

Limestone Coast Grassroots Grants

2024/25 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible for Grassroots Grants?

An applicant must be a 'legal entity'. Eligibility includes but is not limited to:

- volunteer groups
- environmental non-government organisations
- schools
- local government
- progress associations
- peak organisations
- community groups
- outdoor and recreational groups

What is a legal entity?

- Individuals (also known as natural persons)
- Partnership (made up of two or more individuals)
- Corporations/companies under the *Corporations Act 2001* – have a unique ACN and are represented by "Pty", "Pty Ltd" or "Ltd" following the company name
- Associations – incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1985* (have "Inc." after their name)
- Trustees in a trust (e.g. **John Smith** as Trustee for the Smith Family Trust)
- Local Government – under *Local Government Act 1999*
- Most Australian Universities

What kind of projects are eligible?

- Not for profit, local projects with an environmental or sustainable agriculture benefit, in the Limestone Coast. For example:
 - Revegetation work
 - Trialling sustainable farming practices
 - Pest control
 - Monitoring and biological assessment
 - Water efficiency initiatives
 - Education activities and raising community awareness and participation in natural resource management activities.

Will the funding support me to put in a shelterbelt?

Revegetation and fencing projects on private land are eligible. However, where a project delivers benefit primarily for the landholder the project is unlikely to score highly. Where the community will benefit from the activity through education or capacity-building, utilise volunteers, partner with other organisations, show good value for money or innovation and so on, it might be more highly considered (section 6 in the Guidelines for Applicants has more detail).

What activities won't the funding support?

Examples include:

- engaging the board's Weed Control Service to do control works¹
- establishment of new production sites or facilities
- activities causing or with the potential to cause environmental damage, either directly or indirectly
- preparation of the original grant application, variations or reporting
- routine administration expenses including but not limited to accommodation, office computing facilities, legal and accounting fees and bank charges
- purchase of assets which could be used for personal benefit

For further guidance on the kinds of projects that were successful in previous rounds, check out the projects tab on our project page.

Can I purchase equipment to help me undertake on-ground work?

- Generally, funding is not provided for the purchase of assets. You are encouraged to borrow or hire equipment, however, purchase of equipment may be considered if it can be demonstrated that this is essential to the delivery of specified works.

Do I need a Water Affecting Activity (WAA) permit?

- You will need to check if your project is a Water Affecting Activity ([view policy](#)). If a permit is required, this will be identified in the Grant Agreement along with any appropriate conditions and the LC Landscape Board will apply a permit exemption as part of the grant approval.

Can I ask for 100% funding or do I have to match it somehow?

- You can ask for your project to be fully funded however, it is preferable that volunteer hours or other in-kind support is detailed in the application.

Can I apply more than once?

- Yes, as long as the projects are separate and distinct and you or your organisation has the capacity to deliver them.

I am a landholder wanting a grant for works on my property. Can I apply?

- As an individual you are eligible to apply. However, for your application to be considered for funding you will need to demonstrate community capacity building elements, community engagement and the benefit to the broader community. Alternatively you could apply for funding for a not-for-profit project in partnership with a community organisation

I run a commercial business. Can I apply?

- Yes, as long as the project is not-for-profit and meets one or more of the criteria laid out in the Guidelines for Applicants.

When would I need to have a sponsor?

¹ However, you can apply for funding for a private contractor to carry out control works, or you can ask the board to support your pest control activities as part of their annual work plan by contacting one of the Team Leaders Landscape Operations in the list of contacts on the 'Chat With Us' tab on the project page. Please also note, collaborating with the board's Landscape Operations team on a pest control activity cannot be included as 'in-kind' support in your project application.

- If you are not a legal entity e.g. a group of neighbouring landholders banding together for pest management activities, you will need someone, a person or organisation, to be responsible for receiving and managing grant funding and completing reporting.
- This could be the local council, or an individual. A sponsor's letter is required as part of your application if you are using a sponsor. There is a space in the application form for applicants to add a letter confirming sponsorship from their sponsoring organisation.
- Another common example is an unincorporated Friends of Parks group, who would use Friends of Parks Inc. as their sponsor.

Will I be able to get an extension past 15 April 2024 for a late application?

- No, the online application portal will close at 5pm on Monday 15 April 2024.

When will I find out if I've been successful?

- It is anticipated that the assessment and approvals process will take approximately six to eight weeks. All applicants will be advised whether or not their proposed project(s) were successful. Grant Agreements will then be sent to successful proponents.

When will I get paid?

- Most grants will be paid 100% upfront. In some circumstances (a very big grant, or a risky project), we might negotiate a payment split e.g. 80% upfront, 20% on completion. Multi-year projects will receive subsequent years' funding payments upon approval of milestone reports.

Will I be able to get an extension past the end date in my application if I need it?

- Maybe. In circumstances beyond your control e.g. a COVID-19 surge making it impossible to hold your public event or seasonal conditions affecting your planned activities, you can apply to extend your project by up to 12 months.

Who can I ask for help with my application?

- Support to use the online system (fix log-ins, recover passwords etc.) is available **by emailing LandscapeSA.LCLandscapeBoardGrants@sa.gov.au or by calling the Limestone Coast Landscape Board office 8429 7550 during business hours**. If your query is in relation to your grant content, please visit our [project page](#) and check out the 'Chat with us' tab.