



Western Local Land Services

Ag Innovation and Technology Small Grant



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Program



About the grant

Western Local Land Services is inviting land managers to apply for a small grant to purchase innovative technology, equipment or services to assist them to adopt sustainable practice change.

The Ag Innovation and Technology Small Grant has been established to assist landholders to improve their natural resource management and increase the number of farming entities achieving sustainable practice change through the adoption of new technologies.

What sort of assistance is available?

Approved landholder projects will be eligible for a rebate of 50 % of the approved purchase cost, to a maximum of \$5,000 for individuals (GST excl).

Eligibility

The rebates will be open to individual farming enterprises who:

- Own property within the Western Local Land Services (Western LLS) region and intended installation and implementation of technology must also be within the Western LLS region.
- Have purchased the technology or service after 1 July 2017 or are prepared to purchase the technology or service before 8 June 2018.
- Commit to apply the approved technology or service for five years under a contract and be willing to participate in Western LLS promotional activities.
- Have completed any commitments to past or current incentive funding projects.
- Are free of debt to Local Land Services.
- Project funding is limited to one application per:
 - Applicant/entity
 - ABN
 - Property.

Conflict of Interest

Local Land Services staff and Board members are required to identify and declare conflicts of interest so that they can be managed in an open and transparent way. This policy extends to external parties or individuals who may be associated with LLS staff or LLS Board members through immediate family relationships, close friendships or business relationships. All applicants will be required to complete a brief checklist in the application form which will identify any such conflicts. Should a conflict be identified, a conflict of interest declaration form will be provided to the applicant to complete.

Applicants please note

Funding for this program is limited and will be offered to eligible applicants based on the order (by date) that the applications are received. Therefore, funding may be exhausted prior to the closing date for applications and some projects may not be funded.

- Any incomplete applications will be returned and could result in not being eligible for funding.
- Applications will be rendered ineligible if the proponent has current projects that are incomplete or not on track to meet grant milestones.

- Non-payment of rates and other Local Land Services fees and accounts may also result in application ineligibility.
- Western Local Land Services reserves the right to refuse funding for projects or project components which provide insufficient environmental benefit for their cost.

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What sort of technology or services are eligible?

Some of the technology and services eligible for funding includes (but is not limited to):

- Data analysis, interrogation and recommendations e.g. livestock, pastures, soil or cropping.
- Stock water telemetry systems.
- Solar pumping systems.
- Desalination plant for livestock consumption.
- Drones with surveillance or data capture capability and analysis and associated software.
- Soil testing and analysis.
- Subscription access to remotely sensed imagery e.g. NDVI data and fractional land cover data.
- Geospatial mapping technologies with remotely sensed data e.g. Pastures from Space.
- Automation of agricultural equipment e.g. Variable rate controllers or agricultural robots.
- Livestock biometrics, electronic ID readers, wands or applicators, scales with ID reader.
- Air, water and soil sensors and monitoring equipment, e.g. frost sensors or soil moisture probes.
- Software for professional farm assessment and management.

How to apply?

- Complete pages four, five and six of this document, which is also available at www.lls.nsw.gov.au/western.
- Submit your application via funding.western@lls.nsw.gov.au or post to Western Local Land Services, Ag and Innovation Technology Grants, PO Box 307, Cobar NSW 2835.
- Please note as applications are assessed in order of receipt, mailed applications may be disadvantaged as they will be lodged by the date received by Western LLS.

Applications close 5 pm EST on Friday 11 May 2018.

Note: Funding is limited and applications will be assessed in the order that they are received, which may mean that some projects will not be funded.

For further information

Senior Land Services Officer, Kyra Roach on 0438 695 755 or kyra.roach@lls.nsw.gov.au.

Senior Land Services Officer, Mitch Plumbe on 0408 241 200 or mitchell.plumbe@lls.nsw.gov.au.

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Ag Innovation and Technology Small Grant application form

Prior to completing this application form, ensure you have thoroughly read page two of this document which can also be found on our website www.lls.nsw.gov.au/ western to ensure your project meets project standards and eligibility requirements.

Applicant details (details of person/s responsible for the project)

Given name.....Surname.....

Full name of legal land owner (if different from above).....

Legal trading name (if applicable).....

Postal address (of applicant).....

Town/State.....Postcode.....

Phone.....Mobile.....

Email.....Add me to monthly e-newsletter: YES NO

ABN.....Are you registered for GST YES NO

Bank details:

Account name.....

BSB.....Account number.....

Property details (where the project will be undertaken)

Property name.....

Property address (if different from above).....

Town/State.....Postcode.....

Distance/direction to property from nearest town (e.g. 75km north-west of Bourke).....

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Total size of property (ha).....

Western LLS Holding Reference Number (found on your rates notice).....

Ag Innovation and Technology Small Grant details

Briefly describe the proposed technology purchase or service, including costs **(please attach tax invoice or quote)**

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Will this purchase assist you to achieve sustainable practice change? (circle) YES NO
If so, how? (tick all that apply)

- Profitability
- Improved efficiencies
- Improved record management
- Informed decision making

Other (please specify).....

Will this purchase assist you to improve your natural resource management? YES NO
If so, in what area? (tick all that apply)

- Soil health
- Grazing/groundcover management
- Drought management
- Water management
- Pest management

Other (please specify).....

Have you previously received any funding for this property?

- NO
- YES – if so, please provide details.....

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If yes, have you completed all agreement activities/tasks including annual monitoring or are on track with previous grant milestones?

- NO
- YES – if so, please provide details.....

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Landholder checklist

- My property is within the Western Local Land Services region.
- I have purchased the technology after 1 July 2017 or am prepared to purchase the technology or service prior to 8 June 2018.
- I have attached a Tax Invoice or Quote for project purchase.
- I am committed to applying the technology or service for a minimum of five years under a contract.
- I have completed any commitments to past or current incentive funding projects.
- If you have identified a conflict of interest, ensure you have completed a conflict of interest declaration form. This form can be requested from a Western LLS staff member.
- I am paid/up-to-date with rates and other Local Land Services fees.

Signature.....

Applicant name(s).....

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1. IRIS No. _ _ _ _ _
2. File No:.....
3. SAP Vendor Number.....
4. ABN matches applicants details on ABR website Y/N
5. Applicant is registered for GST Y/N
6. FARMS search conducted Y/N