



CARING FOR OUR COUNTRY



Community Landcare Grants 2013–14

Caring for our Country is the Australian Government's flagship natural resource management initiative, which aims to achieve an environment that is healthier, better-protected, well managed, resilient and provides essential ecosystems services in a changing climate.

What are Community Landcare Grants?

Community Landcare Grants build on the success of the earlier Community Action Grants initiative, with a renewed focus on sustainable farming and fisheries, agricultural innovation and community capacity building.

The grants make it possible for local community-based groups to take action, ensuring Australia's agricultural base is sustainable, productive and resilient.

Grants between \$5000 and \$50 000 are available to:

- » help build a skilled and capable Landcare community
- » encourage community participation and engagement in Landcare
- » share information and learnings in sustainable agricultural techniques
- » reduce the spread of pest species, and
- » encourage the adoption of improved sustainable land management practices.

Who can apply?

Community Landcare Grants are open to local community-based groups and professional farming systems groups, actively involved in natural resource management or sustainable agriculture activities. Eligible groups include, but are not limited to:

- » local Landcare groups
- » professional farming systems groups
- » 'friends-of' organisations and other community-based groups
- » Indigenous organisations, and
- » women, youth and culturally and linguistically diverse groups.

Government agencies, regional natural resource management (NRM) organisations and individuals are not eligible to apply for these grants.

Detailed eligibility criteria are available in the *Community Landcare Grant 2013–14 guidelines* (the guidelines) available on the Caring for our Country website.



Sustainable Agriculture stream

What projects are eligible?

To be eligible, a project must:

- » be seeking a grant amount between \$5000 and \$50 000 (GST exclusive)
- » occur after 1 July 2013 and be completed within an 18-month period
- » not include ineligible activities identified in the guidelines, and
- » contribute to ensuring that the agricultural base, including fisheries, is sustainable, productive and resilient.

Examples of eligible projects are available in the grant guidelines.

How do I apply?

You can apply for a Community Landcare Grant online or complete a postal application. Applications close **5pm (AEDT), 20 March 2013**.

To apply online, simply go to the Caring for our Country website and complete the application form.

To apply by post, call the Caring for our Country hotline on 1800 552 008 to request your application pack.

Note: Electronic applications are preferred.



Where do I go for more information?

For more information about Community Landcare Grants, visit the Caring for our Country website at www.nrm.gov.au or call the Caring for our Country hotline on **1800 552 008**.

