

Greenhouse Carbon Tax Relief Grant Program

2017 Eligibility Requirements

The Greenhouse Carbon Tax Relief Grant Program (GCTRGP) is provided by the Province of British Columbia to Eligible Greenhouse Operators.

DEFINITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

The following definitions and requirements apply to the Greenhouse Carbon Tax Relief Grant Program and must be read before completing the application:

1. “Eligible Greenhouse Operator” means operators who meet the following criteria at the time of application:
 - is a corporation, partnership or individual(s) operating a commercial greenhouse in British Columbia;
 - is using **natural gas** or **propane** in the operation of their Eligible Production Area for heating or the production of CO₂ for crop fertilization, or both;
 - had sales in 2016 exceeding \$20,000 (for start-ups or new purchases, an operator anticipates sales exceeding \$20,000 in 2017) from the production of Eligible Crops;
 - has a minimum of 455 square metres (5,000 square feet) of Eligible Production Area;
 - is using at least 75% of their total Eligible Production Area for the production of Eligible Crops; and
 - has completed and submitted the online survey by March 20, 2017.
2. “Eligible Crops” means vegetables, flowers, ornamental plants, forest seedlings, and nursery plants grown in a commercial greenhouse in British Columbia.
3. “Eligible Production Area” means heated commercial greenhouse space in British Columbia that is used for crop production.
 - “Proof of **Natural Gas** or **Propane** Use” means copies of invoices or a summary issued by a fuel supplier – with an identifying logo or other documentation - must be submitted to confirm consumption of **natural gas** or **propane** by Eligible Greenhouse Operators. AGRI will not accept the spreadsheet downloaded from Fortis.
4. “Eligible Fuel Use” means **natural gas** or **propane** used to heat Eligible Production Areas and/or to produce CO₂ for crop fertilization, or both.
5. “Non-Eligible Fuel Use” means **natural gas** or **propane** used for purposes other than heating eligible production areas and producing CO₂. Other purposes include but are not limited to heating private residence or office, the amount of fuel consumed in a cogeneration/combined heat and power engine (CHP) to produce electricity, and fuel used for operating forklifts and vehicles.
6. “Proof of Annual Electricity Production” means that readings of active electrical power generation for January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016 from the diagnostic and monitoring

equipment associated with a cogeneration unit/combined heat and power engine must be submitted.

7. “New” means a greenhouse business that **began** commercial production of Eligible Crops partway through 2016 or 2017.