

Community NRM Activity Support Grants

2020 Eligibility and Assessment Guidelines



Overview

Healthy Land and Water has developed the Community NRM Activity Support Grant program to support community organisations undertaking natural resource management (NRM) projects and activities within South East Queensland.

The grants are supported through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and priority will be given to applications that assist organisations to:

1. Conserve or address threats to:

- Moreton Bay Ramsar Site
- Gondwana Rainforests World Heritage Area
- Nationally threatened species*
- Nationally threatened ecological communities*; **and/or**

2. Conserve on-farm soil, biodiversity and/or native vegetation; and/or

3. Support agriculture systems to adapt to climate.

Funding from \$1,000-\$5,000 (ex GST) is currently available to support action on the themes above through activities such as:

- Building organisational capacity, e.g., governance, technical skills, monitoring
- Improving community awareness and/or knowledge
- Undertaking on-ground actions

Applications for funding are available through submission of an HLW Community NRM Activity Support Grants Expression of Interest (EOI) form. Completed EOIs and all supporting information must be received by the due date.

Key Dates

Applications open:	07 May 2020
Applications close:	19 June 2020 (11:30pm)
Assessment:	June/July 2020
Successful applicants announced:	July 2020
Funding agreements offered and executed:	July 2020



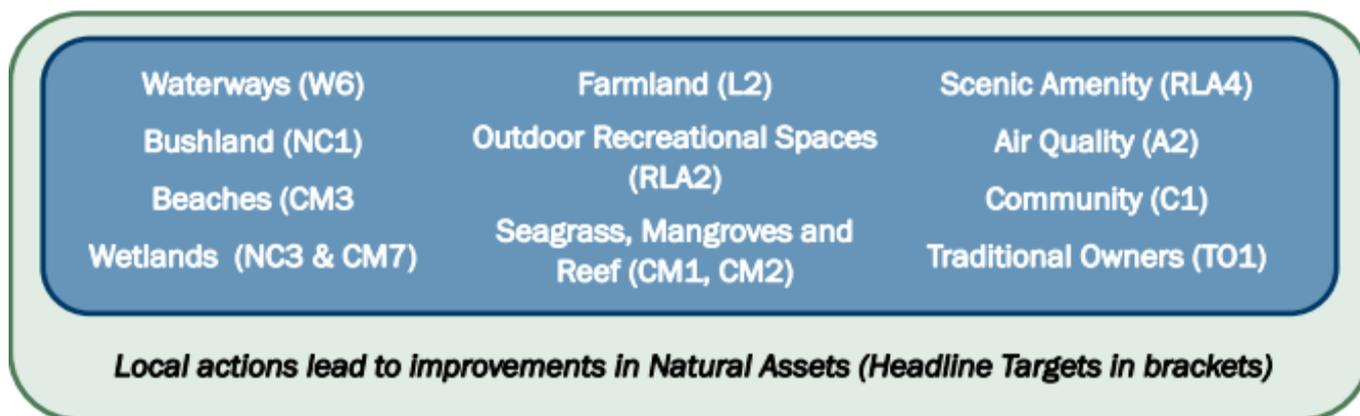
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Eligibility

The Community NRM Activity Support Grants are open to not-for-profit community groups who have a core focus relating to one or more natural assets in the SEQ NRM Plan (refer diagram below). Visit www.hlw.org.au to view or download a copy of the SEQ NRM Plan.



Natural Assets and corresponding headline targets of the SEQ NRM Plan (Source: <https://hlw.org.au/download/2016-seq-natural-resource-management-plan/>)

To be eligible, community groups must have an ABN and be registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (www.acnc.gov.au), or be sponsored by an eligible group meeting these requirements. Preference will be given to members of the South East Queensland Catchments Members Association (SEQCMA). To enquire about SEQCMA membership, please contact Simon Warner at Simon.warner@tactiv.net.

Eligible groups can submit more than one application, however, the total funding sought must not exceed \$5,000 (ex GST).

Groups may collaborate to submit a larger combined application, however, all collaborating groups must meet the eligibility criteria and the total funding sought cannot exceed the equivalent maximum from each group applying individually, e.g., three groups cannot apply for more than \$15,000 (ex GST).

Other conditions:

- Projects can be conducted on public or private land, however, in these instances, evidence of land manager permission must be supplied with the completed EOI form.
- Applications from individuals are not eligible.
- Groups funded through other HLW initiatives that have outstanding deliverables are ineligible for further funding until all requirements are met.
- Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.
- Retrospective activities are not eligible.

In identifying your project activities, it must be clear how the expenses being incurred contribute to the funding priorities. Purchases of equipment considered core components of operating a business, such as printers, phones, laptops, may not be supported.



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Assessment Criteria

When assessing each EOI, HLW will consider how the proposed activities address the funding priorities and how the natural asset/s that will benefit from the proposed project.

Additional considerations include:

- Activities must be scientifically robust and technically sound.
- Appropriate expertise is available to support the project.
- The project must be feasible, with a strong probability of success.
- Projects must be value for money.

Assessment process

1. Eligibility check. Applications that are incomplete, do not meet the eligibility criteria and/or are received after the due date will be deemed unsuccessful.
2. Assessments conducted by HLW technical staff. Applications will be scored against the criteria set out in this document.
3. Shortlist provided to HLW Executive for review and endorsement.
4. Successful and unsuccessful applicants notified by email.

HLW will endeavour to achieve geographical spread across South East Queensland. Preference may be given to groups that have not received funding from HLW in the last two years.

Supporting information such as site map, land manager permission, can be provided with an EOI submission, however HLW reserves the right to disregard extraneous information.



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