

## Greenhouse Carbon Tax Relief Grant Program 2023 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 CO<sub>2</sub> for crop fertilization, or both;
  - had sales in 2022 exceeding \$20,000 (for start-ups or new purchases, an operator anticipates sales exceeding \$20,000 in 2023) 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
- 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. The Ministry 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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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 CO<sub>2</sub>. 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, 2023 to March 31, 2023 from the diagnostic and monitoring



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