



Small Community Grants



Overview

Northern Tablelands LLS is delivering a Small Community Grants Program under the National Landcare Programme in 2015-2016. Grants are offered to give groups the financial capacity to implement local capacity building projects which relate to river management, biodiversity, native vegetation management, sustainable land management, threatened species conservation and Aboriginal culture and land management.

What funding is available?

Three classifications of grants are available:

- Awareness raising events, workshops and field days (\$500 to \$1,500)
- Mentoring, leadership, training, conference and associated small on-ground works (max \$5,000)
- Aboriginal cultural heritage protection, leadership, training and knowledge projects (max \$10,000)

Eligible Project Activities

Activities (including small on-ground works projects) that improve people's capacity to:

- Manage groundcover, soil organic carbon, litter, pasture biomass and native vegetation cover
- Protect existing native vegetation
- Establish new native vegetation
- Manage threatened species
- Preserve and protect Aboriginal Cultural Heritage
- Improve riparian stability, small on farm wetlands and in-stream habitat quality

Who is eligible for funding?

- Groups of landholders (this may include Landcare group, producer groups, neighbouring landholders working together, etc.) in the Northern Tablelands Region*
- 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.

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 a Small Community Grant Application form and submit to: application.northerntablelands@lls.nsw.gov.au, post to PO Box 411, Inverell 2360 or drop it in to your Local Northern Tablelands LLS office.
Closing date for application by Friday 14th August.
2. Your application will then be assessed by a panel in late August 2015. The assessment panel will consist of independent experts and Northern Tablelands LLS staff. Projects will be ranked on a range of criteria (*for more information on how the applications will be assessed, see the Small Community Grants Guidelines on our website*).

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

3. You will be required to conduct an evaluation of all events which will be submitted describing your success and project outcomes.

Refer to Small Community Grants Application Guidelines to help fill in your form

Access to funding is limited and is likely to be very competitive. If your application is not successful we will contact you to discuss your options.

Closing date for applications: Friday 14th August.



Who to Contact:

Please contact the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services for 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:

application.northerntablelands@lls.nsw.gov.au

Funding sources

This Small Community Grants Program, is supported by the NSW Government's Catchment Action funding and the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme. The Program is focused on improving community resilience by addressing the most limiting drivers of human or social capital. The most limited drivers were identified in our Investment Plan as a knowledge, leadership, community participation and financial capacity.

