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Dear Conservation Partner

Re: Private Land Conservation Grants Program

The 'Private Conservation Grants (PLCG) Program' is a partnership initiative of the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife and the Office of Environment and Heritage Conservation Partners Program, along with other key sponsor partners. A significant funding pool has been provided in 2013, which includes funds from the Environmental Trust.

The PLCG Program aims to encourage and support private landholders with long term voluntary conservation commitments to undertake on-ground conservation works on their property. It also recognises that landholders already invest significant personal time and resources in their ongoing management of conservation values on their property. The program can help give a financial boost to support a particular conservation project.

You may have given some thought about what needs to be done to enhance conservation of wildlife and habitats on your property. Maybe some part of your management needs a funding boost in order to address a particular management issue identified through monitoring your conservation area. It could be that with just a little extra support you could make a big difference to the natural heritage values of your property.

A copy of the 2013 guidelines is attached for your information. Consider what project is consistent with your particular conservation commitment and monitoring results. More information, download and on-line applications are available on the Foundation website at www.fnpw.org.au. Complete the Application Form and send it to Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife at the address or fax shown at the bottom of the form. Please submit your application by the due date.

If you have any questions about the PLCG Program please contact the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife on 02 9221 1949 or email grantsmanager@fnpw.org.au. If you have any questions relating to your particular conservation commitment please contact the Office of Environment and Heritage on 02 9995 6763 or email conservation.partners@environment.nsw.gov.au.

We look forward to receiving your project proposals.

Yours sincerely

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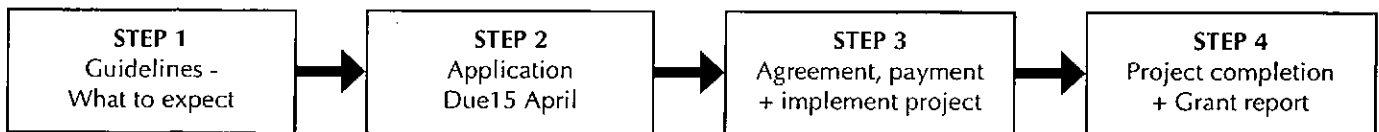


Private Land Conservation Grants Program for Community Bush Regeneration 2013 Guidelines

The Private Land Conservation Grant Program provided by the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife and its partner organisations provides small grants to support landowners who have a conservation protection mechanism on their land and for education and training in conservation.

The Private Land Conservation Grants Program recognises and supports landholders for activities which enhance the biodiversity conservation value of their properties.

Please read these Guidelines carefully and make sure you complete the correct application form. Provide as much information as you can so that your application can be properly assessed. Some applicants may not be in a position to contribute in-kind to the project. However, where possible, landholders are encouraged to provide in-kind contributions to the project, for example in labour, materials, equipment or funds.



WHO CAN APPLY

One application per property per year can be made by landholders (individuals or companies) for Category 1 and Category 2 grants. Individual landholders who are members of the Wildlife Land Trust or Land for Wildlife, and its Regional Delivery Partners can apply for Category 3 grants. There are three categories of grants under the Program:

Category 1

Funds of up to a maximum of \$5,000 per annum for 3 years are available to landholders who have the highest level of conservation protection on their land:

- Conservation Agreement with the Office of Environment and Heritage
- Trust Agreement with the Nature Conservation Trust
- Registered Property Agreement

Category 2

Funds of up to a maximum of \$1,000 per annum for 3 years are available to landholders who have a lower level of conservation protection on their land:

- Wildlife Refuge
- Conservation Property Vegetation Plan.

Category 3

Funds of up to a maximum of \$2,000 per annum for 3 years are available for a training or education proposal by:

- Wildlife Land Trust and/or Land for Wildlife members
- Land for Wildlife Regional Providers
- Trainers / educators on behalf of Wildlife Land Trust and/or Land for Wildlife members

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Projects supported by the Grants Program can be used to:

- maintain or improve the conservation value of land and the local native flora and fauna;
- protect and prevent against degradation of habitat;
- increase and improve habitat connectivity;
- provide landholder training in conservation.

