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Water Sustainability Grants 2021/22–2023/24 Guidelines

This year Green Adelaide is offering Water Sustainability Grants for projects commencing in the 2021/22 financial year and concluding within the 2021/22, 2022/23 or 2023/24 financial year. Experience, including feedback from participants in previous rounds, indicates that offering grant agreements on a multi-year basis will remove some of the constraints on project timelines, allowing recipients to exercise better alignment of grant funds with project milestones.

What are we working to achieve?

The primary objective of the Water Sustainability Grants is to achieve **better management of water-related benefits to and impacts on** land, watercourses and coastal and marine environments, including **improving the resilience of communities**. Better management of water-related benefits and impacts in Green Adelaide will contribute to the achievement of our seven priorities:

- **Coastal management**, by addressing land-based impacts on coastal and marine habitats.
- **Water resources and wetlands**, by working for the continuous improvement of our creeks, rivers, groundwater and wetlands.
- **Biodiversity sensitive and water sensitive urban design** (BSUD and WSUD), by supporting projects that integrate these contemporary design philosophies into their overall design processes.
- **Green streets and flourishing parklands**, by recognising the synergies of fit-for-purpose water provision, at-source infiltration, and other sustainable water management opportunities for urban greening.
- **Flora, fauna and ecosystem health in the urban environment**, with projects that create opportunities to protect existing ecosystems and create new habitat through better water management.
- **Controlling pest plants and animals**, through projects which include the management of pest plants as part of broader management of our creeks, rivers and wetlands.

- **Nature education**, by supporting projects which involve communities and create assets for ongoing community engagement with nature.

How are we doing this?

Water Sustainability Grants provide both funding and technical support to partner organisations delivering a range of multiple-benefit on-ground and non-works projects within the Green Adelaide region (map at: greenadelaide.sa.gov.au/about-us#ourregion).

How big is the funding pool?

A total of \$550,000 including GST is on offer from this funding round. Green Adelaide Board may allocate another funding pool for another funding round opening in the 2022/23 financial year.

When do applications close?

5pm on Friday 28 January 2022.

Who is eligible for the grants?

The grants are open to any applicant prepared to enter into a grant agreement with the Green Adelaide Board.

What projects are eligible?

- The grants are open to both on-ground projects and projects which do not have an on-ground construction/planting component (“non-works” projects).
- Projects may contribute to the achievement of the objectives by building skills, understanding, assets, and/or organisational commitments for better water management.
- The grants are targeted at projects that deliver multiple benefits within an integrated water management framework.
- Projects will be within the Green Adelaide region, or, for projects spanning more than one landscape region, will use the Water Sustainability Grants contribution in the Green Adelaide Region. Landscape region boundaries can be explored at <https://statewide.landscape.sa.gov.au/>.
- Projects may contribute directly to the achievement of the objectives, and/or may contribute in the medium to long-term.

What will we be looking for?

Additional objectives that are important in delivering the primary objective of the Water Sustainability Grants are:

- Recognise the value of the knowledge of Aboriginal people, and of their participation, in better water management.
- Consider projects across all four key areas of intervention that we have identified in our work in better water management: research; policy/governance/strategic planning; on-ground projects; and capacity building.
- Recognise the synergies of this grants program with the landscape levy co-funded Water Sensitive SA capacity-building program and the research outcomes of the CRC for Water Sensitive Cities and its legacy vehicle the Water Sensitive Cities Institute.
- Leverage co-investment from our delivery partners and other project partners with the aim of achieving a minimum of \$1 leveraged for every \$1 of landscape levy grant funding – however, recognising the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on local government and other potential delivery partner expenditure budgets, applications unable to offer 1:1 co-funding will not be unduly disadvantaged.
- Build on the success of the 2018/19 to 2020/21 Water Sustainability Grants, and the 2017/18 Water Sensitive Urban Design Grants, building on well over a decade of investment of levy funds and staff time in better water management.

What is the application process?

Friday 19 November 2021	<p>Funding round opens.</p> <p>Application form is available on the Green Adelaide website at www.greenadelaide.sa.gov.au/grants/water-sustainability-grants</p> <p>Potential applicants can direct queries to Sam Phillips, Green Adelaide Senior Water Projects Engineer, 0408 721 871, sam.phillips@sa.gov.au.</p> <p>Applicants must complete the application form electronically, and email the Word document to Steven Gatti at steven.gatti@sa.gov.au, along with any supporting documentation. The application form includes a survey to help us evaluate this grants process and improve future grants programs.</p>
Friday 28 January 2022	Applications close at 5pm

Week starting Monday 31 January 2022	Applications collated and processed
Week starting Monday 7 February 2022	Applications assessed and scored against the Water Sustainability Grants objectives by a panel of Green Adelaide staff. The panel will agree on the allocation of funding amongst the applications.
Week starting Monday 7 March 2022	Applicants advised of the outcomes of the assessment following internal approvals. Drafting of grant agreements commences. Debriefs will be offered to unsuccessful applicants.

What projects were supported in the previous round?

The 2020/21 round attracted 33 separate project applications, with nine projects successful.

2020/21 Water Sustainability Grants successful projects		
Project	Grant recipient	Grant (plus GST)
Funding of a Resilient South Regional Coordinator	Resilient South via City of Marion	\$100,000
Green Engineering Collaborative Research Project 2020/21	City of Mitcham	\$95,061
Pasadena Biodiversity Corridor	City of Mitcham	\$340,000
Burchell Reserve Water Sustainability Upgrade	City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters	\$70,000
St Peters Street Upgrade	City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters	\$50,000
Trinity Valley Drainage Upgrade	City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters	\$120,210
Montague Road Reserve Water Management and Revegetation Project	City of Tea Tree Gully	\$250,000
Funding of a Regional Coordinator Position – Resilient East	Resilient East via City of Burnside	\$75,000
Water Sensitive City Events	The Corporation of the City of Adelaide	\$75,000
Total for 9 projects		\$1,175,271