

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# Grassroots Grants

## Northern and Yorke Landscape Board 2026-27

Expressions of Interest (EOI) open on **Monday 30 March 2026** and close **Friday 10 April at 5pm 2026**, with projects to be completed by 30 June 2026.

If EOI is successful, applicants will be asked to proceed to stage 2- the full application stage. Applications must be submitted online using SmartyGrants between **Wednesday 22 April and closing Friday 15 May at 5pm 2026**

For more information download the [Guidelines](#).

## FAQs

### 1. What's new in this grant round?

Applying for a grant can be a daunting experience, which is why we have implemented a simpler 2-stage approach.

Firstly, we want to hear about your project idea by completing a 2-page form. This is the expression of interest stage, which will be open for 2 weeks, from 30 March until 10 April 2026.

If the project speaks directly to the Board's priorities and has everything we are looking for, then successful applicants will be asked to proceed to stage 2 – the full application stage, which involves applying online using SmartyGrants.

### 2. Who is eligible to 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.

### 3. Who can't apply?

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

### 4. What is a legal entity?

- An individual, company, or organisation that has legal rights and obligations
- Corporations/companies under the Corporations Act 2001 – have a unique ACN and are represented by "Pty", "Pty Ltd" or "Ltd" following the company name

- Associations – incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 (have “Inc.” after their name)
- Trustees in a trust (e.g. John Smith as Trustee for the Smith Family Trust)
- Local Government – under *Local Government Act 1999*
- Most Australian Universities.

## 5. What is not a legal entity?

- An unincorporated association or group
- A trust (e.g. Smith Family Trust) however the trustees can be. The trustees may be individuals or companies.
- Businesses
- Some of the larger private schools are incorporated or companies, however many are not.
- Public Schools are not a legal entity; however a sponsor could be the Minister of Education and Child Development, which is a legal entity

## 6. When would I need to have a sponsor?

If you are not a legal entity, e.g. a group of neighbouring landholders banding together for pest management activities, you will need someone, or organisation to be responsible for receiving and managing grant funding and completing reporting.

This could be the local council, community group or organisation. A supporting letter from the sponsor is required as part of your stage 2 application.

Another example is an unincorporated Friends of Parks group, which might approach the Friends of Parks Inc. as their sponsor. Or a First Nations person may ask their Native Title Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC).

## 7. How much can I apply for?

The total value of the Grassroots Grants in 2026-27 is up to \$200,000, with grants between \$2,000 and \$10,000 available for 12-month projects. This includes up to \$50,000 for First Nation’s projects where the applicant is a First Nations organisation.

## 8. What kind of projects are eligible?

All projects must contribute to one or more of the Board’s regional priorities and focus areas.

Priorities	Focus Areas
<b>Pest Plant and Animal Control</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver programs that control priority weeds and feral animals to reduce their effects on agriculture and biodiversity</li> <li>• Develop land manager networks and facilitate collaboration for pest control and management</li> </ul>
<b>Sustainable Agriculture</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building land managers’ capacity in adaptive agriculture and best practice land management</li> <li>• Support innovation and adoption of practices for resilience and adaptation</li> <li>• Protect and improve the condition of soil, groundcover and vegetation</li> </ul>

<b>Water Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainably manage the region's prescribed water resources</li> <li>• Protect and rehabilitate watercourses and wetlands.</li> <li>• Promote the sustainable use of water for environmental, cultural, social and industry outcomes</li> </ul>
<b>Biodiversity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the protection and restoration of coastal habitats</li> <li>• Coordinate programs to improve climate change resilience and adaptive capacity</li> <li>• Improve ecosystems through restoration of habitat</li> </ul>
<b>Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make decisions based on best available science, cultural knowledge and local experience</li> <li>• Actively engaged community at the centre of landscape management</li> <li>• Foster partnerships that increase communication, expertise and collaboration in landscape management</li> </ul>

Refer to the Guidelines and [Northern and Yorke Landscape Plan](#) for more information.

If you need some inspiration, view our [past grant recipient stories](#).

