Western Local Land Services

Pathways to Country Small Grants program

# About the grant

Western Local Land Services is inviting individuals and organisations to apply for a small grant to protect Aboriginal cultural heritage and values on their property or implement traditional land management practices.

Acknowledging that Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in western NSW have shared ambitions, the Pathways to Country Small Grants program has been established to help preserve Aboriginal cultural heritage on private property for future generations, increase the adoption and awareness of traditional land management practices and facilitate greater connections between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal land managers in the Western Local Land Services region.

# What sort of assistance is available?

Approved projects will be eligible to receive financial support of up to $10,000 per project (GST excl).

# What sort of projects or services are eligible?

Some of the activities eligible for funding include (but are not limited to):

* building capacity of Aboriginal community members to undertake and implement traditional land management practices (e.g. cultural burns to improve species diversity and manage weeds)
* improving skills and capacity to provide natural resource management services
* professional services to assess or provide primary production, technical or whole business advice to Aboriginal land managers
* education activities which improve understanding and integration of traditional land management into conventional farm management practices
* sharing traditional knowledge with the broader community
* protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage values.

# Eligibility

Funding support is open to individuals and organisations in Western NSW who:

* have the ability to deliver the project or activity within the Western Local Land Services region (visit [www.lls.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au) to view this area)
* can complete the project by 30 June 2021
* can commit to standard annual project monitoring for on-ground implementation of traditional land management and cultural asset protection projects, for a period of five years beyond the initial implementation phase. Standard event feedback will apply to any training or workshop activities undertaken
* agree to participate in a case study
* have completed any commitments to past or current incentive funding projects
* are free of debt to Local Land Services
* have, or are auspiced by, a current ABN.

# Conflict of Interest

Local Land Services staff and Board members are required to identify and declare conflicts of interest so that they can be managed in an open and transparent way. This policy extends to external parties or individuals who may be associated with Local Land Services staff or Local Land Services Board members through immediate family relationships, close friendships or business relationships. All applicants will be required to complete a brief checklist in the application form which will identify any such conflicts. Should a conflict be identified, a conflict of interest declaration form will be provided to the applicant to complete.

# What is out of scope?

* funding will not be provided to agencies to undertake core services or functions
* projects that have a high potential for adversely impacting cultural or environmental values or assets
* projects that disproportionately represent private benefit over public benefit.

# Applicants please note

Funding for this program is limited and will be offered to eligible applicants based on the order (by date) that the applications are received. Therefore, funding may be exhausted prior to the closing date for applications and some projects may not be funded.

* any incomplete applications will be returned and could result in not being eligible for funding
* applications will be rendered ineligible if the proponent has current projects that are incomplete or not on track to meet grant milestones
* non-payment of rates and other Local Land Services fees and accounts may also result in application ineligibility
* Western Local Land Services reserves the right to refuse funding for projects or project components which provide insufficient public benefit for their cost
* consideration will be given to the ability to complete the project within the timeframe
* Local Land Services staff will work with eligible applications to develop the project if required.

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# How to apply?

* Complete pages three, four, five and six of this document, which is also available at [www.lls.nsw.gov.au/regions/western/key-projects](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/regions/western/key-projects)
* submit your application via **funding.western@lls.nsw.gov.au** or post to Western Local Land Services, Pathways to Country Small Grants, PO Box 363, Buronga NSW 2739
* Please note as applications are assessed in order of receipt, mailed applications may be disadvantaged as they will be lodged by the date received by Western Local Land Services
* **Applications are open now and close on Friday 30 April 2021**

# For further information

* Senior Land Services Officer – Aboriginal Communities, Blackie Gordon on 0428 607 536 or [blackie.gordon@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:blackie.gordon@lls.nsw.gov.au)
* Land Services Officer – Aboriginal Communities, Guy Gibbs on 0428 673 829 or email [guy.gibbs@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:guy.gibbs@lls.nsw.gov.au)
* Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator, Charles Benson on 0427 932 526 or email charles.benson@lls.nsw.gov.au

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# Pathways to Country Small Grant application form

Prior to completing this application form, ensure you have thoroughly read page two of this document which can also be found on our website [www.lls.nsw.gov.au/regions/western/key-projects](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/regions/western/key-projects) to ensure your project meets project standards and eligibility requirements.

**Applicant details (details of person/s responsible for the project)**

Given name……………………………. Surname………………………………………………………………

Full name of legal land owner (if different from above)……………………………………………………….

Legal trading name (if applicable)………………………………………………………………………………

Postal address (of applicant)…………………………………………..........................................................

Town/State…………………………………………………………………….Postcode……………………….

Phone………………………………………………………Mobile………………………………………………

Email……………………………………………………………………

ABN………………………………………………………………...Are you registered for GST YES NO

Bank details:

Account name………………………………………………………………………………………………………

BSB…………………………………Account number……………………………………………………………

Property details (where the project will be undertaken)

Property name……………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Property address (if different from above)………………………………………………………………………

Town/State………………………………………………………………Postcode………………………………

Distance/direction to property from nearest town (e.g. 75km north-west of Bourke) ………………………  
  
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Total size of property (ha)………………………………………………………………………………………...

Western Local Land Services Holding Reference Number (found on your rates notice)   
  
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# Pathways to Country Small Grant project details

### Proposed activity

Briefly describe the proposed activity or service. Include project costs **(please attach all relevant tax invoices or quotes)**

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### Expected outcome

Briefly describe the intent of your activity (attach any relevant images, maps or plans)

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### Traditional custodians

Have you considered engaging Native Title Holders, Traditional Custodians or local knowledge holders in the actual implementation of this project?

YES NO

If yes, how? …….…..…………………………………………………………………………………………………..………………………

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### Additional

Have you previously received any funding for this project?

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If yes, have you completed all agreement activities/tasks including annual monitoring or are on track with previous grant milestones?

🗆 NO

🗆 YES – if so, please provide details…………………………………………………………………………………….

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### Risk assessment

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### Applicant checklist

* my activity is within the Western Local Land Services region
* I have completed any commitments to past or current incentive funding projects
* if you have identified a conflict of interest, ensure you have completed a conflict of interest declaration form. This form can be requested from a Western Local Land Services staff member
* I am paid/up-to-date with rates and other Local Land Services fees.

Applicant name(s)…………………………………………………………………………………………………

Date:………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

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| OFFICE USE ONLY  1. IRIS No. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ 2. File No………………………………………….. 3. Vendor Number……………………………….. 4. ABN matched applicants details on ABR website YES NO 5. Applicant is registered for GST YES NO 6. FARMS search conducted YES NO |

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