

Victorian Floods Financial Support for Primary Producers

A range of support measures are available for flood-affected primary producers. Information about these measures can be found at agriculture.vic.gov.au/floods.

Flood Recovery Hotline: Victorians affected by the floods can call 1800 560 760 for help with navigating support, clean-up, finding somewhere to stay, mental health and wellbeing support. The recovery hotline is open from 7.30 am – 7.30 pm every day. Press 9 for an interpreter. For more information visit vic.gov.au/2022-flood-recovery.

\$75,000 Flood Recovery Grant

Eligible directly affected primary producers may apply for up to \$75,000 to help with the costs of clean-up and recovery. The grant has a two-tiered payment structure:

- **Tier 1:** An up-front amount of up to \$25,000 is available to applicants with evidence of direct damage and an outline of expected recovery costs.
- **Tier 2:** An additional amount of up to \$50,000 can be accessed with evidence of payment for recovery costs (tax invoices and official receipts).

Note: This grant replaces the \$10,000 Primary Producer Clean-Up and Relief Grant. Producers who have received the \$10,000 grant will need to complete a new application form for the \$75,000 Flood Recovery Grant to receive additional funding, however they will not need to supply evidence of impact again.

To apply, visit ruralfinance.com.au or call 1800 260 425.

\$15,000 Flood Recovery Transport Support

Eligible directly affected primary producers may apply for up to \$15,000 to support 50 per cent of costs for the transport of emergency fodder or stock drinking water, and the movement of livestock for agistment, sale, or slaughter. To apply, visit ruralfinance.com.au or call 1800 260 425.

Flood Recovery Concessional Loan

Eligible directly affected primary producers may apply for concessional loans of up to \$250,000 to restore or replace damaged assets, and meet general expenses incurred while the clean-up is underway. To apply, visit ruralfinance.com.au or call 1800 260 425.

\$25,000 Rural Landholder Grant

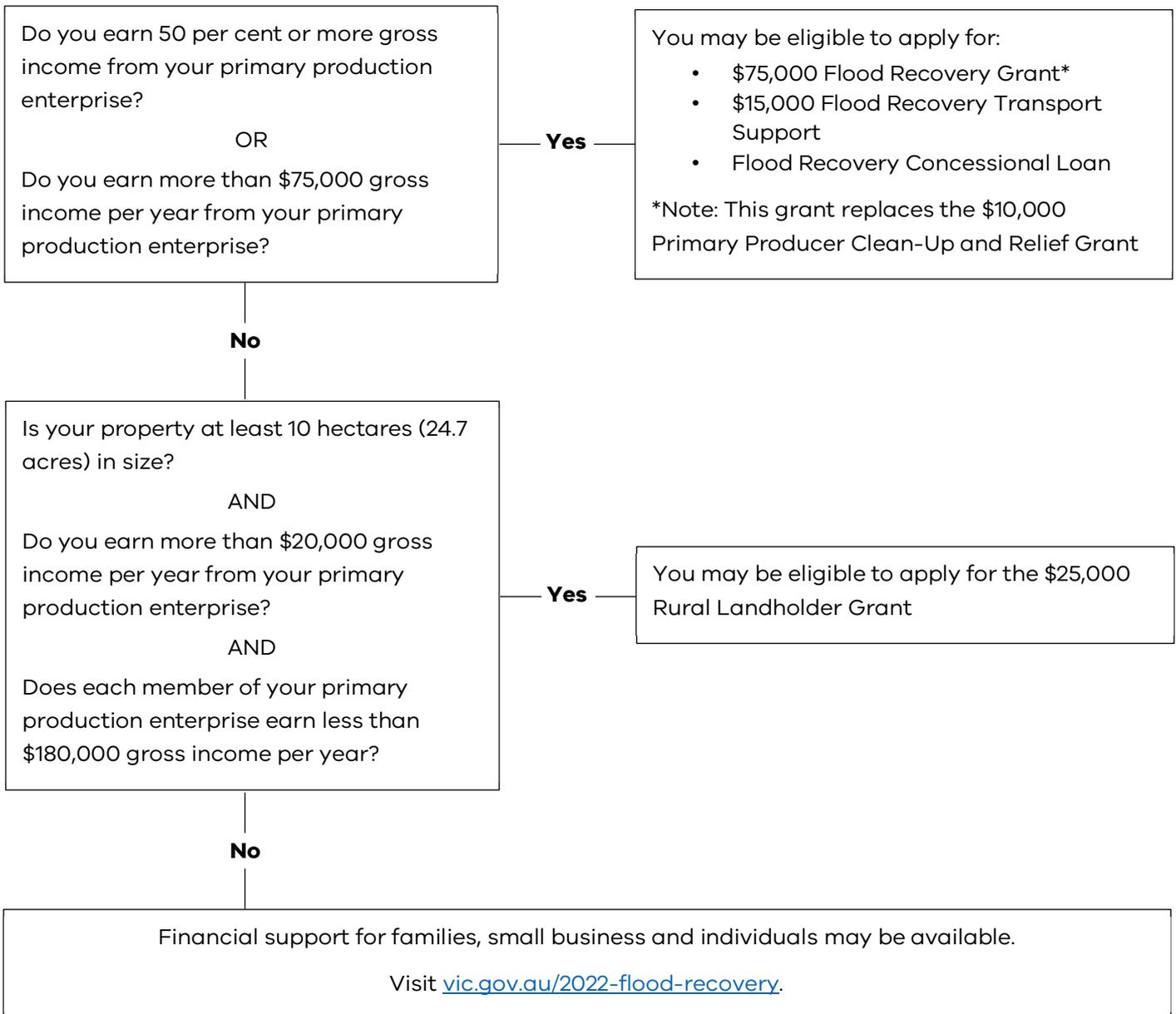
If you do not meet the eligibility requirements for the \$75,000 Flood Recovery Grant, but operate a smaller-scale Primary Production Enterprise, you may be eligible for a Rural Landholder Grant.

Eligible directly affected rural landholders that operate smaller-scale primary production enterprises of at least 10 hectares in size and that earn at least \$20,000 from the primary production business may apply for up to \$25,000 to help with costs of clean-up and recovery. To apply, visit ruralfinance.com.au or call 1800 260 425.

Rural Financial Counselling Service

The Rural Financial Counselling Service offers free and independent financial information, options, decision making support and referral services to farmers and small, related rural businesses who are in, or at risk of, financial hardship. **A rural financial counsellor can assist farmers to understand, and apply for, government support.** Call 1300 771 741.

What support might you be eligible for?



Specific eligibility criteria apply to all support programs. Program guidelines, a list of local government areas eligible for assistance and further information are available at ruralfinance.com.au. **The best way to check your eligibility is to talk to Rural Finance on 1800 260 425.**