



LANDCARE LED BUSHFIRE RECOVERY GRANTS

The Federal Environment Minister Sussan Ley has announced a landmark \$14million for Landcare led bushfire recovery projects in Queensland, New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, Victoria and South Australia. The funding will support landcare bushfire recovery projects in seven government designated bushfire regions impacted by the Black Summer bushfires of 2019/2020.

Facilitated by the Australian Government, the grants program will manage grants for local, regional and national activities supporting bushfire recovery for fire-affected plant and animal species, ecological communities, and natural assets, including Ramsar listed wetlands and World Heritage listed sites.

The Landcare Led Bushfire Recovery Grants will provide eligible local Landcare Groups, environment networks, and community groups with access to grant funding up to \$50,000, and as larger partnerships, projects of up to \$300,000. The funding will also include \$4million available for projects that will benefit forests and coastal ecosystems in the East Gippsland bushfire impacted region.

National Landcare Network Chief Executive Officer Jim Adams said that the \$14million bushfire grants program will be delivered by a ground-breaking alliance between the National Landcare Network, the Landcare peak bodies in Queensland, NSW, ACT, Victoria and South Australia, together with Landcare Australia.

“The Landcare Led Bushfire Recovery Grants program will be co-delivered by all the Landcare organisations who will work together to drive and coordinate a wide range of quality, on-ground projects over the next 12 months for community landcare.

Dr Shane Norrish, Chief Executive Officer for Landcare Australia said that the Landcare Led Bushfire Recovery Grants will benefit landscape restoration, improve biodiversity and support community resilience.

“The grants program will mobilise, build capacity, increase participation and support for landcare networks and groups, farmers and landowners, Traditional Owners, and other groups involved in community led environmental activities. The grants program is an opportunity to share knowledge, network and learn with experts, their peers, industry, and community members.”

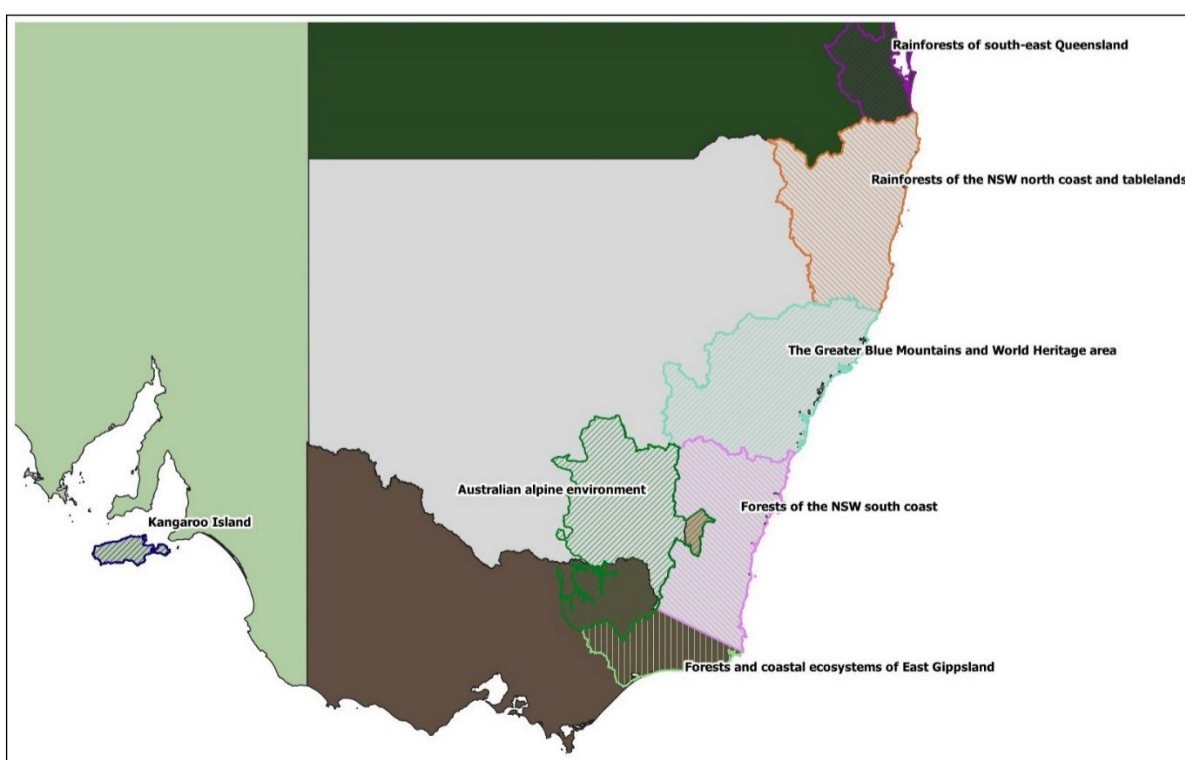
Further information including the grant guidelines and useful tips on to apply will be made available in early May.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How much funding is available?

The total program funding is \$14million. Eligible local Landcare Groups, environment networks, and community groups can apply for community grant funding up to \$50,000, or larger partnerships projects up to \$300,000.

2. What are the seven declared areas?



- the rainforests of South-East Queensland (QLD)
- the rainforests of the NSW North Coast and Tablelands (NSW)
- the world heritage listed Greater Blue Mountains (NSW)
- the forests of the NSW South Coast (NSW)
- the alpine environments across ACT, NSW and Victoria (NSW and VIC)
- the forests and coastal ecosystems of East Gippsland (VIC)
- Kangaroo Island (SA).

3. Is my group eligible?

Your application will be considered if you are a local Landcare group/network, landholder, community organisation, Indigenous group, Traditional Custodian and/or other regional and national organisation.

Unincorporated groups are ineligible. However they can apply with an eligible partner or auspicing body (e.g. Landcare group/network).

4. What sort of activities can be funded?

Examples include:

- pest / feral animal management / control
- weed management / control
- erosion control to protect waterways and repairing riparian areas
- artificial habitat/shelter (such as nest boxes and artificial hollows)
- revegetation and regeneration
- seed collection and propagation of native plant species
- fencing to protect sensitive or regenerating areas
- flora and fauna surveys, habitat mapping, data recording, citizen science and education
- engaging with local communities and Indigenous land managers

Many other activities - please discuss with your Landcare State and Territory Organisation or Landcare Australia for further information (see below).

5. What are the Key Dates?

May-June 2021: Application Period

July 2021 - Successful Projects Commence

December 2021 - Project Update Report

30 April 2022 - Project Completion and Reporting*

*Note projects must be fully completed and reported by 30 April 2022 - no extensions will be granted - and activities should be carefully considered before applying.

6. Where do I fill in my grant application?

The Grant Application form will be available shortly, however you will need to register with SmartyGrants when applying. [Click Here](#) to go to the registration page:

<https://landcareaustralia.smartygrants.com.au/applicant/register>

7. Where do I go for further information?

For Landcare groups that are interested in applying for the grants and are current members of a State or Territory Landcare organisation, please contact your Landcare peak body as listed below for further information.

For other organisations and groups, including Traditional Owners, environmental NGOs, government agencies, community groups, individual farmers and landowners who are interested in applying for the grants, please contact Landcare Australia.

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