Some of these include:

- Not-for-profit, local projects with environmental or sustainable agriculture benefit
- Weed management (priority will be given to weed management coordinated across neighbouring properties, or weed management with biodiversity or agricultural outcomes)
- Pest or disease management
- Fencing of native vegetation or revegetation
- Erosion management
- Revegetation
- Watercourse or wetland management
- Sustainable agriculture trials
- Educational activities
- Raising community awareness and participation in landscape management

## 9. Does the project have to be in the Northern and Yorke region?

Yes. The project must be within the Northern and Yorke region and undertaken on a not-for profit basis.

## 10. What can't the funding be used for?

- Sensory, bush or nature play gardens
- Fulfilling your obligations as a landholder under the Landscapes 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 beneficial monetary profits for the applicant or sponsoring body
- Administration and finance costs (unless paid to sponsor organisations)

- Preparation of the grant application and grant reporting purchase of assets that could be considered for personal use
- Purchase of assets that could be obtained by other means i.e. hire, loan etc.
- 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

## 11. Do you have any common budget items I can refer to when doing my application?

Yes, here are some of the common budget items that you may need to include as part of your applications. During the stage 2 application process, be sure to get a quote for any items above \$500.

- Catering – between \$20 -\$30 per head
- Volunteer hours – calculated at \$45 per hour
- Tubestock – Between \$1.50 and \$3.50 per tube
- Tree Guards and Stakes – \$4.00 and \$6.00 per plant

## 12. Do I need to get copies of quotes to support my budget?

Not for the expression of interest process, but if you are invited to submit an application during stage 2 you will need to supply copies of quotes for anything above \$500.

## 13. Can I ask for 100% funding or do I have to match it somehow?

You can ask for your project to be fully funded, however, to ensure a greater likelihood of the project being successful it is preferable that volunteer hours or other in-kind support is detailed in the application. It is important to prove that the project provides good value for money (which is an assessed criteria that panel members will be looking for in your application).

Local government organisations must provide matched contribution (funding or in-kind) when applying as a primary applicant and when sponsoring an applicant.

## 14. How do I 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.

**Expressions of interest submissions close Friday 5pm, 10 April 2026.**

## 15. Will I be able to get an extension past 5pm Friday 10 April 2026 for a late application?

No, the expression of interest process will close **Friday 10 April at 5pm 2026.**

## 16. Can I apply more than once?

No, applicants can only submit one application as a primary applicant and one application as a sponsor.

## 17. I am a landholder wanting a grant for works on my property. Can I apply?

No, as an individual you are not eligible to apply. However, a group of 3 or more landholders working together on a project on their lands are eligible to apply, landholders will need an incorporated sponsor such as a Local Government organisation or agricultural bureau.

## 18. When will I find out if I've been successful?

The full assessment and approvals process will take approximately six to eight weeks.

- Stage 1 applicants (expression of interest) will be advised if they are successful to proceed to stage 2 (online application) by Wednesday 22 April 2026.
- Stage 2 applications will open Wednesday 22 April 2026 and close 5:00 pm Friday 15 May 2026.

Successful applicants are expected to be announced in July 2026.

## 19. When will I get paid?

Most grants will be paid 100% upfront. In some circumstances (i.e. a large grant, or a high-risk project), we may negotiate a payment split, e.g. 80% upfront, 20% on completion.

## 20. When do all projects need to be completed by?

Proof of project completion is required by 30 June 2027, with funds fully acquitted by 30 July 2027. No extensions beyond 30 June 2027 will be available. Extenuating circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

## 21. I want to involve First Nations people in my project, how do I get in touch with the right people?

Contact the First Nations Partnerships Coordinator, Andrew Case, [andrew.case@sa.gov.au](mailto:andrew.case@sa.gov.au), 0429 478 473.

## 22. I want to involve schools or volunteers in my project, how do I get in touch with the right people?

Contact the Community Engagement Officer at [NY.Landscapeboard@sa.gov.au](mailto:NY.Landscapeboard@sa.gov.au) or call 08 88413444.

## 23. Who can I ask for help with my application?

For general enquiries email [ny.landscapeboard@sa.gov.au](mailto:ny.landscapeboard@sa.gov.au) or call (08) 8841 3444.

For advice or help with your application and project ideas, please contact the District Team Leader in your area:

- Rangelands District: Team Leader, Kate Pearce, [kate.pearce@sa.gov.au](mailto:kate.pearce@sa.gov.au), 0429 362 002
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