



2020 PASTORAL SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS

Introducing the project

The Building Pastoral Sustainability (BPS) project is designed to build on the capacity and resilience of pastoral businesses in the SA Arid Lands. Throughout the three-year program the pastoral industry will be supported to develop and promote sustainable businesses for a regionally strong and competitive industry.

Included in the BPS project are grants for pastoral businesses to trial management practices and technologies that will help them better adapt to varying climates and markets, and improve the sustainability of businesses in the SAAL region.

This project is delivered by the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

Guidelines

Grants for Round 1 of the Pastoral Sustainability Grant program will be available for between \$10,000 and \$30,000 (ex GST) with a total funding pool in this round of up to \$65,000.

BPS Grant Outcomes

Applications should address at least one of the following outcomes aligned with the Building Pastoral Sustainability project:

- Assist businesses to adapt to significant changes in climate and markets
- Trial sustainable agricultural practices or technologies that may not yet be widely adopted in the SAAL region
- Improve the capacity of pastoral businesses to demonstrate the sustainability of their operations through the traceability of their products
- Improve pastoral industry sustainability, productivity, and profitability
- Increase adoption of sustainable agricultural practices that directly improve natural resources

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a pastoral business that earns at least 50% of income from sheep or cattle grazing native pastures
- Must be located in the SA Arid Lands Landscape region
- Must be prepared to showcase the project to the wider community
- Only projects that will be completed (including reporting requirements) by 30 May 2021 will be considered
- Must align with at least one of the BPS grant outcomes

Landscape Scale Action

The Board welcomes applications from landholders wishing to conduct work on their own properties, however applications that demonstrate collaboration between producers are strongly encouraged.

Project Assessment

Applications will be considered favourably where they;

- Have a measurable lasting impact or a level of sustainability
- Demonstrate collaboration between producers
- Demonstrate a level of co-investment in-kind or financial
- Trial or incorporate technology that isn't yet widely adopted in the SAAL region
- Include supporting documentation such as quotes, maps and letters of support where relevant

Eligible Project Activities

Eligible project activities will undertake, demonstrate or extend sustainable agriculture practices that are already, or are emerging as, best practice for the pastoral industry. This could include (but is not limited to):

- Implementation of practices that have become viable as a result of changing climatic or market conditions
- Trial of sustainable agricultural practices/activities that have been successful in other regions or under different conditions
- Trial of new technologies to inform sustainable agricultural production systems and practices
- Permanent infrastructure that supports the improvement of pastoral business sustainability and land management
- Research, data collection, monitoring, modelling, forecasting, assessments or analysis for access and use by a region or group
- On-ground activity that assists with erosion control or native revegetation management

Ineligible Projects:

- Training or workshops *
- Those where funding is already granted for that specific purpose from another source
- Funding for people to travel or participate in training/events
- Projects which propose to use funds to pay the grant recipient's wages
- Purchase of items/expenses that cannot be continually accessed by the community/group (phones, stamps, utilities, stationery, salaries)
- Activities (including purchases of equipment, infrastructure or materials) that could reasonably be considered to be part of a land manager's ordinary responsibility
- On-ground pest plant and animal control





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Conditions of Funding

Reporting

A mid-term report and a completion report including financial summary relating to your project delivery and outcomes will be required. Photos of your project are required as part of reporting, and testimonials, case studies or sticky-beak days may also be required.

Please note that while staff are available for advice and a level of support, the responsibility for delivering the project responsibility lies with the applicant and it is the applicant's obligation to meet project completion and reporting deadlines.

Insurance

The applicant receiving the grant is required to assess and consider the risks and scope of insurance required under this agreement. Necessary insurance arrangements are the responsibility of the applicant.

Promotions and Branding

The Board reserves the right to promote the work/project through its communications channels including its website, social media, media or publications. When successful applicants promote the project or its outcomes, at all times the Board and its funding partners are required to be recognised.

ABN

As an applicant for funding you should:

- Be a pastoral businesses that earns at least 50% of income from sheep or cattle grazing native pastures; and
- Have an ABN.

Key dates

Grant Round Opens: 24 September 2020

Grant Round Closes: 29 October 2020

Mid-Term Report: 31 March 2021

Project Completion and Final Report: by 30 May 2021

** Funding for training and workshops will be available in other parts of the BPS project. Contact a member of the project team, or your Community Landscape Officer if you have an idea for training or workshops*

How to Apply

An application form is available at; <https://landscape.sa.gov.au/saal/get-involved/grants-and-funding> or follow the links from the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board website homepage.

Applications must be submitted by 5pm on Thursday 29 October to:
saal.landscapeboard@sa.gov.au

For more information

Contact

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Sarah Stevens 0499 983 877 email

landscape.sa.gov.au/saal



Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply for the Pastoral Sustainability Grants?

It is open to all pastoral businesses in the SA Arid Lands Region that earn at least 50% of income from sheep or cattle grazing native pastures.

Can I apply to install infrastructure that benefits my pastoral business?

Yes, as long as it addresses the Pastoral Sustainability Grant outcomes. Activities (including purchase of equipment and infrastructure) that could reasonably be considered to be part of the land manager's ordinary responsibility will not be funded. I.e. boundary fencing.

How do I demonstrate wider community benefit?

Wider community benefit can be demonstrated through projects that include partnerships with other land managers in the region. Knowledge sharing is also a great way to demonstrate wider community benefit. Being prepared to share information about the outcomes of the project is important so others can learn through sticky beak days, case studies, articles etc.

If I have applied for or been successful with a Grassroots Grant, can I still apply?

Yes, you are eligible to apply for a pastoral sustainability grant, as long you have not been awarded funds under the grassroots grants program and the grant addresses the Pastoral Sustainability Grant outcomes.

Can an extension be granted on the project delivery/reporting timeframes?

No. The date for finalising grants is fixed to comply with funding obligations.

My property is freehold land, can I still apply?

Yes. As long as your property is in the SA Arid Lands Landscape Region, and you earn at least 50% of your income from sheep or cattle grazing on native pastures, you can apply.

What additional information do I need to provide to support my application?

Anything you consider relevant to the project, i.e. quotes, maps, letters of support, plans, licences or approvals etc.

Can I apply for a project that has already started or where I have received funding from another source?

No, funding is only available for projects not yet initiated and where no other funding has been received or applied for.

When can I start my project?

As soon as you have been notified that you are successful and an agreement has been signed. It is anticipated this would occur in mid-November 2020.

Can I submit applications for separate projects from the same pastoral business?

Yes, as long as each application is for a different project.

If I have any questions or want to discuss eligibility, who do I contact?

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