

Frequently Asked Questions

July 2016

2016 Community Capability Grants

1. What are the Community Capability grants?

The purpose of the Community Capability Grants is to support volunteers to improve their capability to undertake on-ground work and to improve the governance and management performance of their community-based organisations.

The grants will achieve this by assisting community-based, not-for-profit NRM organisations with the means to access services or resources that help to:

- improve NRM decision making and action by improving access to technical NRM information and the interpretation of that information
- address participation and succession issues by promoting better engagement in NRM activities and improve coordination/facilitation of NRM action
- better meet contemporary compliance and accountability requirements through improved organisational governance, management and administration
- increase sharing of, and access to, information and knowledge, particularly that gained from previous on-ground action efforts to improve decision-making and foster innovation
- encourage effective partnering with and increase the involvement of Aboriginal people in developing programs to maintain and enhance natural resource and cultural values, while also providing pathways to employment and other social benefits



- improve engagement with the wider community to promote the experiences, values and achievements of those involved in community-based NRM.

2. What are the Grant options?

The Community Capability Grants are available for small projects between \$1,000 and \$10,000 with a timeframe of up to 12 months.

Up to \$100,000 is available in the 2016-17 Community Capability grant round.



3. Grant time frames

All projects must be finalised by December 2018. Funding has not been approved by the State Government beyond this date.

4. What can you apply for?

The grants can be used to fund services and activities that will lead to an increase in the organisation's capacity including:

- coordination and facilitation
- governance, management and administration
- access to and interpretation of technical information
- information sharing events such as seminars, workshops, field trips
- development or improvement of information products such as booklets, brochures, websites, GIS systems, peer to peer learning systems
- development and/or delivery of skills development and training programs.

5. What can't you apply for?

The grants cannot be used to:

- fund activities or services that do not contribute directly to NRM outcomes through community action
- pay for services or resources that pre-existed on 1 July 2015
- replace cash and/or in-kind funding that was committed or in place on 1 July 2015 for services and/or resources that existed at that time
- fund services and/or resources that maintain existing levels of community or applicant organization capability ie a clear increase in capability needs to be demonstrated.

- fund on ground works.

6. How will my application be assessed?

A number of assessment criteria will be examined by the Independent Assessment Panel including:

- the nature of local environmental issues and their importance to the local community
- the value and importance placed by the local community on the organisation's work
- the need and urgency for developing the organisation's capability
- where the proposed services will be delivered
- the geographical area benefitting from the proposed services
- the level, quality and cohesiveness of proposed services
- the capacity and ability of the group to manage the implementation of the proposed services
- value for money and the value of co-contributions (cash and in-kind).

7. When will successful applicants be advised?

Successful applicants for Small Community Capability grants will be notified monthly as decisions are made. All successful grant recipients will be listed on the State NRM Program website.

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