



National Landcare Programme



New England
North West
Landcare

Community Grants 2017/18 *Application Guidelines*

NORTHERN TABLELANDS



Overview

During 2017-2018, New England North West Landcare is delivering a Community Grants Program funded by the National Landcare Programme. Funding is available across the **Northern Tablelands** region* only.

Grants are offered to give organisations, groups and individuals the financial capacity to support events, training or capacity building activities that increase community resilience.

** Armidale Regional, Glen Innes Severn, Inverell, Tenterfield, Uralla & Walcha Local Government Areas*

What funding is available?

Applications for grants from \$2,000 (minimum) to \$8,000 (maximum) excluding GST are invited until 5 pm **Monday 16th October 2017**.

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include (but are not limited to) events, training or capacity building activities that increase community resilience, including:

- succession planning;
- governance;
- mentoring;
- planning sessions;
- leadership development;
- farmer to farmer / peer to peer information exchange to facilitate practice change;
- fostering regenerating community groups; and/or
- partnership projects between community organisations, local government and/or schools.

Activities will be consistent with the Resilient Adaptive Communities goal from the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services (NT LLS) Regional Investment Plan, which includes:

1. Improving the level of knowledge and understanding of ecosystem services provided by natural resources;
2. Enhancing people's ability to embrace new ideas, support initiatives, innovate and ability to transform; and/or
3. Improving leadership skills of individuals and the ability for people to take on leadership roles.

Ineligible activities include those: deemed to be of private benefit or subsidies for commercial operations; purchase, lease or acquisition of land; purchase of equipment or materials; activities considered to be an organisation or land manager's statutory responsibility; and purchase of information available free of charge or data and information development that is readily available.





Who is eligible for funding?

Eligible applicants include Landcare groups or networks, other environment groups, farmer or producer groups, indigenous communities and organisations, and individual landholders working in the Landcare or natural resource management sector. Applicants must be incorporated, or seek sponsorship from an incorporated organisation (such as your local Landcare Network). Local and State Government organisations are not eligible to apply.

Only one grant is available per organisation; however, sub-groups may apply under the same organisation, e.g. Landcare groups applying for funding via a contractual arrangement with their incorporated Landcare Network.

What is the process?

1. Complete the Application Form available at www.nenwlandcare.org.au and submit your application by 5 pm **Monday 16th October 2017**.
2. Your application will be assessed during October 2017 by an Assessment Panel that includes independent experts. Applications will be ranked against a range of criteria, including:
 - Eligibility of applicant/activities;
 - The level of private versus public benefit;
 - Alignment with NT LLS Resilient Adaptive Communities goal;
 - Value for money (e.g. minimum 50% contribution by applicant);
 - The applicant's ability to deliver; and
 - Compliance with any relevant legislation that is applicable.
3. Successful applicants will be notified by mid-November 2017 and asked to sign a contract, part of which will require them to complete a Final Report describing their successes and project outcomes. Activities can commence from **1st December 2017** are to be completed by **31st May 2018**. Final Reports must be submitted by 22nd June 2018. A sample contract is available at www.nenwlandcare.org.au.
4. Unsuccessful applicants will be contacted to discuss their options.



Additional Information / Assistance

More details can be found in the Application Form available at www.nenwlandcare.org.au, or please contact your local Landcare Network:

- GLENRAC (Glen Innes) - 02 6732 3443
- Granite Borders Landcare Committee (Tenterfield) - 02 6736 3500
- Gwymac Inc. (Inverell) - 02 6721 1241
- Southern New England Landcare (Armidale, Guyra, Uralla, Walcha) - 02 6772 9123

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