

Gallagher Landcare Fencing Grants 2019 - Guidelines

Background

Gallagher have partnered with Landcare Australia to deliver the **Gallagher Landcare Fencing Grants 2019**. This partnership demonstrates our shared commitment to supporting local communities to care for the environment and improve sustainable agriculture outcomes.

The grants provide funding to undertake fencing projects, using Gallagher's products, which **MUST** have:

- Tangible environmental or sustainable agriculture outcomes;
- Fencing products and a project plan developed together with their local Gallagher Territory Manager; and
- Provide knowledge-sharing opportunities through field day(s), site visit(s) or demonstration(s).

Projects should also align with one or both of the follow two priority areas:

1. Grazing management

Electric fencing has revolutionised pasture management techniques meaning better profitability for farmers. Permanent or portable systems are used to subdivide pastures for more effective grazing, keeping the grass fresh, short, high energy and palatable which ultimately leads to increased milk and meat production; and/or

2. Conservation fencing

Installing conservation fencing can help exclude threats to valuable native plants and animals, such as: Browsing or trampling by herbivores (such as stock, rabbits or kangaroos); Preventing damage from people; or even to keep out introduced pests.

[Click here for example projects from 2018](#)

Project Funding Available

A total pool of \$100,000 (ex-GST) of funding is available for the **Gallagher Landcare Fencing Grants 2019**. Eligible applicants are invited to apply for an individual fencing project grant for **up to \$8,000 (ex-GST) (including fencing materials - with costs to be determined in consultation with your local Gallagher Territory Manager)**, in one or both of the priority areas identified:

- Grazing management; and/or
- Conservation fencing.

Enquiries

If you have any questions after reading these Guidelines, please contact Landcare Australia's Grants Team on (02) 8440 8819 or email: grants@landcareaustralia.com.au

Key Dates

Applications close	Friday 31 st May, 2019 (3pm AEST)
Successful applicants notified	End of June, 2019
Progress Report due	17 th September, 2019
Final Report due and project completed	3 rd December, 2019

Gallagher Territory Managers

Gallagher have an expert team of Territory Managers (TM), located across Australia, who provide system selection advice, training and support. Before submitting an application, all grant applicants must liaise with a Gallagher TM to determine project product requirements.

Who can apply?

All applications will need a Project Plan developed with their local Gallagher Territory Manager. Ideally, project locations should be within approximately 100km radius from a Gallagher Territory Manager location. Before applying, [CLICK HERE to find your local Territory Manager's contact details](#).

The Gallagher Landcare Fencing Grants 2019 are open to:

- Landcare, Coastcare and Junior Landcare groups;
- Volunteer-based community groups; or
- Individual landholders, farmers, agriculturalists and graziers.

Ineligible Organisations

The following organisations are ineligible to apply for the Gallagher Landcare Fencing Grants 2019, but are encouraged to participate as co-contributors with eligible applicants:

- Commonwealth statutory authorities;
- State, Territory or Local Governments;
- Regional NRM organisations;
- Not for profits operating at a nationwide level; and/or
- Universities

Assessment Criteria

Successful applications will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- Expected environmental (e.g. improving biodiversity) and sustainable agriculture outcomes;
- Expected knowledge-sharing outcomes through field day(s), site visit(s) or demonstration(s);
- Submission of a Project Plan developed together with a local Gallagher Territory Manager, to determine product requirements and levels of in-kind support.
- Engagement with local landcare or environment group, and / or local landcare Facilitators, Coordinators, councils or catchment/NRM organisation.
- Consideration of maintenance of project outcomes;
- Feasible and technically-sound activities;
- A realistic, relevant and detailed project budget that demonstrates value for money, including the value of fencing being provided by Gallagher (Gallagher TM will provide this as part of project planning). [CLICK HERE to see an example budget.](#)

Other criteria:

- Incomplete and late applications may not be considered;
- Groups or individuals with project reports still outstanding from previous Landcare Australia grants are ineligible for further funding until all reporting requirements are met;
- Generally, the higher scoring projects will be funded. The projects funded may also take into account the overall mix of project types and locations.

Funded Activities

Activities and costs that we <u>will</u> fund	Activities and costs that we <u>will not</u> fund:
<p>Including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Planting of native species indigenous to your local area ✓ Materials ✓ Equipment ✓ Obtaining expert advice ✓ Field days, workshops, training or skill development sessions ✓ Conducting monitoring and surveys ✓ Contractor and labour costs ✓ Administration costs (max. 10% of funding requested) ✓ Removal of invasive weeds ✓ Seed collection and propagation ✓ Nest box construction & installation ✓ Rocks and rocks as shelter for animals ✓ Events, Field Days and Knowledge-sharing of sustainable agricultural and environmental issues. ✓ Installation of interpretative signage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Travel ✗ Accommodation ✗ Alcohol ✗ Retrospective activities ✗ Amenity / beautification works

Landcare Australia reserves the right to decide if other activities are suitable for funding or not. If you are unsure of a particular funding activity please contact Landcare Australia on (02) 8440 8819 or email: grants@landcareaustralia.com.au

How to apply

Groups can apply for the **Gallagher Landcare Fencing Grants 2019** on the Landcare Australia Communities Portal until **Friday 31st May 2019 (3pm AEST)**.

To submit an application:

1. You will need your group's Australian Business Number (ABN), bank account details (for payment of funding), and GST status.
2. Ensure you have 'before' site photos and a Project Plan developed with your local Gallagher Territory Manager.
3. Login to the [Landcare Australia Communities Portal](#). If you have applied for a grant on the portal in the past, your username will be your email address. If you have not applied for a grant before, you can [register as a user here](#);
4. Click on **Gallagher Landcare Fencing Grants 2019**;
5. Click on **'Create Application'**;
6. If you wish to leave a partially completed application, press **'Save'** and log out. You can log back in and continue to edit your application form until you are ready to submit;
7. Upload Gallagher Project Plan and 'before' site photos, and other relevant pictures, maps, drawings and other media on the grants portal to support your application. Click on your grant application number (e.g. GA-00006543) and select **'Attach File'** in the Notes and Attachments section.

For example, a map of the project site showing what you want to do and where (hand drawn is fine) or a species list of the local native plants you will use (if a planting project).

8. To submit your application, click the **'Is application complete?'** checkbox and press **'Save & Close'**;
9. You will then receive a confirmation email when your application has been successfully submitted.

If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your application, please ensure you check your junk mail before contacting Landcare Australia.

For questions about online applications, please refer to the FAQs available [here](#) or email grants@landcareaustralia.com.au

Reporting Requirements

As a condition of receiving a **Gallagher Landcare Fencing Grant**, you will be required to complete a Progress and a Final Report for your project. The report must include a measure of improvement achieved, as described in the original application, as well as other results, media, photos and grant expenditure.

Reporting is undertaken online, and Landcare Australia will send you the link shortly after you have received your grant.

Reporting timelines and project completion date for the **Gallagher Landcare Fencing Grants 2019** are as below:

Progress report due	17 th September, 2019
Project complete & final report due	3 rd December, 2019

About Landcare Australia

Landcare Australia supports a range of projects that enhance the natural environment and also help create habitat for Australian species, address agricultural issues, and engage with communities across Australia to tackle local environmental issues.

Terms and Conditions

The funding for this grant will be administered by Landcare Australia. Prior to receiving funding you will be required to agree to the [standard terms and conditions](#).

All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application in writing after the assessment process is completed. All decisions are final and are not subject to further review.