

## 2020 GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA

### Overview

The Landcare Australia and WIRES partnership is all about implementing immediate response, recovery and resilience building projects for wildlife in bushfire and drought impacted communities across Australia.

The grants program will provide networks and groups additional support to coordinate and fund projects to maximise the impact of their contribution to recovery efforts and strengthen outcomes for wildlife.

### Objectives:

- Improved outcomes for wildlife following devastating bushfires and drought across Australia, aligned with key government response priorities
- Local communities supported to undertake priority short to medium-term wildlife support and associated habitat rehabilitation projects

**COVID-19:** be mindful that holding community events, workshops and some of your usual landcare activities, where groups of people will be in close proximity, may not be feasible under the current restrictions. Applicants may wish to consider below alternatives:

- Webinars
- Online Videos and Podcasts series hosted on [Landcarer](#)
- Social distancing planning/site visit schedules
- Camera trap monitoring - including remote identification and support (e.g. [iNaturalist](#))

Please see [WIRES webpage](#) to see how wildlife carers can manage COVID-19 restrictions.

### Funding Available

A total funding pool of \$1,000,000 is available for the **WIRES – Landcare Wildlife Relief & Recovery Grants 2020**.

Eligible applicants are invited to apply for grants of **up to \$20,000 (ex GST)**

*For projects that require funding over \$20K, larger joint projects, and major landscape-scale recovery projects, please contact Landcare Australia to discuss your options.*

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## Key Dates

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Item:	Date:
Applications open	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April, 2020
Applications close	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April, 2020 (3pm AEST)
Successful applicants notified	End of May, 2020
Progress update	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November, 2020
Final Report due and project completed	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June, 2021

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## Eligibility

Landcare Australia will consider your application if:

- Your landcare groups, networks, or community environmental organisations (e.g. Bushcare, 'Friends Of' etc) are undertaking works in an area affected by drought or bushfire in 2019 or 2020, and
- Your project is directly-related to the implementation of bushfire- or drought-related wildlife recovery activities, such as:
  - survey and impact assessment
  - targeted research and citizen science
  - wildlife care (food, water, protection etc.)
  - habitat restoration (including nest boxes, hollows, revegetation, etc.)
  - revegetation, shelterbelts and fences
  - protecting waterways and managing erosion
  - managing weeds (including related training and workshops)
  - working with Traditional Owner groups
  - protection and management of unburnt areas and refuges for drought and fire-affected wildlife
  - seed collection and plant propagation
  - contractors: e.g. researchers, surveyors, arborists, fencers etc.
  - tools equipment and infrastructure (shipping containers, pumps, water tanks etc.)

**NOTE:** funding through this grants program is not available for pest animal control.

*If you have a proposed activity that is not listed in the above list you must be able to demonstrate the need for the activity and the expected outcome relating to wildlife recovery, post bushfire and/or in drought-impacted areas.*

### Other conditions:

- Projects to be undertaken in the next 12 months
- Projects can be conducted on public or private land (where permission granted)
- Multiple applications per group may be considered
- Joint applications and community partnerships are strongly encouraged

## Ineligible organisations

The following organisations are ineligible to apply:

- Unincorporated groups\*
- Commonwealth statutory authorities
- State, Territory or Local Governments
- Government NRM organisations
- Schools, pre-schools and education providers
- Not for profits operating at a nationwide level
- Universities and research institutions.

\*Unincorporated groups should apply with an auspicing body (e.g. local Landcare group). If you need support with this process, please get in touch with the Grants Team ([grants@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:grants@landcareaustralia.com.au) / (02) 8440 8819).

Landcare Australia wish to support as many good projects as possible and therefore if your organisation is ineligible we encourage your organisation to work as supporting co-contributors for applications with a local Landcare group.

[CLICK HERE](#) to find your nearest group, or get in touch with the Grants Team via [grants@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:grants@landcareaustralia.com.au) / (02) 8440 8819

## Wildlife-specific considerations:

- If your project has identified a location wildlife would significantly benefit from safe access to additional water - and you are interested in installing and maintaining [a 220L arboreal drinker](#) - please identify need in your application, and Landcare Australia will communicate this interest with WIRES)
- Separate funding is available through WIRES for projects seeking to provide **approved supplementary feed to wildlife** (please identify this need in your application, and Landcare Australia will communicate with WIRES)
- **Nest Boxes** may potentially be supplied in bulk through a separate arrangement with WIRES (please identify any need (species, numbers) in your application, and Landcare Australia will communicate with WIRES)

## Assessment Criteria

Successful applications will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- Expected environmental outcomes (e.g. improving habitat for wildlife)
- Expected knowledge-sharing outcomes (e.g. posts/photos sharing [Landcarer](#), newsletters, social and local media)
- Engagement with other supporters (e.g. Traditional Owner Groups, Fire Authority, Men's Shed, Rotary, other environmental not-for-profits, researchers, Parks staff, Councils or catchment/NRM organisations, etc.)
- Consideration of maintenance to ensure longevity of project outcomes

- Feasible and technically-sound activities
- A realistic, relevant and detailed project budget that demonstrates value for money.

**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, higher scoring projects will be funded. Projects funded may also take into account the overall mix of project types, locations and existing Landcare Australia-funded grants.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Does my group need an ABN to receive a grant?**

Yes, however if your group does not have an ABN you can arrange for an affiliated group with an ABN (e.g. local council) to receive the grant funds on your behalf.

**Does the grant include GST?**

Yes, however not all groups are eligible to receive GST. Check whether your group is eligible to receive GST [here](#).

*Independent advice should be sought if you are unsure. Please ensure your budget does not exceed the total grant funding stipulated in the guidelines. Funds will be transferred to the applicant's nominated bank account if deemed successful.*

**Where is the funding coming from?**

Landcare Australia is working with WIRES to provide funding for landcare projects in fire affected areas.

[For a full list of FAQs please click here.](#)

## How to Apply

Groups can apply for the **WIRES – Landcare Wildlife Relief & Recovery Grants 2020** on the Landcare Australia Communities Portal until **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020 (3pm AEST)**.

**To submit an application:**

1. 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](#).
2. Click on '**WIRES – Landcare Wildlife Relief & Recovery Grants 2020**'.
3. Click on 'Create Application'.
4. 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.
5. To submit your application, select the '**Is application complete?**' checkbox and press '**Submit my application**'.
6. You will receive a confirmation email when your application has been successfully submitted. If you do not receive an email, please ensure you check your junk mail.

For questions about the online application call (02) 8440 8819 or email [grants@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:grants@landcareaustralia.com.au)