

GRASSROOTS GRANTS 2025

2025-26 GUIDELINES



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The Northern and Yorke Landscape Board is launching its annual Grassroots Grant Program to support landholders, volunteers, community groups, schools and other bodies with funds to deliver local projects that help to sustainably manage our region's precious natural resources.

The following document provides advice and support to apply for a Grassroots Grant.



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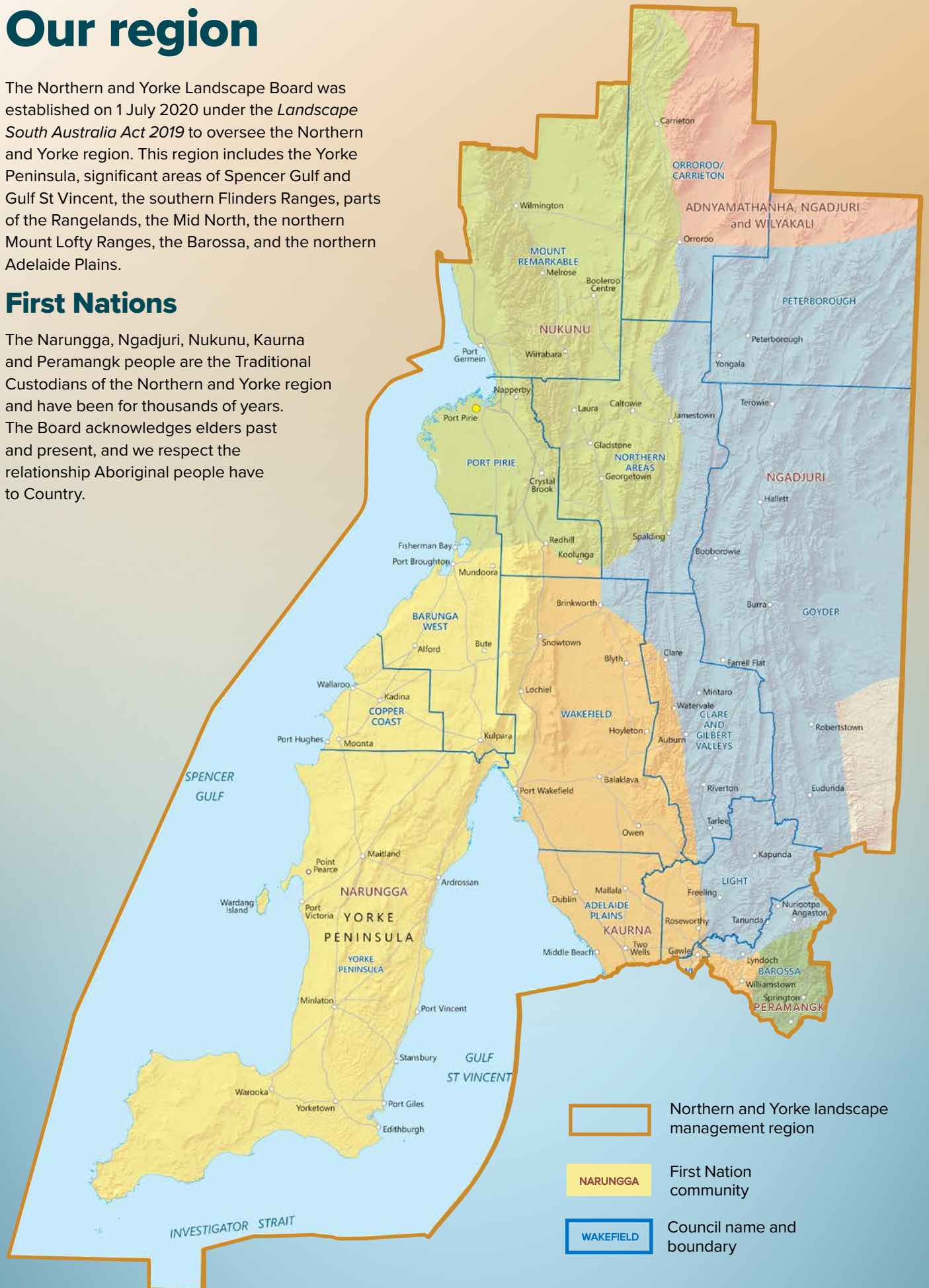


Our region

The Northern and Yorke Landscape Board was established on 1 July 2020 under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* to oversee the Northern and Yorke region. This region includes the Yorke Peninsula, significant areas of Spencer Gulf and Gulf St Vincent, the southern Flinders Ranges, parts of the Rangelands, the Mid North, the northern Mount Lofty Ranges, the Barossa, and the northern Adelaide Plains.