The following is a guide only. If you are unsure, email the Grants Program Manager at grantsmanager@fnpw.org.au or phone on 02 9221 1949 for advice.

For **Category 1 and 2 grants**, funds can be used to buy services, products, tools, equipment and/or materials to protect or improve the conservation value of land covered by an agreement or plan through:

- Bush regeneration, including weed control
- Activities supporting the recovery of threatened species
- Nesting boxes
- Repairs / replacement of conservation related fencing
- Ecological fire management
- Wildlife habitat restoration
- Assisted natural recovery of bushland (regeneration)
- Pest animal management as part of a co-ordinated program
- Related activities
- Plantings should be a 'last resort' if natural regeneration is not viable

For **Category 3 grants**, funds can be used to buy services, products and/or materials to provide training or education in land conservation.

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Funding cannot be used for the following:

- Flora, fauna and cultural surveys by specialist consultants
- Purchase of movement cameras or solar energisers
- Compensation or payments to landholders for their labour
- Works already funded, including work covered by insurance
- Capital improvements
- Works already completed
- Political lobbying or advocacy
- Legal expenses, rates or taxes
- Activities required or funded under agreements
- Boundary fencing

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed by representatives from partner organisations based on how projects meet the criteria below.

Category 1 and 2

- consistency with conservation agreement, management scheme and priority actions
- improvement in quality of the environment
- conservation of threatened native species, populations or ecological communities
- sustainability of projects outcomes
- the project is technically sound and practical
- value for money, for example, budget is appropriate for the project or in-kind contributions
- need for the project relative to other projects
- all other grants have been acquitted.

Category 3

- the extent to which the education/training will improve knowledge and skills in conservation
- the course/workshop/training programme is well designed and likely to achieve good outcomes
- the course/workshop/training programme includes handouts and material for participants
- the proposal identifies strategies to attract course / workshop /training participants
- whether the project shows value for money, for example, the budget is appropriate to the project and sufficiently detailed, and, where possible, in-kind contributions are being made
- the need for the project relative to other projects
- all other grants have been acquitted.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

Successful applicants must:

- spend the grant within the agreed period;
- complete and submit a report on your project at the end of the year and if you are successful in securing 2 or 3 years of grant funding you must complete a report on your project each year. Reports should where possible include before and after photos.
- account for money from the grant by providing copies of receipts which you will be required to send to the Foundation with your end of year report;
- agree to representatives of the partner organisations supporting this Program to visit your project at a mutually agreed time.

IMPORTANT DATES

Applications Close	Friday 5th April 2013
Grants Announced	Friday 14th June 2013
Grant Report Due	Monday 30 June 2014

If you have any questions about the Private Land Conservation Grants Program, please contact the Grants Program Manager at grantsmanager@fnpw.org.au or on 02 9221 1949.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For information on Conservation Agreements or Wildlife Refuges contact the Office of Environment and Heritage
Phone: 1300 136 967 / (02) 9995 5000
Email: conservation.partners@environment.nsw.gov.au
Website: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/cppConservationpartners.htm

For information on Trust Agreements contact Nature Conservation Trust of NSW
Phone: 6365 7543
Email: info@naturetrust.org.au
Website: www.naturetrust.org.au

For information on how Conservation or Incentive Property Vegetation Plans contact your local Catchment Management Authority
Website <http://www.cma.nsw.gov.au>

For information on the Land for Wildlife program contact the Community Environment Network
Phone: 4349 4756,
Email: admin@cen.org.au
Website: www.cen.org.au

For further information on the Wildlife Land Trust program contact Wildlife Land Trust
Phone: 1800 333 737
Email: evan@hsi.org.au
Website: www.wildlifelandtrust.org.au

The Private Land Conservation Program is a partnership initiative of the following not-for-profit organisations and government agencies committed to promoting conservation



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