



On-ground resource management grants 2015/16



The Natural Resource Management team of North West Local Land Services, in partnership with the State and Commonwealth Governments, is helping landholders ensure a sustainable future. We encourage and invite landholders and groups to apply for funding to improve management of natural resources across the north-west.

Eligible project activities

Funding is available for on-ground projects that achieve improved natural resource management on farm or in your community.

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

- Protecting and managing rivers and creeks,
- Provision of alternative water points where stock are excluded from water sources,
- Managing key emerging invasive weeds to improve native vegetation condition,
- Improving habitat for threatened species, and
- Revegetation on farm, protecting paddock trees and encouraging natural regeneration.

* Please note: areas that are home to our targeted species or focus areas will be considered more favourably.

Who is eligible for funding?

- Individual landholders in the North West 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 North West LLS region is defined as within the Gunnedah, Gwydir, Liverpool Plains, Moree Plains, Narrabri, Tamworth Regional and Walgett Shires.

What funding is available?

Our on ground grants are supported through the NLP, CANSW, and Clean Energy Fund, funding varies between project sources. Applicants must make a minimum of a 50:50 contribution. The landholder contribution can include in-kind contribution.

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 sara.chapman@lls.nsw.gov.au, post to Sara Chapman, NW LLS, PO Box 253, Moree NSW 2400 or drop it in to your local NW LLS office.

Closing date for EOIs
Friday 16th October 2015.

2. On receiving your EOI, we will contact you to further discuss your potential project.
3. If your proposed project is eligible, we will 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.
4. Your project proposal will then be assessed by a panel in late October 2015. An assessment panel will review all projects and rank them competitively on a range of criteria.

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.

If your project proposal is not successful we will contact you to discuss your options.

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

You will also be required to undertake ongoing monitoring to demonstrate the success of your project as part of a 10 year agreement.

2015/16 Programmes:

- Celebrity Species and Helping Habitat for Threatened Species aims to help people reduce threats and restore and manage native habitat at prioritised locations within the region that impact on our prioritised threatened species. The focus species include the swift parrot, regent honeyeater, bell's turtle, brush-tailed rock wallaby, black-striped wallaby, booroolong frog and the koala and more. Interested in conserving other species in your area?
- Healthy Streams focuses on the regions riparian ecosystems. The health and resilience of water resources is crucial for continued human health, agricultural production and biodiversity conservation. This programme gives the community the opportunity to improve their catchments through a range of activities including planning, on-ground works and education.
- Priority invasive plants and animals, this programme is focusing on key emerging invasive species that are impacting on threatened or endangered ecological communities in the NW LLS region.
- Nationally and Internationally Significant Wetlands, four priority wetlands have been identified in the NW LLS region - Narran Lake Nature Reserve, Boobera Lagoon, Gwydir Wetlands and Goran Lake. Activities that manage threatening processes or influence these wetlands are eligible.

These programmes 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 Clean Energy 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 in the Bingara, Moree and Narrabri areas.



Who to
contact

Please contact the NWLLS Natural Resource Management team for more information.

To submit your form via email: sara.chapman@lls.nsw.gov.au

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