



Coles Sustainable  
Dairy Development Group

## Farm Safety Fund: Round 2 – Information Pack

### 1. Project Background

This Coles Sustainable Dairy Development Group (CSDDG) initiative aims to provide farm businesses with funding to allow expenditure into an area of safety that is required for your farm. The Safety Fund aligns with the “Working Conditions & Human Resources” pillar within the [Global Dairy Sustainability Framework](#).

### 2. Benefits

An amount of \$5,000 is available for each farm with a current Milk Purchase Agreement (MPA) with Coles in either FY23 or FY24. Farmers can decide which areas of safety they would like to invest in. The total spend does not need to be on one safety initiative; up to four initiatives to the total value of \$5,000 can be utilised.

### 3. Requirements

To participate, the following steps need to be undertaken:

1. Each farm with a current MPA with Coles will be eligible for \$5,000.
2. Fill in the online application form. In the application you will be required to outline; what activity you'd like to spend the safety funding on, the timing of your expenditure and how the expenditure will make your farm safer. **The online form can be accessed here:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/safetyfundround2>
3. Once submitted, the application will be assessed by Milk Department and you will be notified of the outcome.
4. Funding will be provided within the time frame of 4 separate funding rounds. Payment will be made in addition to the monthly milk payment into your farm nominated bank account. Funding Rounds are outlined below in which payments will be provided in:
  - May - June 2023
  - October – November 2023
  - February – March 2024
  - June – July 2024
5. Farmers then proceed with undertaking the chosen activity/expenditure. The funds can cover retrospective investment – if this is the case, please outline in your application.
6. Farmers are required to provide receipts/invoices as evidence of the expenditure to Milk Department via [accounts@milkdepartment.com.au](mailto:accounts@milkdepartment.com.au) before **1 June 2024**.
7. Recipients of the Farm Safety Fund are required to complete a short survey to provide feedback on how the fund has helped improve safety on your farm.

## 4. Examples

An area identified by farm audits is that documentation on-farm is a key area requiring focus and expenditure. Farm businesses can utilise the safety fund to engage a consultant to support them in pulling together documentation across a range of key areas for the farm business.

### Other examples of how farmers have previously utilised the funds include:

- Vehicles: Rollover protection for quad bikes, upgrade to side by side, warning lights
- Dairy: Rubber matting, dust covers, safety ladders, auger covers, platforms and railing, PTO guards
- Herd: Cattle crush, rubber mats
- Chemicals: Emergency shower, eye wash station, chemical storage
- Training: Chemical Users course, Ag Safe Training Course
- Electrical: Power boards, RCDs, testing, tagging, locks and fuses
- People: First aid kits, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), helmets, fire extinguishers.

## 5. Timelines

Activity	Timeline
1. Applications open for Farm Safety Fund	April 2023
2. Applications assessed	April 2023 – June 2024
3. Funds distributed across 4 funding rounds	May - June 2023 October – November 2023 February – March 2024 June – July 2024
4. Applications close	15 June 2024
5. Receipts/invoices as evidence of funds spent submitted to Milk Department	30 June 2024
6. Feedback survey	August 2023 – August 2024

## 6. Key Contacts

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