

Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program

2017 Foundation Project Grant Guidelines

Background

The Landcare groups, networks and organisations who in 2017 secured one of the 10 new Landcare facilitator positions that are funded through the Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program, are each receiving a one-off Foundation Project Grant of \$2,000 (GST free). The two Landcare networks who are sharing one of the 10 new Landcare facilitator positions will each receive \$1,000 (GST free) as their 2017 Foundation Project Grant.

Objective

The 2017 Foundation Project Grants are to support immediate Landcare activity in the establishment phase of the new Landcare facilitator positions. The grants are for small scale projects in each of the new Landcare facilitators' areas, and provide an opportunity for the Landcare groups and networks that are supported by the new positions to immediately start work on a local Landcare project or to undertake Landcare activities.

The grants are to be used for Landcare activities or events that:

- Bring members of the community together to do on-ground works that deliver local priorities to improve the health of our land, water and biodiversity; and/or
- Support and strengthen the ability of Landcare groups and networks to engage with the local community, including people who may not have previously been involved in Landcare.

Guidelines

- Projects may include an on-ground works component;
- Projects must be completed by **30 June 2018**;
- Projects must be reported to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) by **15 August 2018** using the Department's template;
- Projects and any associated promotional materials must be branded as 2017 Foundation Project Grants, which have been funded by DELWP through the Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program.

Examples of Eligible Activities

- On-ground activities to improve the health of our land, water and biodiversity such as:
 - ❖ Habitat restoration works;
 - ❖ Weed control activities;
 - ❖ Community planting days;
 - ❖ Equipment and materials that directly support the delivery of on-ground works.
- Preparation of a group or network strategic or action plans;
- Community engagement or capacity building activities, e.g. event costs - venue hire, catering, speakers;
- Innovative approaches to encourage wider community participation in Landcare. For example:
 - ❖ Projects that engage young people to enable them to get involved in Landcare;
 - ❖ Projects that make direct links with local schools, TAFEs or universities;
 - ❖ Projects that engage people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities.



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Ineligible Activities

The 2017 Foundation Project Grants cannot be used for:

- Salary costs;
- Operating expenses of a Landcare group, network or organisation;
- Building upgrades or maintenance costs;
- Any project that is primarily for private benefit, or where public benefit is not well demonstrated.

Reporting

- The Landcare groups, networks or organisations that receive a 2017 Foundation Project Grant will need to outline in their Program Delivery Plan for the new Landcare facilitator position how the funds will be spent, including a project title and anticipated completion date of the project. Note – Program Delivery Plans for the new Landcare facilitator positions need to be submitted to DELWP by **31 August 2017**;
- Final reports on the 2017 Foundation Project Grants will be due with DELWP by **15 August 2018**, as part of 2016/17 to 2017/18 report on the Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program funding.

Project Branding

The funding recipient organisation should refer to the *Victorian Landcare Program: Guide for Official Logo Use* for all publications and promotional materials produced that relate to the Foundation Project Grants.

The funding recipient organisation will, at a minimum, need to include in all publications and promotional materials relating to the 2017 Foundation Project Grant the following mandatory sentence:

The [name of organisation] has received a \$2,000 Foundation Project Grant for this project, which is part of the Victorian Government's funding support for Landcare that is provided through the Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program.

Funding recipient organisations should use the 'caring hands' Victorian Landcare Program logo and the Victorian State Government logo on the front covers of all publications and in promotional materials for their 2017 Foundation Project Grants. To download the 'Victorian Landcare Program Logos Package' zip file, please visit the Victorian Landcare Gateway website at: landcarevic.org.au/resources/landcare-logos that includes the Victorian Landcare Program logo and the Victorian State Government logo, in a variety of colours and formats.

More information

For more information about the 2017 Foundation Project Grants please email: landcare@delwp.vic.gov.au

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