First Nations

The Narungga, Ngadjuri, Nukunu, Kaurna and Peramangk people are the Traditional Custodians of the Northern and Yorke region and have been for thousands of years. The Board acknowledges elders past and present, and we respect the relationship Aboriginal people have to Country.



Who can apply

- An incorporated community group (or a non-incorporated group with an incorporated sponsor)
- A group of three or more landholders working together on a project on their lands (landholders will need an incorporated sponsor such as a local government or agricultural bureau)
- Local government with matched contribution (funding or in-kind)
- A school, university or other educational entity
- First Nations organisations

Who can't apply

- Successful applicants who were awarded a multi-year project in 2024–25
- Individuals
- Businesses (sole traders, partnerships)
- Natural resource centres (alternative funding available).

If you are not a legal entity (i.e. not incorporated), you will need to seek sponsorship from a legal entity that is prepared to take responsibility for the legal and financial accountability of the project. A written agreement and/or letter of support from the sponsor organisation must be included as part of the application.

The sponsor will receive the funding on your behalf and will be required to provide a final acquittal of project funds.

The applicant's sponsor organisation can apply for administration costs of up to 10 per cent.

If you require more information regarding sponsorships or eligibility, please contact **Kate Pearce** on **0429 362 002** or email kate.pearce@sa.gov.au.

Key considerations

- The project must be within the Northern and Yorke landscape region and undertaken on a not-for-profit basis.
- The project must align with one or more of the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board's priorities: communities, biodiversity, water management, sustainable agriculture, and pest plant and animal control.
- All applicants must discuss their project and application with their local Landscape Board staff.
- Applicants can submit only one application as a primary applicant and one application as a sponsor.
- Local government must provide a matched contribution (funding or in-kind) when applying as a primary applicant or when sponsoring an applicant.
- Applicants who were successful in previous Grassroots Grants rounds may not necessarily be successful in this round.
- Applicants must be adequately insured, with a minimum of \$1 million public liability insurance for the life of the project.
- Written approval for any works undertaken on land owned by another person or entity (other than the applicant) must be included as part of the application.

How to apply

The application process has two stages:

1. Complete the online [Expression of Interest](#) form.
2. A Landscape Board staff member will contact you to discuss your project and advise whether you can proceed to the next stage.

If approved to apply, you will be invited to submit a full application online using [SmartyGrants](#).

Key dates

- Expression of interest opens: Monday 31 March 2025
- Expression of interest closes: 5:00 pm Friday 11 April 2025
- Applications open: Tuesday 22 April 2025
- Applications close: 5:00 pm Friday 16 May 2025
- No late applications will be accepted
- Assessment period: June 2025
- Successful applicants announced: July 2025
- Projects must be completed by: 30 June 2026
- Project reporting and financial acquittal due by: 31 July 2026

Please note: these dates are indicative and may change.

Types of projects that will be supported

All projects must contribute to one or more of the Board's regional priorities and focus areas. Refer to the [Northern and Yorke Landscape Plan](#) for more information.

Priorities	Focus areas	Project examples
Pest plant and animal control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver programs that control priority weeds and feral animals to reduce their impact on agriculture and biodiversity Develop land manager networks and support collaboration for pest control and management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinated control of emerging declared weed populations across neighbouring properties (landscape-scale) Pest plant and animal surveys or monitoring Feral animal mustering and trapping Weed mapping and surveys Community education about pest plant and animal control
Sustainable agriculture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build land managers' capacity in adaptive agriculture and best practice land management Support innovation and adoption of resilient and adaptive practices Protect and improve soil, groundcover and vegetation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erosion control, such as building stock crossings and relocating watering points away from waterways Revegetation and fencing of newly planted areas Soil monitoring and improvement Establishing perennial pastures, integrated pest management, or shelterbelt protection Community education on sustainable agricultural practices
Water management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainably manage prescribed water resources Protect and rehabilitate watercourses and wetlands Promote sustainable water use for environmental, cultural, social and industry outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watercourse and wetland protection and restoration Citizen science projects Water quality surveys or training Weed removal and native planting in creek lines Community education on water quality and management
Biodiversity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the protection and restoration of coastal habitats Coordinate programs that build climate resilience and adaptive capacity Improve ecosystems through habitat restoration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating or improving wildlife habitat through tree planting or native revegetation Fauna and flora monitoring and surveys Cultural knowledge sharing, workshops and surveys with First Nations partners Sand dune and coastal rehabilitation Community education on biodiversity
Communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make decisions based on science, cultural knowledge and local experience Actively engage communities in landscape management Foster partnerships that improve communication, expertise and collaboration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshops and field days Community-led citizen science projects First Nations partnerships and engagement Developing educational or communication materials

How much you can apply for

The total value of the Grassroots Grants Program for Northern and Yorke in 2025–26 is up to \$200,000 (including First Nations projects), with grants of between \$2,000 and \$10,000 available for 12-month projects.

