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Future
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Future Drought Fund: Funding Information

This table details the payment information for the *Extension & Adoption of Drought Resilience Farming Practices Grants program* as required under Section 27A of the *Future Drought Fund Act 2019*.

All payments in this table are GST exclusive.

Table 1 Extension & Adoption of Drought Resilience Farming Practices Grants Program – 2020-2024

Organisation	Region	Legislative purpose	Program description	Total amount payable	Total amount paid as of 30 April 2024	Payment date	Payment amount
Australian Mohair Marketing Organisation Ltd	New South Wales	s21(1)(c) – Carrying out a project that is directed towards achieving drought resilience	Australian Mohair producer’s drought resilience implementation plan. <i>A broad group of Australian Mohair producers will be trained on drought resilience strategies that include regenerative soil management practices.</i>	\$246,000.00	\$246,000.00	26/06/2023	\$118,359.43
						30/04/2024	\$127,640.57
Charles Sturt University	New South Wales	s21(1)(c) – Carrying out a project that is directed towards achieving drought resilience	On-farm Water Management-Drought Preparedness & Resilience, Production and Environment. <i>This project focusses on development of On-Farm Water Management Plans, utilising a collaborative partnership with Local Land Services, farmers and industry organisations across the Murray, Riverina and Southeast LLS regions.</i>	\$1,509,599.00	\$1,509,599.00	26/06/2023	\$726,322.25
						30/04/2024	\$783,276.75

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Farmers2Founders Pty Ltd	New South Wales	s21(1)(c) – Carrying out a project that is directed towards achieving drought resilience	Farmers2Founders TEKFarm - Accelerating and scaling adoption of drought resilience technologies. <i>Drought resilience will be improved in this project through enhanced management of soil health, land condition and water in the wine, horticulture, grains, cotton, sugar and livestock farming systems.</i>	\$2,985,000.00	\$2,985,000.00	26/06/2023	\$1,436,190.62
						30/04/2024	\$1,548,809.38
The Mulloon Institute Limited	New South Wales	s21(1)(c) – Carrying out a project that is directed towards achieving drought resilience	Up-skilling farming communities with landscape rehydration infrastructure and farm system solutions for drought resilience. <i>Working across 5 states with both land managers and NRM professionals, this project will increase adoption of landscape rehydration practices.</i>	\$996,285.00	\$996,285.00	26/06/2023	\$479,348.47
						30/04/2024	\$516,936.53
Birchip Cropping Group Incorporated	Victoria	s21(1)(c) – Carrying out a project that is directed towards achieving drought resilience	Climate Ready - A dynamic platform for communicating proven strategies and technologies for drought ready cropping enterprises. <i>The project aims to transfer knowledge of proven practices to be prepared for droughts, including through timely decision making.</i>	\$299,000.00	\$299,000.00	26/06/2023	\$143,859.63
						30/04/2024	\$155,140.37
Irrigated Cropping Council Incorporated	Victoria	s21(1)(c) – Carrying out a project that is directed towards achieving drought resilience	Flexible irrigated farming systems responsive to drought and seasonal climate volatility. <i>This project will increase adoption of proven practices in managing production of faba beans, wheat, barley and canola.</i>	\$405,500.00	\$405,500.00	26/06/2023	\$195,100.60
						30/04/2024	\$210,399.40

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Mallee Sustainable Farming Incorporated	Victoria	s21(1)(c) – Carrying out a project that is directed towards achieving drought resilience	Building farming systems resilience and future proofing the impacts of drought through accelerating the adoption of proven cost effective and yield responsive soil and fertiliser management practices by farmers across southern Australia. <i>The project will promote adoption of proven soil management practices that may significantly build the resilience of farming systems to drought.</i>	\$840,000.00	\$840,000.00	26/06/2023	\$404,154.14
						30/04/2024	\$435,845.86
Molongghip & District Enterprises Pty Ltd	Victoria	s21(1)(c) – Carrying out a project that is directed towards achieving drought resilience	Enabling farmers’ drought resilience through the adoption of bio-fertilisers with proven effectiveness in increasing soil water holding capacity, improving fertiliser efficiency, and enhancing yields. <i>This project will demonstrate the effectiveness of biological fertilisers in improving soil function and building drought resilience of agricultural landscapes in central and western Victoria.</i>	\$712,707.00	\$712,707.00	26/06/2023	\$342,908.91
						30/04/2024	\$369,798.09

