

Resilient Communities Small Grants Guidelines

The project

Central West Local Land Services is pleased to again be able to offer the opportunity for community groups across the Central West Region to apply for our Resilient Community Small Grants. The program aims to empower local communities to adapt to impacts of adverse conditions whilst continuing to thrive.

Funding is proudly made available by the natural resources management services - Healthy Landscapes program and must align with one or more of the project priorities.

The Resilient Communities Small Grants project will offer grants of between **\$1000-\$5000** and **projects must be delivered in full by 30 April 2023**. This is a great opportunity to fund projects, workshops, events, site enhancements or training.

Projects continue to be of a competitive nature. Central West Local Land Services encourage innovative, resilience projects that focus on ensuring partnerships and community participation where possible.

Project priorities

Projects should improve community resilience with a focus on:

- **Practice change** – facilitation, partnering and collaborating with customers and stakeholders to enable participation in positive natural resource management practice change
 - **On-ground enhancement, rehabilitation, or restoration of:**
 - native vegetation
 - areas of Threatened Ecological Communities
 - threatened species habitat
 - **Caring for Country** - protecting or preserving Cultural heritage values
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Project schedule

- Applications open – 13 September 2022
 - Applications close – 21 October 2022
 - Assessment close – 28 October 2022
 - Applicants notified by – 11 November 2022
 - Project check in – 10 February 2023
 - Project completion – 30 April 2023
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Eligibility

In addition to the outlined priorities, projects must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant is a member of an incorporated association
- Application received by due date and time
- Application aligns with at least one project priority
- Project within Central West Local Land Services boundaries
- The applicant does not have any outstanding debts with Local Land Services
- All previous Local Land Services projects complete
- ABN or written agreement for auspice confirmed
- Admin costs are less than 10% of total grant
- The organisation must maintain public liability insurance of \$10 million or greater for the duration of the project
- Projects must be completed by 30 April 2023

Ineligibility

The following are not eligible for consideration:

- Applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria
- Individuals
- Projects that benefit an individual or private enterprise
- Activities for personal or private benefit
- Projects do not meet project priority requirements
- Applications for projects outside Central West Local Land Services boundaries
- Applications involving in-stream works
- Activities already delivered
- Your organisation/group is subject to an Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), Local Land Services, Department of Regional NSW or other legal investigation

Who can apply

- Community groups
- Landcare groups
- Schools
- Committees/associations
- Not for profit organisations
- Industry/producer groups

How to apply?

Applications can be submitted online through the [Central West Community Engagement Hub](#).

How are applications assessed?

All project applications must meet eligibility requirements and will then be assessed on the following criteria:

- Provision of a clear project design and budget
 - Demonstrate a contribution to community resilience
 - Alignment to one or more project priority
 - Value for money
 - Value of in-kind contribution or leveraged investment
 - Partnerships
 - Ability to monitor and deliver the project by 30 April 2023
 - Ability to report on outcomes of the project
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Project Examples

Project may include, but not limited to:

- **Awareness raising events** – events that raise community awareness of cultural, environmental, or sustainable agricultural practices such as field days, public displays, static displays, development of educational resources/kits or online resources
 - **Field based events** - events aimed at building local community knowledge of on-ground activities and land management practices. This could include activities such as community tree planting events, farm, or demonstration site visits.
 - **School programs** – activities that build students/school communities knowledge of relevant cultural, environmental, and/or sustainable land management practices
 - **Training or capacity building events** – training events tailored/delivered to a community group to build relevant skills for local projects or initiatives eg. grass/weed ID and training, drone/app training, holistic management.
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For further information

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