Grassroots Grants are not considered a supply of services, and therefore GST does not apply. No GST will be paid.

The table below outlines the information required in your full application.

Application information requirements

Funding	Mandatory information	Extra information to include
\$2,000 to \$10,000 – 1-year projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quotes, cost estimates or hourly rates (e.g. contractor)• Landholder permission to undertake the project (if applicable)• Approvals or permits, or evidence that approvals are being sought• Letter confirming project sponsorship (if applicable)• Funding for a project manager may be considered for more complex projects. This must be itemised in the budget, with a maximum of 10% allocated for administration or management costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Photos of the project site• Map showing where the project will be delivered• Letter of support from partners (if applicable)• Plant species list• Chemical details, including label application rates and ChemCert qualifications of the person undertaking weed spraying• Site drawing or design for the project

If your project hasn't obtained permits or landholder approvals prior to submission, your application may not be considered.

Funding agreements

The Board reserves the right to **negotiate** the level of funding provided for individual projects with any grantee before entering into a grant agreement.

Funding will not be provided for projects that have **already commenced** prior to the signing of the grant agreement.

Successful applicants will be paid upon signing the grant agreement and providing a compliant tax invoice before the project commences.

Larger projects may be required to submit progress reports before the release of full funding. Payment schedules will be detailed in the grant agreement.

Successful projects will be expected to **acknowledge** the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board in any promotions or publications. Logos and branding guidelines will be supplied upon request.

Successful applicants must provide a Project Completion Report at the end of their project. This report should outline what was achieved, how many people were involved, and include photos of the project.

The Project Completion Report is due by 30 June 2026, with funds fully acquitted by 31 July 2026. No extensions beyond 30 June 2026 will be available.

Projects must commence upon signing of the grant agreement.



Limits on grant activities

Grassroots Grants cannot be used for:

- sensory or nature play gardens
- fulfilling obligations as a landholder under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*
- activities that are causing or likely to cause environmental damage, either directly or indirectly
- establishment of new agricultural production sites or facilities
- activities that would create monetary profit for the applicant or sponsoring body
- administration and finance costs (unless paid to sponsor organisations)
- preparation of the grant application or grant reporting
- purchase of assets that could be considered for personal use
- purchase of assets that could be obtained by other means (e.g. hire or loan)
- retrospective funding of completed activities
- existing debts or shortfalls
- marketing and promotion of the organisation or existing services (unless directly associated with the project and educational in nature)
- activities that are unlawful

Additional considerations

- Project management costs are only available for delivery of the project and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The budget, FTE amount and hourly rate must be specified.
- Research projects must demonstrate how delivery of the research outcomes will be implemented (e.g. include on-ground works).
- Irrigation will only be funded if it directly relates to new plantings associated with this grant.

How grants will be assessed

Applications will be assessed against a set of pre-determined criteria by a panel of Northern and Yorke Landscape Board members and staff. Recommended successful applications will be submitted to the Board for endorsement. A site assessment may also be conducted as part of the process. A staff member will contact you to organise this if required.

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Clearly contribute to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board's priorities
- Represent good **value for money** based on the scale and impact of the project
- Will be delivered through **partnerships**, including financial and/or in-kind contributions
- Will engage or build the **capacity** of the community
- Can **measure** their success
- Can support and **sustain** outcomes after grant funding has ended
- Provide outcomes that **benefit** landscapes outside the public land system (may include work in national parks and state reserves)
- Include appropriate and sufficient supporting **documentation**, showing:
 - » How project outcomes and outputs will be supported and maintained into the future
 - » The capability and capacity to effectively deliver the project
 - » Clear timelines, milestones and risk management for the proposed project.

All applicants will be formally advised of the outcome of their application in writing. Feedback will be provided to unsuccessful applicants upon request.

Contact

For general enquiries email ny.landscapeboard@sa.gov.au or call **(08) 8841 3444**.

For advice or help with your application and project ideas, please contact:

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