

SEARCH CRITERIA

Model	Model C: technology development
Industry	Sugar
Focus/Level	Industry
Delivery Mode of Learning	Workshops, Field days, Group coordination and meetings, acquiring equipment to test potentially better farm equipment, Hiring people to enhance skills
Outcomes	Building human capacity for change an innovation
Special Interest Groups	

1. PROJECT TITLE:

SRDC Grower/Harvester Group Innovation Projects

2. FUNDERS:

Industry in partnership with SRDC

3. PROVIDERS:

Groups of growers
 Groups of harvesters
 RD&E personnel
 Consultants
 Others

4. KEY CONTACTS:

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5. INDUSTRY/ISSUE/GEOGRAPHY:

Industry: sugar
 Issue: Building human capacity for change and innovation
 Geography: Queensland, northern NSW and Ord

6. PROJECT CONTEXT:

To date funding has been provided for specific projects with technical objectives. This project is similar to the producer initiated Research and Development approach (PIRD). This funding allows groups to address their own innovation and technical needs.

7. PROJECT NICHE (SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES):

Grower Group Innovation Projects are for grower groups to develop and build their capability to conduct their own research and development into more profitable and environmentally sustainable sugarcane farming systems.

Funds are available for grower groups to enhance their capability to undertake their own research and development project, which may include contracting external people, to enhance the:

- skills of people within the group,
- business profitability of group members, and
- environmental performance.

SRDC funding can be used for a range of activities, including acquiring equipment for sharing within the group to test potentially better farming systems, group coordination and meetings, hosting workshops/ field days and hiring people to enhance group skills

8. PHILOSOPHY/APPROACH:

Industry-led innovation projects aim to encourage industry to drive RD&E.

9. RESOURCES, MANAGEMENT AND STAFFING STRUCTURES:

\$250,000 per annum available in 2005/06 and \$500,000 available in subsequent years for Grower Group Innovation Projects from SRDC.

\$350,000 in 2005/06 available for Harvester Group Innovation Projects from SRDC

Depending on the scope of the individual project, SRDC will fund up to \$40,000 per annum. GGIPs will be considered for 1 or 2 years dependent upon the nominated outcomes to be achieved.

10. PROCESS/METHODS USED:

No projects commenced yet. Projects due to commence 1 July 2005.

11. IMPACTS TO DATE (AND EVALUATION APPROACHES USED):

No projects commenced yet. Projects due to commence 1 July 2005.

12. EFFECTIVENESS:

No projects commenced yet. Projects due to commence 1 July 2005.

13. PROJECT DOCUMENTATION AVAILABLE:

See www.srdc.gov.au for information

14. ISSUES:

This is a new initiative in the sugar industry and some education assistance may be needed for participating producers to make best use of the opportunity.

15. COMMENTS/CONCLUSIONS:

Industry-led research occurs in a range of agricultural industries, and SRDC seeks to encourage this mode of research in the Australian sugar industry.

16. REVIEW METHODS:

Review planned.