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**ON GROUND WORKS GRANT FUNDING**

**COVENANTED BUSHLAND**

***Expressions of Interest*** (electronic form)

Closing date: Monday 28th August 2023

The National Trust of Western Australia (National Trust) has received $160,000 of Lotterywest funding to support covenant landholders with on ground works including covenant fencing, weed management, feral animal control and revegetation.

The National Trust is seeking expressions of interest from covenant landholders for grants up to $10,000 (ex GST) where there is an equal contribution from the landholder (cash and/or in-kind).

**Grant Funding Guidelines, Eligibility and Assessment Criteria**

Eligibility Criteria

1. This funding is only available for use on National Trust covenanted land.
2. The applicant must be the legal owner or an authorized representative of the land where the on-ground works will be conducted.
3. Applicants can apply for up to $10,000 (ex GST)
4. Applicants must demonstrate an equal co-contribution to the proposed on ground works. This can be a cash or in-kind contribution or a combination of both.

An Assessment Panel will review each application and rank each against the following criteria:

* Urgency due to natural disaster (e.g. fire/flood) or other unforeseen circumstances (e.g. vandalism, trespassing, financial burden).
* Benefit to threatened/priority-listed species/ecological communities, waterways or poorly reserved vegetation types.
* Introduced species, for example but not limited to any locally recognised and/or priority environmental weeds, Weeds of National Significance, declared pests etc.
* Threats from adjoining land uses.
* Dieback infestation/risk.

**Personal Information**

Full Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Mailing Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Property Information**

Property Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Covenant Reference Number (if known): Click or tap here to enter text.

Property Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Are you the owner of the property?

Yes  No, please provide the name and contact information of the property owner: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Proposed works**

Funding is available for the following activities: covenant fencing, weed control, feral animal control and/or revegetation. Up to $10,000 (ex GST) is available and can be distributed across activities. Landholders are required to share costs with the National Trust by providing cash and/or in-kind contributions e.g. National Trust provides fencing materials and the landholder installs.

If funding is required for the purchase of goods/services, suppliers must invoice the National Trust directly as stated in the Terms and Conditions. Works undertaken since 1 July 2022 may be considered. All works must be fully completed and invoiced before the 30 April 2024.

* 1. Please provide a detailed breakdown below of how the funding will be used:

**COVENANT BOUNDARY FENCING** (e.g., materials, equipment, labour costs, etc.)

* Amount requested (ex GST): Click or tap here to enter text.
* Landholder cash contribution amount: Click or tap here to enter text.
* Landholder in-kind contribution amount (e.g. labour to install fencing, please give details on estimated hours and equivalent dollar value): Click or tap here to enter text.
* Distance required (km): Click or tap here to enter text.
* Proposed Start Date: Click or tap here to enter text.
* Proposed End Date: Click or tap here to enter text.
* Further information: Click or tap here to enter text.

**WEED CONTROL**

* Amount requested (ex GST): Click or tap here to enter text.
* Landholder cash contribution amount: Click or tap here to enter text.
* Landholder in-kind contribution amount (e.g. labour to spray, manual removal etc, please give details on estimated hours and equivalent dollar value): Click or tap here to enter text.
* Species: Click or tap here to enter text.
* Method of control: Click or tap here to enter text.
* Proposed Start Date: Click or tap here to enter text.
* Proposed End Date: Click or tap here to enter text.
* Further information: Click or tap here to enter text.

**FERAL ANIMAL CONTROL**

* Amount requested (ex GST): Click or tap here to enter text.
* Landholder cash contribution amount: Click or tap here to enter text.
* Landholder in-kind contribution amount (please give details on estimated hours and equivalent dollar value and description in-kind activity): Click or tap here to enter text.
* Species: Click or tap here to enter text.
* Method of control: Click or tap here to enter text.
* Proposed Start Date: Click or tap here to enter text.
* Proposed End Date: Click or tap here to enter text.
* Further information: Click or tap here to enter text.

**REVEGETATION**

* Amount requested (ex GST): Click or tap here to enter text.
* Landholder cash contribution amount: Click or tap here to enter text.
* Landholder in-kind contribution amount (e.g. labour to plant and install seedling guards, follow up maintenance, weed control and watering 4 times over first summer etc, please give details on estimated hours and equivalent dollar value): Click or tap here to enter text.
* Species of seedlings and number: Click or tap here to enter text.
* Describe the vegetation type, condition and location proposed for revegetation. The National Trust can provide you with a map of your covenant on request: Click or tap here to enter text.
* Proposed Start Date: Click or tap here to enter text.
* Proposed End Date: Click or tap here to enter text.
* Further information: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Assessment Criteria**

1. Are any of the proposed on ground works urgent and a result of natural disaster or other unforeseen circumstances? For example, fire, flood, vandalism, trespassing, financial burden.

Yes, please provide details below  No

* + 1. Please provide further details and attach supporting evidence and documentation:

Click or tap here to enter text.

* + 1. Do you have insurance cover for these event/circumstances?

Yes

No – refer to landholder declaration at the end of this application form

1. To the best of your knowledge, do these proposed on ground works benefit any threatened/priority-listed species/ecological communities, waterways or poorly reserved vegetation types (biodiversity values)?

