

# Greenhouse Carbon Tax Relief Grant Program

## Q & A 2017

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The Greenhouse Carbon Tax Relief Grant Program is provided by the Province of British Columbia to Eligible Greenhouse Operators. The grant is based on the fuel burnt in 2016. The fuel burnt is supported by submission of a one page summary (provided by your fuel supplier) or the monthly invoices.

### **Q. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?**

BC greenhouse operations which are commercial, had sales exceeding \$ 20,000 in 2016, are using natural gas or propane to heat the greenhouse or produce CO<sub>2</sub>, has production area greater than 455 m<sup>2</sup> and are producing eligible crops are eligible to apply.

### **Q. I PURCHASED MY GREENHOUSE THIS YEAR AND DO NOT HAVE ANY FUEL INVOICES?**

If you are unable to obtain a copy of the 2016 fuel usage, an estimate of the 2017 fuel can be submitted. AGRI staff will review the estimated amount and may adjust it.

### **Q. WHAT IS AN ELIGIBLE CROP?**

Vegetables, flowers, ornamental plants, forest seedlings and nursery plants are eligible crops.

### **Q. CAN I APPLY IF I BURN COAL OR BIOMASS IN MY GREENHOUSE?**

No, the relief grant is only for natural gas and propane.

### **Q. THERE IS ONLY ONE METER FOR MY HOUSE AND GREENHOUSE, CAN I APPLY?**

Yes, calculate the amount of fuel used for eligible purposes and request the grant for that amount. You cannot request the grant for fuel that is used for ineligible purposes such as heating your private residence, and/or office; or for operating vehicles such as delivery or forklift trucks.

### **Q. IS COGENERATION AN ELIGIBLE USE?**

Cogeneration units or combined heat and power (CHP) engines produce heat, CO<sub>2</sub> and electricity. The fuel burnt to produce heat and CO<sub>2</sub> – which are eligible purposes – is eligible for the grant. The fuel burnt to produce electricity is not eligible for the carbon tax relief grant.