



2018 COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP GRANTS

Frequently asked questions - June 2018

What are community stewardship grants?

Community stewardship grants are available for community-based projects that help conserve, restore, rehabilitate or enhance a local natural area, conserve Western Australia's biodiversity and maintain or build the capability of NRM community groups across the state.

Who can apply?

You can apply for a grant if you are an incorporated community group. Alternatively, you can be sponsored by an incorporated body. Your group or sponsor must also have an Australian Business Number (ABN).

Current grant recipients are reminded that to be eligible, they **must** be up-to-date with all reporting and/or acquittal requirements by the closing date this grant round. Organisations with outstanding State NRM project progress reports or final reports will not be considered for funding.

How much can I apply for?

There are two grant types available through annual rounds:

- small grants of lesser value, comprising shorter, less complex projects (\$1 000 - \$25 000)
- large grants of higher value, comprising multi-year, multi-activity, more strategic and complex projects (\$25 001 - \$450 000)

How many applications can I submit?

You can submit as many applications as you wish. However, the Assessment Panel will only recommend funding for two large community stewardship grant applications and two small community stewardship grants per organisation. There is no limit to the number of groups that a sponsor can elect to take responsibility for.

What is the application deadline?

Applications will not be accepted after 12.00 noon Monday 6 August 2018.

What should I do before I start my grant application?

Before starting your grant application you **must** carefully read the [Guidelines for Applicants 2018](#). The guidelines have important information and detailed FAQ's that will assist you to complete each part of your grant application.

How do I apply for a grant?

Applications are submitted online via [SmartyGrants](#). The application form and all attachments must be completed and submitted online.

What is GRIDGrants and how does it work?

GRIDGrants is a simple interactive mapping tool that will enable you to locate your site(s) on a map and draw in your proposed activities as part of your SmartyGrants application.

A link in section 4.1 of the main SmartyGrants application form will take you directly to your project's GRIDGrants form. Easy, step-by-step instructions are provided throughout GRIDGrants, ['how to' instructions](#) and additional support can be requested if required.

How are grant applications assessed?

An assessment panel will assess all projects, seeking technical advice as required, and recommend projects to be funded.

The list of recommended projects will then be provided to the WA NRM Ministerial Council for approval and then to Cabinet for noting.

When will I find out if my application is successful?

All applicants will be notified by email of the outcome of their grant application. Successful applicants will be emailed information about the next steps in the application process.

The Minister for Agriculture and Food and Regional Development the Honourable Alannah MacTiernan MLC, as lead Minister for NRM, will announce all grant recipients.

This announcement is anticipated in late November 2018.

Help! I have a different question /something does not work. What do I do now?

- Carefully re-read the [Guidelines for Applicants 2018](#).
- SmartyGrant instructions and FAQ can be found by visiting the SmartGrants [website](#)
- GRIDGrants – view the [instructional video](#)

If you need further assistance please email the [State NRM Office](#) at SNRMO@dpird.wa.gov.au

Please note that due to the large number of applications the State NRM office is unable to assist with general computer enquires such as how to format Microsoft Word or Excel documents.

Links

Guidelines for Applicants 2018: http://www.nrm.wa.gov.au/media/281109/community_stewardship_grants_-_guidelines_2018_final_.pdf

GRIDGrants instructional video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VUB9NRBdYuU>

SmartyGrants FAQ's: <https://applicanthelp.smartygrants.com.au/help-guide-for-applicants/>

Community stewardship grants – Large: <https://nrm.smartygrants.com.au/2018CSGL>

Community stewardship grants – Small: <https://nrm.smartygrants.com.au/2018CSGS>