*Note. If you do not know this information, as part of the application assessment the National Trust will be undertaking a desktop review of your covenant using a range of resources such as site reports and biodiversity datasets.*

Yes, please provide details below  No

Please provide details of known biodiversity values: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Are any of the weeds listed as Weeds of National Significance or declared pests?

Yes, please provide details below  No

Please provide details: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Are any of the weeds to be controlled or present on the property listed as Weeds of National Significance or declared pests?

Yes, please provide details below  No

Please provide details: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Are there any known or perceived threats from adjoining land uses? For example, herbicide spray/drift, dewatering, mining, stock with access to the covenant, weed encroachment etc.

Yes, please provide details below  No

Please provide details: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Does the property have a dieback infestation (suspected or confirmed) or is at risk of dieback infestation?

Yes, please provide details below  No

Please provide details: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Project Implementation**

1. Will you be working in partnership with another organisation or seeking funding from other sources towards these on ground works?

Yes, please provide details below  No

Please provide names and contact details and mention if there is involvement with an Indigenous Business/Aboriginal Ranger group: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Project Sustainability**

1. How do you plan to ensure the long-term sustainability and maintenance of the on ground works? (Please provide details): Click or tap here to enter text.

**Any other relevant information?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Declaration**

I, Click or tap here to enter text., hereby declare that all the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand and acknowledge the following:

* 1. Insurance coverage may have implications for the eligibility and approval of the funding grant and if I have stated that I do not possess any insurance coverage for the works being proposed for the funding grant application, this is true and accurate.
  2. I understand that any false or misleading information may result in the rejection of my application or the termination of funding if awarded.
  3. I have carefully reviewed the terms and conditions of the funding grant application.

By signing below, I confirm that the above statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

**Landholder's Full Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Date:** Click or tap to enter a date.

**Signature: **

Please submit the completed application form and supporting documents via email [covenanting@ntwa.com.au](mailto:covenanting@ntwa.com.au) or post to:

National Trust of Australia (WA)

Attn: Monica Hunter, Natural Heritage Management Officer

PO Box 1162

West Perth WA 6872

The deadline for submission is the 28th August 2023.

**Terms and Conditions**

These terms and conditions outline the agreement between the funding grant provider, the National Trust of Australia (WA), referred hereon as the National Trust; and the landholder named in the application declaration. By submitting an application for the grant, the landholder agrees to comply with these terms and conditions:

1. Grant Purpose:

* The funding grant aims to support on ground works that contribute to the enhancement and environmental conservation of a National Trust covenant through fencing, weed management, feral animal control and/or revegetation.

1. Eligibility:

* The landholder must meet the eligibility criteria specified by the grant program.
* The landholder must provide accurate and complete information in the application form.
* Evidence of works (e.g. photos, videos and/or reports) must be submitted with invoices or as requested by the National Trust from time to time.
* The landholder must provide a short summary report on completion of works.
* The landholder must agree to the co-contribution requirement.

1. Co-Contribution:

* The landholder is required to contribute an equal portion of the on-ground works costs. This contribution can be in the form of cash, in-kind services, or other resources and is at the discretion of the Assessment Panel.
* The landholder's co-contribution must be clearly stated and documented in the application.

1. Funding Amount:

* The funding grant amount is up to $10,000 (ex GST) per landholder and will be determined based on the evaluation of the application and the availability of funds.
* The funding amount may not cover the entire project cost and may be subject to negotiation and adjustment.

1. Project Implementation:

* The landholder is responsible for executing the on-ground works as described in the approved application.
* The landholder must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and permits related to the project.
* Any changes or deviations from the approved works must be communicated and approved in writing by the National Trust.

1. Reporting and Documentation:

* The landholder must provide progress reports with invoices.
* The landholder must maintain accurate records of expenses, receipts, and supporting documentation for audit purposes.
* The landholder must submit a final report to the National Trust with supporting evidence of works completed between 1 July 2022 and 30th April 2024. A stewardship visit may be arranged to gather supporting evidence at the discretion of the National Trust.

1. Payment of Invoices

* Contractors performing work or providing services can be paid directly by the National Trust. Invoices for payment must be addressed to the National Trust of Australia (WA) and be endorsed for payment by the Natural Heritage Management Officer, prior to being processed for payment.
* If a landholder chooses to pay an invoice directly and be reimbursed by the National Trust, the invoice and receipt of payment must be submitted and must show the GST component.
* Invoices will be reviewed by the Natural Heritage Management Officer who will ensure supporting documentation is provided prior to the invoice being processed for payment.
* The National Trust is not responsible for the payment of invoices which exceed $10,000 (ex GST).

1. Grant Completion Date

* Works must be fully completed and invoiced before the 30 April 2024.

1. Grant Termination and Repayment:

* The National Trust reserves the right to terminate the grant if the landholder fails to comply with the terms and conditions or if the proposed works do not progress as planned.
* In case of grant termination or misuse of funds, the landholder may be required to repay all or a portion of the grant amount received.

1. Confidentiality:

* The landholder agrees to keep any confidential information received from the grant provider confidential and not disclose it to third parties without prior written consent.

1. Governing Law:

* These terms and conditions are governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Western Australia. Any disputes arising from these terms and conditions shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Western Australia.

By submitting the application for the funding grant with co-contribution, the landholder acknowledges that they have read, understood, and agreed to these terms and conditions.