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## **Community Conservation Small Grants Guidelines**

**The Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife  
fosters the protection of Australia's native plants,  
animals and cultural heritage through fundraising  
for environmental education and conservation projects.**



## 1. FNPW Grant Funding

The Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife invites grant applications for conservation projects. The purpose of our Community Conservation Grants is to assist in the protection of our native species, habitats, landscapes and cultural heritage.

Grants are available for both field projects and education programs that have a direct outcome for nature conservation in Australia. All proposals are evaluated by FNPW's Projects Committee based on funding priorities, funds available and quality and quantity of projects submitted.

FNPW may support approved projects through untied funds that belong to FNPW, or it may choose to run a targeted public appeal or seek third party sponsorship for the project.

FNPW Community Conservation Grants aim to fund urgent and high priority projects in the following Focus Areas:

**Land and Water** - Protection, restoration, rehabilitation and revegetation of degraded habitats to ensure their ability to sustain native species.

**Threatened Species** - Scientific research with tangible conservation outcomes and on-ground works to conserve Australia's threatened species.

**Cultural Heritage** - Conserving and celebrating Australia's cultural heritage as part of the gift we leave to future generations.

**Parks for People** - Improving National Park facilities for the enjoyment of all, to foster and encourage the appreciation of nature.

## 2. Who is Eligible to Apply?

FNPW considers proposals for funding from:

- Federal and state National Park agencies
- Agencies working with National Park agencies to increase the amount of protected high conservation value land or for the benefit of Australia's natural and cultural heritage
- Individuals
- Not for profit & for profit organisations with an ABN

## 3. When Can You Apply?

Applications for the next round of Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife community grants open on December 1, 2018 and close on January 31, 2019.



## 4. Evaluation Criteria

Your project should:

- Identify specific needs and problems
- Outline objectives that meet identified needs or problems
- Be based on an achievable budget and timetable
- Be sustainable i.e. provide ongoing benefits rather than one-off events, and not require ongoing support for lengthy periods
- Provide opportunities and benefits to community
- Identify any other parties who have been approached for funding
- Provide demonstrable expertise and experience in project management and implementation
- Demonstrate sound financial management and administrative efficiency

Preference will be given to those projects which:

- Address a need/problem within one of the focus area
- Demonstrate tangible outcome(s) to meet the identified need/problem
- Create opportunities for community involvement and participation
- Create awareness in the community through media, education, displays etc
- Have benefits that extend beyond the life of the project
- Provide value for money
- Include project monitoring and evaluation
- Are realistic in scope

## 5. Selection process

Community Conservation Grant applications are assessed by FNPW's Projects Committee.

The application process is as follows:

Applications open online	December 1, 2018
Applications close	January 31, 2019
Applications collated and applicants contacted if further information required	February 28, 2019
The Projects Committee evaluates proposals & notification of Board of results	March 15, 2019
Applicants notified of the outcome of application	March 31, 2019

**Note:** Not all approved projects will be funded as FNPW may not be able to secure a sponsor or may not be able to allocate sufficient free funds. If your project falls into this category, your project will be kept on file for **one year** in case funding is secured at a later time. You will be notified of the status of your project after evaluation.



## **6. Release of funds & reporting**

Progress reports are required at **6 month** and **12 month** intervals and at the **completion** of the project unless otherwise agreed by the Project Committee.

Reporting of all conservation projects will be undertaken in line with a process that complies with all State and Federal standards for reporting on ecological and cultural heritage projects.

The success of the project will be evaluated by the final project report and assessment by the Project Committee.

A payment schedule will be defined for each project. Funding for projects may be released in a staged process with an initial payment paid at the commencement of the project and final payments processed upon receipt of progress reports.