



Where the funding comes from:

Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management is hosting the Australian Government funded Regional Landcare Facilitator, who will contribute to developing a skilled and capable Landcare community.

There is a limited pool of funding for this round of grants so if you have any questions arising from this document please give us a call.

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Purpose of Support

The support from the Wheatbelt NRM Regional Landcare Facilitator aims to increase the confidence, engagement and capacity of community, landcare and grower groups to conduct NRM programs within the Avon Wheatbelt community.

This program will specifically support the groups to increase the knowledge and skills of the Wheatbelt community in order to participate in and directly contribute to the management of our natural resources and delivery of ecosystem services.

Support Available

The support will be available in three different ways from the Wheatbelt NRM's Regional Landcare Facilitator to enhance the ability for groups to undertake on-ground activities:

(1) Community Event support

- RLF will aid in the development of events with the successful NRM groups and is able to provide additional advertising of the events through the Wheatbelt NRM's network.
- Funding of up to a maximum of \$500 is available to support the costs associated with the event.
- This may include (for example):
- The cost of facilitating presenters or speakers to attend the event
- Up to \$15 / head for catering at the event
- Advertising of up to \$100 in advertising / promotion of event

(2) Attendance at Conference:

- The Wheatbelt NRM Regional Landcare Facilitator will support up to \$500 to pay the conference registration fee for one member from the group to attend a conference in Western Australia.

(3) Equipment Grant

- \$500 grant to enable community Groups to purchase equipment to assist the group to undertake on-ground NRM activities, ie banners, GPS, iPads, digital microscopes soil testing equipment etc.

The Wheatbelt NRM Regional Landcare Facilitator can assist you with further information and the application process.

General Criteria

The group's planned event and individual's conference attendance or equipment purchase should occur in the future and should be completed by the 30 October 2017. Past activities will not be funded;

- The story may be used by Wheatbelt NRM for demonstration or promotional purposes;
- Only one application may be submitted per group;
- If you have any questions about your groups eligibility or other concerns about the application process please contact us to discuss it. It is better to talk to us than submit an application that may not be eligible;
- A surveys of participates will need to be completed and forwarded to Wheatbelt NRM (provided by Wheatbelt NRM);
- A brief report of the benefit of the activity undertaken will be required on completion and also the number of community members attending the event. Photos/videos of the event would also be appreciated as promotional material (a generic form will be provided).
- Eligibility
- Applications are invited from Community, Landcare, Grower and NRM Groups, Not for Profit Organisations, Community Organisations and Local Government.
- You must demonstrate how the proposed event will increase the skills and knowledge of the community to manage our natural resources.
- You must demonstrate that you are a Community Group in the region supporting community participation in NRM and have a valid ABN.

Lodging an application

Assessment process
Your application will be assessed by a panel against the following criteria;

Events:

- To what extent the event will contribute to developing a skilled and capable NRM community and the level in which the broader community is involved.

- Demonstrated value for money.
- Conference Attendance:
- To what extent attending the conference will contribute to developing a skilled and capable Group, ie how will the member attending the conference communicate the event proceedings to the Group?

Equipment:

- Demonstrate the usefulness to and need of the Group for the equipment sought.
- Demonstrate value for money.
- This is a competitive funding program and it is possible that not all applications or not all of an individual application will be funded.

How to Apply

To apply for this funding opportunity, complete the application form attached. The application form can also be accessed from the Wheatbelt NRM website:

<http://www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au/funding-opportunities/funding>

or complete the online application form or download the Application Form from the Wheatbelt NRM website or contact the Wheatbelt NRM Regional Landcare Facilitator who can post out the application form to you (see contact details below).

Payment

Payment will be on return of signed Letter of Engagement and invoice received from your group. You will be required to submit a final report outlining how the funds were spent to deliver the community Event and numbers attending and describing the outcomes and benefit of the Event (a form for this will be provide upon a successful application).

Further Information

For further information on this program, please contact:

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