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NLIS Database Uplift Transition Support Grant

Applications – Frequently Asked Questions

Week commencing 10th of February 2025

Q: My business has multiple software products integrating with NLIS targeting different parts of industry. Do I complete an application form for each product?

A: No. You should only complete one form for the sector you predominantly serve by ticking the most relevant box. The following question will ask you to note any additional sectors you work in.

The funding allocations will be based on the sector you predominately serve, rather than the number of products you may provide to the industry.

Q: Is there a timeframe for when the current/old API will be disabled/no longer supported?

A: Currently, there is no sunset date for NLIS 1.0 and existing NLIS APIs. Once a timeframe/date has been confirmed, the NLIS Uplift project team will communicate this to all relevant stakeholders/users of NLIS.

The funding agreement between ISC and successful Integrator applicants will conclude by February 2026. To be able to receive full funding, Integrators must demonstrate the change of API from NLIS 1.0 to NLIS 2.0 and sign an NLIS API System Access agreement to access the production environment.

Q: Can you please clarify the process for State Departments of Agriculture to access support for transition?

A: ISC is working directly with the States and Territories NLIS Uplift Reference Group to distribute transition support funding between the States and Territories. States and Territories are not required to complete an application form or apply through the process designed for third-party Integrators.

Q: Can you please confirm that SDAs do not apply through this grants program, and there will be separate process to obtain support?

A: Yes, there is a separate process underway for the States and Territories via the NLIS Uplift States and Territories Reference Group. ISC is currently consulting with this group to distribute the funds.

Q: Where can I check if we have an existing API connection?

A: If you're unsure whether you have an existing API Connection, please feel free to get in contact with ISC Integration Analyst, Peter Quigley via email pquigley@integritysystems.com.au, ensuring to provide as much relevant detail about your organisation as possible (name, user account ID etc). ISC can then check if you have an existing API connection. We will strive to work with you and provide confirmation of whether you have an existing API connection prior to applications closing.

Week commencing 17th of February 2025

Q: In the application we are asked to provide evidence of NLIS integration in the past 12 months – from what dates should we be providing evidence?

A: Provide evidence of NLIS integration between January 2024 and December 2024 (e.g. upload IDs, logs).

ISC may verify that the NLIS upload ID and logs are recent.

Q: A partner of our (integrator) company is a beneficiary of a Commonwealth grant. Are we eligible for grant funds under this scenario?

A: Only companies that are the direct beneficiaries of Commonwealth grants that support similar activities/upgrades (for traceability purposes) are ineligible to apply.

Q: Are we eligible for grants across multiple streams?

A: Funding is allocated based on the predominant sector an integrator operates in. Integrators will only be eligible for one stream of funding. Please note which other sectors your business services to demonstrate the scale of your business impact to industry.

Q: We have a simple solution that only uploads NLIS data, but we also have more widely used and complex producer solutions. Which category should I apply under?

A: Please apply for the predominant sector that your business services. Funding allocation will be based on the main sector that you service for the red meat industry. It is not based on the technical changes required.

Q: Are integrators required to cost out the technical changes to the new NLIS Uplift API?

A: No, we do not expect Integrators to scope or cost the changes given the phased approach to the roll out.

Week commencing 24th of February 2025

Q: Do we qualify for funding if we do not have a current NLIS integration, but intend to build one for the uplifted NLIS database?

A: No, this funding program/grant is only available to NLIS Integrators with an existing API connection. Integrators must also be using the NLIS API for biosecurity or traceability purposes and have accessed the NLIS in the past 12 months.

Q: Are we eligible for grant funding if we have a dormant NLIS integration which has not been used in the past 2 years?

A: No, to be eligible for the funding you must have accessed the NLIS in the past 12 months. The application form requests evidence (upload IDs, and logs) from between January and December 2024. ISC may conduct checks to ensure usage is recent and that the applicant is eligible.