



Healthy Soils, Healthy Rivers Small Grants

Application Form

Guidelines for community groups and organisations applying for funding to enhance riparian zones in the target catchment of the Avon River Basin.

Closing Date:

Your application must be received before 5.00pm on Monday 18 March 2019.

Where the Support Comes From:

Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, are delivering the Healthy Soils Healthy Rivers project which seeks to address nutrient run off in the Middle and Upper Avon, Dale and Mortlock River Catchments (see Figure 1).

How much support is Available?

Small grants of up to a maximum of \$5,000 are available to a total funding amount of \$25,000.

Location of supported projects?

Riparian areas of the Middle and Upper Avon, Dale and Mortlock River Catchments as marked on Figure 1 below.



Figure 1 - The blue zone is the area eligible for funding

What Activities can be funded?

We are seeking projects that will assist in the recovery of the waterway through improving water quality and nutrient retention. Eligible activities include:

- Seedling costs
- Revegetation site preparation
- Weed control
- Riparian fencing
- Events that support, encourage or enhance community participation in riparian restoration
- Other activities to improve riparian health (talk to Wheatbelt NRM).

Who can Apply?

- Applications are invited from not for profit community groups operating within the Upper and Middle Avon, Dale and Mortlock River catchments, within the Wheatbelt NRM region.
- You do not have to be incorporated, sponsored by an incorporated organisation or registered for GST to apply.
- You must be able to demonstrate that your group is legitimate through evidence such as an Incorporation Certificate, Constitution, Minutes of Meetings, AGM, membership list, evidence of group activity etc.

Things you need to consider:

- Your project must be carried out in the future. Past activities will not be funded;
- your project may be used by Wheatbelt NRM for demonstration or promotional purposes;
- you are required to acknowledge Wheatbelt NRM and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions in any advertising of the project you undertake;
- you will be required to submit a final report outlining how the grant funding has benefited your group;
- only one application may be submitted per group or organisation; and
- where applicants are completing works on private land the landowner is expected to contribute 50% of the value of the grant either cash or in-kind.

How to Apply:

Please fill out the application form and lodge with Wheatbelt NRM by no later than 5.00pm, Monday 18 March 2019.

Send applications to:

Jacque Lucas, *Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator*

Post:

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Hand Deliver:

Wheatbelt NRM
269 Fitzgerald Street
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How applications will be assessed:

Your application will be assessed by a panel selected by Wheatbelt NRM against the following criteria;

- Project is located within target area as detailed in Figure 1
- Demonstration of community participation
- Expected contribution of project to target of improving water quality and reducing nutrient run off
- Activities deliver riparian zone improvements
- Value for money of proposed activities
- Capacity of applicant to deliver the proposed activities and outcomes

Project approvals

Wheatbelt NRM will endeavour to advise applicants of the outcome of their application by the end of April 2019. Successful applicants will be required to sign a Letter of Engagement, and provide a Tax Invoice before funds can be paid to the recipient.

Payments and Reporting

For successful applications payment will be on return of signed Letter of Engagement and receipt of a tax invoice.

You will be required to submit a final report outlining how the grant funding has benefited your group at the completion of the project.

Project Completion

All project activity should be completed by June 30 2019.

Who can you talk to?

If you have any questions about this program or just want to discuss your ideas please contact us.

For further information on this program, please contact:

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