

Clean Rivers & Waterways On-ground Works Funding

2026-27 Guidelines for applicants

The Kangaroo Island Landscape Board is pleased to offer funding to assist with on-ground works projects. The current round of funding targets projects that help improve water quality and river health, strengthen and repair riparian habitats, restore KI Narrow-leaved Mallee Woodland and support biodiversity and climate resilience. Eligible projects include:

Fencing

- to protect creek lines, riparian vegetation and revegetation from livestock grazing and trampling.

Revegetation

- planting native trees and shrubs to repair riparian habitats, stabilise streambank erosion, reduce rising salinity, increase waterway connectivity & restore KI Narrow-leaved Mallee Woodland.

Watercourse management

- installing stock and/or vehicle crossings to minimise in-stream nutrient input, sedimentation and prevent streambank erosion.
- relocating stock watering points away from watercourses.

Applications open on **14 September 2026** and close at 5pm on **11 October 2026**.

On-ground Works grants are funded by the South Australian Government as part of the **Clean Rivers and Waterways project** and by the South Australian Government's **Landscape Priorities Fund (LPF)**. The LPF redistributes landscape levies collected by Green Adelaide in the metropolitan area to regional landscape boards.



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Fencing riparian native vegetation

Guidelines

- Canopy width of vegetation to be fenced should average at least 30 metres.
- Narrow creek lines or areas containing threatened species may be assessed individually.
- Both sides of waterways need to be protected, either by an existing fence or a new fence.
- Fence designs must be stock-proof (see Minimum Fencing Standards below) and be maintained in that condition for a minimum of 10 years.
- Fences should be placed 5 metres from the edge of vegetation to reduce maintenance needs and damage from falling tree branches etc.
- Fencing for the sole purpose of stock management is not eligible for funding.
- It is the landowner's responsibility to insure these fences.

Minimum fencing specifications (for both remnant vegetation and revegetation)

Stock proof fencing

- 7/90/30 stocklock (or equivalent)
- maximum 10 metre spaces between posts
- minimum of 1 plain top wire

Exclusion fencing

- 11/90/15 stocksafe-T with apron (or equivalent)
- maximum 10 metre spaces between posts
- minimum of 1 plain top wire

Funding available

- Stock proof fencing - **\$3,800 per km**
- Exclusion fencing - **\$5,300 per km**

Funding is for NEW fencing materials only. Fencing specifications can be varied. Please discuss individual requirements with the Project Officer.

Revegetation (planting native trees and shrubs)

Funding is available for native tubestock. Tubestock can be purchased from the KI Native Plant Nursery or other local suppliers. You can also choose to collect your own seed and grow your own plants.

Guidelines

- For biosecurity and provenance reasons, all tubestock and seed must be sourced from local native species and tubestock must be grown on Kangaroo Island.
- A mixture of species and plant heights (trees, shrubs and groundcovers) should be planted. Advice can be obtained from the KI Native Plant Nursery Manager.
- We encourage applicants to replicate what was originally on the site.
- A weed control program must be implemented to minimize competition from weeds and remnant pasture.
- Protecting plants from livestock and native browsers is essential. Funding is available for tree guards and fencing.
- Fenced areas should be a minimum width of 30 metres, with planting areas a minimum of 20 metres in width.
- A minimum of 800 plants per hectare is required.

Funding available

Revegetation:

- Tubestock - **\$2.70 per tube**

Protection of plantings with guards:

- Green corflute guard + 1 stake - **\$2.20 per unit**
- Black mesh guard + 2 stakes - **\$5.50 per unit**

Revegetation fencing (Kangaroo Island native plants only):

- **\$3,800 to \$5,300** per km depending on fence type

(Conditions apply - refer to *Minimum Fencing Standards* above.)

Watercourse management

Guidelines

- Funding amounts for water point relocation and stock and/or vehicle crossings will vary due to different pipe and trough sizes, scale of crossings etc.
- Water points must replace existing stock access to watercourses.
- Preference will be given to projects that are integrated with protection of adjacent remnant vegetation.
- Stock/vehicle crossings will require a water affecting activity permit. These are available through the KI Landscape Board.

Funding available

- Funding for up to 50% of total project cost is available.
- A detailed estimate of costs needs to be supplied with the application.

Funding conditions

On-ground Works funding is allocated based on a fixed-rate co-contribution model, and does not cover the full costs of fencing or revegetation etc. All funds are distributed at the discretion of the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board. Funding is limited and will be awarded to projects on a competitive basis. Applications are evaluated against standard eligibility and assessment criteria. Eligibility and funding depend on whether the works have largely on-site benefits to the landholder or benefits to the environment. Grant funding may vary from that set out.

Payment for approved funding is conditional on:

- completion of works by the date specified
- final site inspection made by the Project Officer
- submission of a complying tax invoice
- return of a signed land management agreement
- landholder commitment to insure and maintain fences/revegetation areas for at least 10 years

Once approved for funding, all works will need to be completed by:

- fencing, water points & stock crossings: **28 May 2027**
- revegetation: **30 July 2027**

Applying for funding

Applications must be submitted via **SmartyGrants** online. See link:

https://landscape.smartygrants.com.au/OGW_2026-27

All grant funding will be managed through this system. If you require assistance with lodging an application online please contact the Narrow-leaved Mallee Project Officer on 8553 2476 during business hours or email: kym.lashmar@sa.gov.au

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Project evaluation

Projects will be evaluated against a set of pre-determined criteria by an assessment panel comprised of Kangaroo Island Landscape Board members and staff. A site assessment will also be conducted as part of the assessment process. The Narrow-leaved Mallee Project Officer will contact applicants to organise this assessment.

Successful applicants will be notified at the earliest convenience following final approval by the Landscape Board. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by letter. Successful applicants will be sent a formal offer of funding outlining the details of their project and value of the funding offer. This offer must be accepted and signed by both parties before the commencement of any work.

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