

Landcare Action Grants Program

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS February 2020

What can the Grant funding be used for?

The Program will fund activities that are consistent with its objectives, which include, to:

- *Improve landscape and riverine health, stability and resilience;*
- *Support enhanced land management practices to reduce erosion and sedimentation;*
and
- *Assist the community to holistically manage natural and productive land and waterways across the landscape.*

What activities are eligible for Grant funding?

*The type of **activities** eligible for funding through the Program include:*

- *Removing weeds (small scale projects not otherwise funded, such as by the Weed Action Fund)*
- *Fencing to protect natural values*
- *Providing off-stream watering points*
- *Controlling pest animals*
- *Maintaining and improving ground cover (including pastures)*
- *Protecting and enhancing on-farm remnant native vegetation, including planting of new areas of native vegetation, and improving the management of existing remnants*
- *Managing fire regimes*
- *Protecting and revegetating habitat (including threatened species and communities)*

- *Habitat augmentation, such as installation of artificial fauna movement devices, artificial nesting or roosting habitat, environmental thinning or seed banking*

*The type of **purchases** eligible for funding through the Program include:*

- *Tools and equipment to be used in proposed activities of a grant being applied for through the Program*
- *Tools and equipment necessary for individuals, community and care groups to conduct landcare type activities outside the scope of the Program but which align with the Program Objectives.*

How large are the Grants?

The minimum grant amount is \$1,000

The preferred maximum grant amount is \$10,000 (consideration will be given to larger projects of outstanding merit).

Grants will be distributed over 4 rounds 2018-2019 / 2019-2020 / 2020-2021 / 2021-2022

Do I need insurance?

All landholders must have current and adequate insurance appropriate to the Project funded. The Landowner must provide a Certificate of Currency for the insurance and/or a warranty from the insurer that the policy extends to and will cover potential liability arising under the proposed project. Applicants must have current and adequate insurance for the life of the proposed project.

It is the responsibility of the landholder to ensure that all contractors have appropriate insurance.

What is included in “In Kind” contributions?

In-kind support for projects can be varied – some examples:

- *Cash \$*
- *Materials and equipment*
- *Machinery usage/ hire costs paid for*
- *Volunteer/ Landholder/ participant labour*
- *Professional/ technical expertise*
- *Linkages or value adding to other projects – ie where an applicant has a grant to do weeding – a LAG may assist with revegetation*

What happens after the application is submitted?

- *An email confirming receipt of the application will be sent to the primary email address.*
- *Applications will be reviewed by the Project Officer to check for appropriate attachments and regulatory compliance.*
- *Applications will be evaluated by an assessment panel.*
- *Successful applications may be funded in full or funded partially subject to condition(s) or modification(s) according to the assessment panel review.*
- *Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified via email within five business days after assessment.*
- *Successful applicants will be contacted by the Project Officer to implement a project funding agreement. The funding agreement is a contract between the landowner and TFGA which stipulates the proposed works, budget and a timeframe for works to be completed, any reporting milestones and signoff requirements.*
- *Successful applicants must provide a 'Certificate of Currency' stating the type of insurance cover and expiry date for the property. All landholders must have current and adequate insurance appropriate to the project funded.*
- *The government may seek repayment of funds that are found to have not been spent in accordance with the purposes specified in the funding agreement.*
- *Successful applicants are responsible for ensuring that their project complies with all requirements set out in any applicable Commonwealth, state or territory legislation and regulations, and that the project is carried out to a high standard.*

Who to contact regarding the Program?

The Tasmanian Farmers & Graziers Association is managing the Program. For more information or questions regarding the Program contact the TFGA Project Officer:

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