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The Wheen Bee Foundation Limited	Victoria	s21(1)(c) – Carrying out a project that is directed towards achieving drought resilience	Expanding the Adoption of Bee Friendly Farming Best Management Practices to strengthen the drought resilience of Australia's pollinator-dependent crops. <i>The project will use the proven, science-based Bee Friendly Farming (BFF) Certification program to help farmers in pollinator-dependent industries, such as nuts, avocado, berries, and stone fruits, to protect, preserve and promote pollinator health on their farms.</i>	\$460,000.00	\$460,000.00	26/06/2023	\$221,322.51
						30/04/2024	\$238,677.49
Millmerran Landcare Group Incorporated	Queensland	s21(1)(c) – Carrying out a project that is directed towards achieving drought resilience	We want to demonstrate how to be last in to & first out of drought. Assisting with implementation of improved land management changes using proven techniques & practices to increase production, resilience & diversity that can be mirrored elsewhere. <i>The project will engage 15 landholders to demonstrate proven drought management strategies that will improve drought resilience.</i>	\$201,750.00	\$201,750.00	26/06/2023	\$97,069.17
						30/04/2024	\$104,680.83
AG Excellence Alliance Incorporated	South Australia	s21(1)(c) – Carrying out a project that is directed towards achieving drought resilience	De-risking the seeding program. Adoption of key management practices for the success of dry and early sown crops. <i>Partnering with fifteen prominent Grower Groups and four Drought Hubs, the project will aim to deliver a program that accelerates the adoption of strategic dry and early sown crop management approaches.</i>	\$1,737,000.00	\$1,737,000.00	26/06/2023	\$835,733.03
						30/04/2024	\$901,266.97

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Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Planning Association Incorporated	South Australia	s21(1)(c) – Carrying out a project that is directed towards achieving drought resilience	<p>Pasture Diversity for Drought Defence.</p> <p><i>The project focusses on the role of diverse pastures in managing soils for drought and broader climate resilience on grazing lands in low and medium rainfall areas of South Australia.</i></p>	\$198,800.00	\$198,800.00	26/06/2023	\$95,649.81
						30/04/2024	\$103,150.19
Pork Innovation WA Inc	Western Australia	s21(1)(c) – Carrying out a project that is directed towards achieving drought resilience	<p>Managing water in a changing climate – An extension toolkit to facilitate adoption of best practice water management for pork and poultry producers in Western Australia.</p> <p><i>The project focusses on increasing adoption of best practice water management in the Western Australia pig and poultry production systems to improve resilience to drought.</i></p>	\$167,500.00	\$167,500.00	26/06/2023	\$80,590.26
						30/04/2024	\$86,909.74
Stirlings to Coast Farmers Inc	Western Australia	s21(1)(c) – Carrying out a project that is directed towards achieving drought resilience	<p>Adoption & extension of digital weather and soil moisture monitoring technologies to drive climate-resilient farming practices in the South-West Agricultural region of Western Australia.</p> <p><i>The project will promote adoption of digital weather and soil moisture monitoring technologies to drive climate-resilient farming practices in the South-West agricultural region of Western Australia.</i></p>	\$211,295.00	\$211,295.00	26/06/2023	\$101,661.62
						30/04/2024	\$109,633.38

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Western Beef Association Inc	Western Australia	s21(1)(c) – Carrying out a project that is directed towards achieving drought resilience	Better Making and Use of Hay and Silage - Mitigating drought and season variability effects for WA livestock industry. <i>The TopFodder (TF) program will be used to up-skill dairy, beef and sheep producers in WA on successfully making, storing and feeding silage.</i>	\$432,508.00	\$432,508.00	26/06/2023	\$208,095.12
						30/04/2024	\$224,412.88
Northern Territory Farmers Association Incorporated	Northern Territory	s21(1)(c) – Carrying out a project that is directed towards achieving drought resilience	Extension and Adoption of Drought Resilient Tropical Farming Systems through Best Management Practice (BMP). <i>The project will improve drought resilience of cattle production systems in the Northern Territory through diversification. Sustainable cotton production for fodder and fibre on cattle farms will be introduced for that purpose.</i>	\$510,575.00	\$510,575.00	26/06/2023	\$245,655.96
						30/04/2024	\$264,919.04
Soils for Life Pty Ltd	Australian Capital Territory	s21(1)(c) – Carrying out a project that is directed towards achieving drought resilience	Cropping Resilience 2025 - Delivering lasting large-scale practice change by building capacity and infrastructure for adoption of soil health drought resilience practices amongst Australian croppers. <i>The project supports building capacity and infrastructure for large-scale practice change and adoption of drought resilience practices to improve soil health in cropping systems.</i>	\$556,168.00	\$556,168.00	26/06/2023	\$267,592.38
						30/04/2024	\$288,575.62

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Up 2 Us Landcare Alliance Inc.	Victoria	s21(1)(c) – Carrying out a project that is directed towards achieving drought resilience	Preparing the next generation of extension and Landcare staff in drought preparedness and recovery. <i>This project will empower future extension officers in drought resilience management.</i>	\$549,504.00	\$549,504.00	26/06/2023	\$264,386.09
						30/04/2024	\$285,117.91
Totals for Extension & Adoption of Drought Resilience Farming Practices Grants program				\$13,019,191.00	\$13,019,191.00		\$13,019,191.00

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Australia and their continuing connection to land and sea, waters, environment and community. We pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the lands we live and work on, their culture, and their Elders past and present.

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