania Inc

## Contact Details

The information provided will remain confidential. Only statistical summaries may be released.

DETAILS OF APPLICANT			
Applicants Name:			
Title			Date of Birth:
Spouse/Partner Name (if applicable)			No of Dependents:
Address:			
		Postcode:	
Postal Address:			
Telephone:	Home:	Other:	
Email address:			
DETAILS OF ENTERPRISE			
Name of Business:			
ABN:		Trading Name(s):	
Role of key applicant:			Other business contact names (if applicable):
Business Address (if different from above):			
		Postcode:	
Postal Address:			
Telephone:	Home:	Other:	
Email address:			

**Assistance up to a maximum of \$2500 per family/household is available to eligible applicants.**

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## Funds requested & Applicant Declaration

Provide details of expenditure to be paid through Assistance fund:		
Service Provider (e.g. Telstra)	Due Date	Amount
Shopping Voucher \$50	No. required:	\$
Other payment :	Description:	\$
		Total Amount Requested \$
<b><i>Payment will be made direct to the biller, please attach copy of unpaid invoice or supporting paperwork</i></b>		

### Declaration by Applicant

I declare that

- I am suffering economic hardship
- I meet the eligibility requirements (as listed on Page 1 information sheet) by holding current ABN, carrying out an eligible enterprise and contributing greater than 51% of my labour and capital to the enterprise
- The information provided in this form is true and correct

I understand that

- Deliberately giving false or misleading information is a s serious offence
- Any overpayment will be recovered
- Rural Business Tasmania Inc, parent body of Rural Relief Fund of Tasmania, may make relevant enquiries to ensure the most appropriate grant may be recommended
- Statistics may be collected and analysed in such a way as to protect my anonymity.

I authorise the release of information to relevant support authorities, including Federal, State/Territory or local authorities to enable my claim to be assessed

Applicant's name:		
Applicant's signature:		Date:

## Assessment Information

**Each application will be assessed independently on a case by case basis.  
The following information helps us understand your assistance needs and eligibility:**

Please describe your enterprise:	Type:	Size:
Is the income from this enterprise your primary source of income (i.e. >51%) – circle	Yes	No
Do you and/or your partner receive income from another source – if yes supply details; e.g. no. of hours; f/t, p/t, permanent, casual		
What other funds/forms of assistance have you received from other organisations?		
<b>Briefly</b> describe your current circumstances (e.g. Drought/Bushfire) and how this has impacted on your income: <i>Please provide more detail on a separate sheet if necessary.</i>		
<b>Sponsor comments</b>		

### Checklist

<b>Have you attached the required documents with this claim?</b>	Unpaid invoice for expenditure associated with claim	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Proof of business registration – e.g. ABN registration	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Did you answer all the questions and provide sufficient information for assessment?</b>	That you are suffering economic hardship	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Signed Declaration	<input type="checkbox"/>

**MAIL: PO Box 322, Launceston TAS 7250**

**OR**

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