Ministry of Agriculture and Food
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Greenhouse Carbon Tax Relief Grant Program 2023 Q & A

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 from January to March 2023. The fuel burnt is supported by submission of a one or two 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 2022, are using natural gas or propane to heat the greenhouse or produce CO_2, has production area greater than 455 m^2, and are producing eligible crops **in the 2023 production year** are eligible to apply.

Q. WHAT ABOUT CARBON TAX RELIEF FOR APRIL TO DECEMBER 2023?

On April 1, 2023 the Greenhouse Carbon Tax Relief Grant Program is replaced with the Partial exemption from carbon tax for greenhouse growers.

Q. WHAT IS AN ELIGIBLE CROP?

Vegetables, ornamental flowers and plants, forest seedlings and nursery landscape plants are eligible crops. Cannabis is not an eligible crop at <u>any</u> phase of production including propagation.

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 and/or processing/packaging area; for operating vehicles such as delivery or forklift trucks, or for electricity production.

Q. IS COGENERATION AN ELIGIBLE USE?

Cogeneration units or combined heat and power (CHP) engines produce heat, C02 and electricity. The fuel burnt to produce heat and C02 – which are eligible purposes – is eligible for the grant.   The fuel burnt to produce electricity is not eligible for the carbon tax relief grant.