



On-ground Partnership Grants



Overview

The Northern Tablelands Local Land Services (LLS) is working with State and Federal Government to invest in the long term sustainability of agricultural businesses. We encourage and invite landholders and groups to apply for funding to improve management of natural resources across the Northern Tablelands.

Eligible Project Activities

Funding is available for on ground projects that achieve improved natural resource management on farm.

Activities that are eligible for funding include but are not limited to:

- Protecting and managing waterways
- Provision of alternate water points where stock are excluded from water sources
- Planting shelter belts or wind breaks with native trees or shrubs
- Improving habitat for threatened species
- Protecting and managing existing native vegetation
- Revegetation on farm, protecting paddock trees and encouraging natural regeneration

Who is eligible for funding?

- Individual landholders in the Northern Tablelands LLS region*
- Groups of landholders (this may include Landcare groups, producer groups, neighbouring landholders working together etc.)
- Local Government (however the available funding for Local Government is limited)
- Community groups and organisations

*** The Northern Tablelands LLS region is defined as within the Tenterfield, Glen Innes Severn, Guyra, Inverell, Armidale, Uralla and Walcha Shires.**

What funding is available?

Individual landholders can apply for up to \$30,000 for eligible activities. Groups of landholders are encouraged to apply. Individuals should fill in a EOI but indicate they are part of a group. Applicants must make an equal or greater contribution for every \$ (in-kind or financial contribution) to the project.

Please note that work completed before or at the time of project proposal is not eligible for funding.



What is the process?

1. Fill out and complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) form and submit to eoι.northerntablelands@lls.nsw.gov.au post to EOI Officer, PO Box 411, Inverell 2360 or drop it in to your local Northern Tablelands LLS office.
Closing date for EOIs by Friday 14th August.
2. If your EOI meets the funding criteria we will contact you to arrange a site visit and help to develop the project with you (including working with you on project design, costing and mapping). All of this information is used to further develop your proposal. If your EOI is not eligible for funding we will contact you to discuss your options.

Your project proposal will then be assessed by a panel in mid to late October 2015. The assessment panel will consist of independent experts and Northern Tablelands LLS staff. Projects will be ranked on a range of criteria. Higher weighting will be given when individual landholders apply as part of a group.

If your application is successful we will develop a management agreement with you. Project works are to be completed within a 12 to 18 month time frame.

Access to funding will be competitive. If your project proposal is not successful we will contact you to discuss your options.

3. You will be required to keep all receipts and upon completion of works submit a final report.

You may also be required to undertake ongoing monitoring to demonstrate the success of your project.



Who To Contact:

Please contact the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services for a project officer to give you more information.

Call 1300 795 299

- **INVERELL OFFICE: 02 6720 8300**
- **ARMIDALE OFFICE: 02 6770 2000**
- **TENTERFIELD OFFICE: 02 6739 1400**
- **GLEN INNES OFFICE: 02 6732 8800**

To submit your form email:

eoι.northerntablelands@lls.nsw.gov.au



Project funding sources

- **Trees on Farms** is a Northern Tablelands LLS program which aims to help people restore and manage native vegetation on farms across the Tablelands. It focuses on raising awareness of the importance of native vegetation in farming systems. Funded activities can include protecting paddock trees, assisting natural regeneration of native vegetation and increasing shade and shelter belts for biodiversity and production benefits.
- **Healthy Rivers** focuses on the Tablelands and Slopes riverine ecosystems. Riverine environments provide an abundance of private, public and environmental benefits. The health and resilience of water resources is crucial for continued human health, agricultural production and biodiversity conservation. The Healthy Rivers Program gives the community the opportunity to improve their catchments through a range of activities including planning, on ground works and education.

Both these programs are supported by Catchment Action NSW and the National Landcare Programme.

- **Brigalow Nandewar Biolinks** is a community managed project supported by the Australian Government's Biodiversity Fund. Its primary focus is to engage and support landholders to re-establish vital native vegetation linkages within the landscape, and to build community capacity to restore and manage native vegetation and riverine health.



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