

LANDCARE PROJECT FUNDING GUIDELINES (FTRS003)



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CASHIER HOURS:
8:30am – 4:30pm
MONDAY- FRIDAY

The Shire of Narrogin provides funding assistance through the Landcare Project Fund, to rural applicants within the Shire of Narrogin, for the purchase of native plants to be planted on their property. Funding is available for up to 50 % of the total spend on native plants, up to a maximum of \$5,000, where the applicant demonstrates dollar for dollar spending on native plants for the nominated project.

Applications open from 1 February to 28 February

What will be funded

- Purchase costs of Australian native plants i.e. trees and shrubs where the applicant demonstrates dollar for dollar purchasing of native plants up to \$5,000.

What will not be funded

- Deficit funding or retrospective funding, or funds paid in advance.
- Recurrent expenditure (i.e. salaries and operational costs).
- Proposals where alternative sources of funding are available.
- Maintenance, repairs, installation of, or upgrades to machinery, equipment, fencing or other property infrastructure or assets.
- Maintenance, repairs or upgrades to buildings or property which are the property of the State Government.

Eligibility

- Organisations and individuals are eligible to apply for funding.
- No individual application shall receive in excess of \$5,000 project funding.
- The project must demonstrate the benefit, improvement and outcomes that will be achieved for land rehabilitation or regeneration.
- Projects are required to be completed and acquitted by 30 September of each year.
- Organisations or individuals who have failed to acquit previously received Landcare Project funding within the required timeframe may be ineligible to apply.
- Applications should be submitted using the Application Form, with copies of quotes attached.
- Applications should be addressed to the above and received by the closing date.
- Successful applicants from the preceding financial year are ineligible to apply.
- Projects should ideally prioritise biodiversity outcomes by incorporating a diverse mix of locally native plant species. Proposals that involve monoculture plantings or plantings primarily intended for commercial harvesting, including timber farming or agroforestry, will not be eligible for funding.

Assessment criteria

- Demonstrated capacity to manage and be accountable for the funds and the project.
- Demonstrated cash contribution to the proposed project.
- Funding will be available for the supply of native vegetation ie trees or shrubs to improve salt effected, eroded and other land areas in need of rehabilitation.
- Funding is not available for fencing, however projects demonstrating that the applicant will be supplying and erecting fencing for new vegetation will be viewed favourably.

- Funding will only be available for land outside Narrogin and Highbury town sites, and within the Shire of Narrogin, with no minimum lot size.
- Copies of quotes for materials and services to deliver the project must be provided;
- Provision of a detailed cash project budget showing expenditure and income including project amount requested.
- Demonstrate the extent of and the contribution in cash or in-kind by the applicant.
- Projects that commit to matching dollar for dollar support will be viewed favourably.
- Applications that can demonstrate that materials will be purchased using local businesses will be viewed favourably.
- Compliance with all acquittal requirements for any previous Shire funding received.
- Compliance with appropriate Local Laws, Policies, Acts, Regulations and Standards.
- Preference will be given to projects that enhance ecological resilience by planting a wide variety of native species suitable for the local environment. Projects that demonstrate clear biodiversity benefits and habitat creation will be prioritised over those with commercial objectives.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Shire's Technical Support Officer (Technical and Rural Services) by email to enquiries@narrogin.wa.gov.au or by telephoning 9890 0900 to discuss their project, or to obtain a copy of the Application Form. Click on the link for copy of the [Application Form](#).