

## Western Region Small Land Management Grants Program

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Grants of up to \$5000 are now available through the Western Region Small Land Management Grants Program

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### What is the aim of the program?

The program aims to improve and sustain the condition of natural resources in the Western Region so we can continue to have thriving agricultural industries and healthy landscapes.

### What projects does it fund?

The grants are available for a wide range of projects that fall within one of the following funding categories:

- Pest animals – for projects to control pest animals at the site or property level, such as bait laying or mapping pest populations.
- Weeds – for projects to manage Weeds of National Significance at the site or property level, such as mapping infestations and treating weeds.
- Conservation farming – for projects that improve farming practices at the site or property level, such as small-scale machinery conversion or tree planting.
- Site protection – for projects that protect sites of significance or cultural value, such as fencing small vegetation communities.
- Training – for projects that improve people's skills and knowledge of natural resource management, such as property planning or low stress stock handling courses.
- Education – for school-based projects to improve student's skills and knowledge of natural resource management, such as school excursions to cultural heritage sites.



### How much can I apply for?

You can apply for up to \$5000 (GST exclusive) per calendar year per property.

### Who is eligible?

The grants are available for individuals, groups, organisations and local governments based in the Western Region.

## What are the funding conditions?

Projects must meet the following criteria:

- meet at least one of the program objectives listed in the program's Guidelines and Conditions document (available at [www.western.lls.nsw.gov.au](http://www.western.lls.nsw.gov.au))
- have a public benefit – that is the region more broadly, not just the applicant, will gain a long-term benefit from the funding
- be completed within six months
- activities represent value for money
- funding cannot be used for activities that are part of normal business operations or to purchase capital equipment.

If your application is approved, you will need to formally commit to undertaking your project by entering into a funding agreement with Local Land Services Western Region.

## When can I apply?

The program is continually open for applications, however as the amount of funding available each year is limited, it is recommended that you apply early as possible to avoid missing out.

## How do I apply?

It's easy. You just need to complete an application form, which contains a self-assessment checklist to quickly check your eligibility, a budget table and a hazard identification and risk assessment, and send it to us. Your application will be assessed within four weeks of receipt.

## Where can I find out more?

The Guidelines and Conditions provide further details about the program as well as helpful hints to complete your application. You can download a copy from our website – [www.western.lls.nsw.gov.au](http://www.western.lls.nsw.gov.au).



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