

Perth NRM

Direct Community Action Grants

**Program Guidelines
2020**

Grants from \$5,000 to \$60,000

Closing date for submissions

Wednesday, 16 September, 2020

These grants are supported by
Swan Canning River Recovery Stage Three,
delivered by Perth NRM through funding from the
Australian Government's Environment Restoration Fund.

*Perth NRM acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country
throughout Australia and recognises their continuing
connection to land, waters and community.*

*We respect the Whadjuk Noongar people as the traditional custodians of
the land where we predominantly live and work. We pay our respects to
them and their cultures; and to elders both past and present.*



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Swan Canning River Recovery Stage Three

Direct Community Action Grant

Key Details

Opening Date:	3 August, 2020
Closing Date and Time:	5.00pm (GMT +8), 31 August, 2020
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Funding Period:	September 2020 – 30 June 2023
Funding Amounts:	\$5,000 - \$60,000
Total Funding Available:	\$200,000
Funding Region:	Middle Canning Estuary Management Zone (see Sites and Activities)
Acknowledgements:	<i>This project is supported by Perth NRM, through funding from the Australian Government's Environmental Restoration Fund.</i>

WHO CAN APPLY?

Eligibility:

The following not for profit organisations are eligible to apply:

- Friends Groups and other Community Groups
- Incorporated Associations and Non-profit Organisations
- Other Non-government Organisations

Note: Unincorporated Associations may apply under the auspices of another (Incorporated) group. A sponsorship agreement form will need to be completed.

ELIGIBLE SITES

Activities must be completed within the Middle Canning Estuary Management Zone (see Figure 1). This includes tributaries and riparian wetlands between Canning Hwy in the north upstream to the Nicholson Road Bridge in the south. Sites outside of this area will not be eligible for funding.

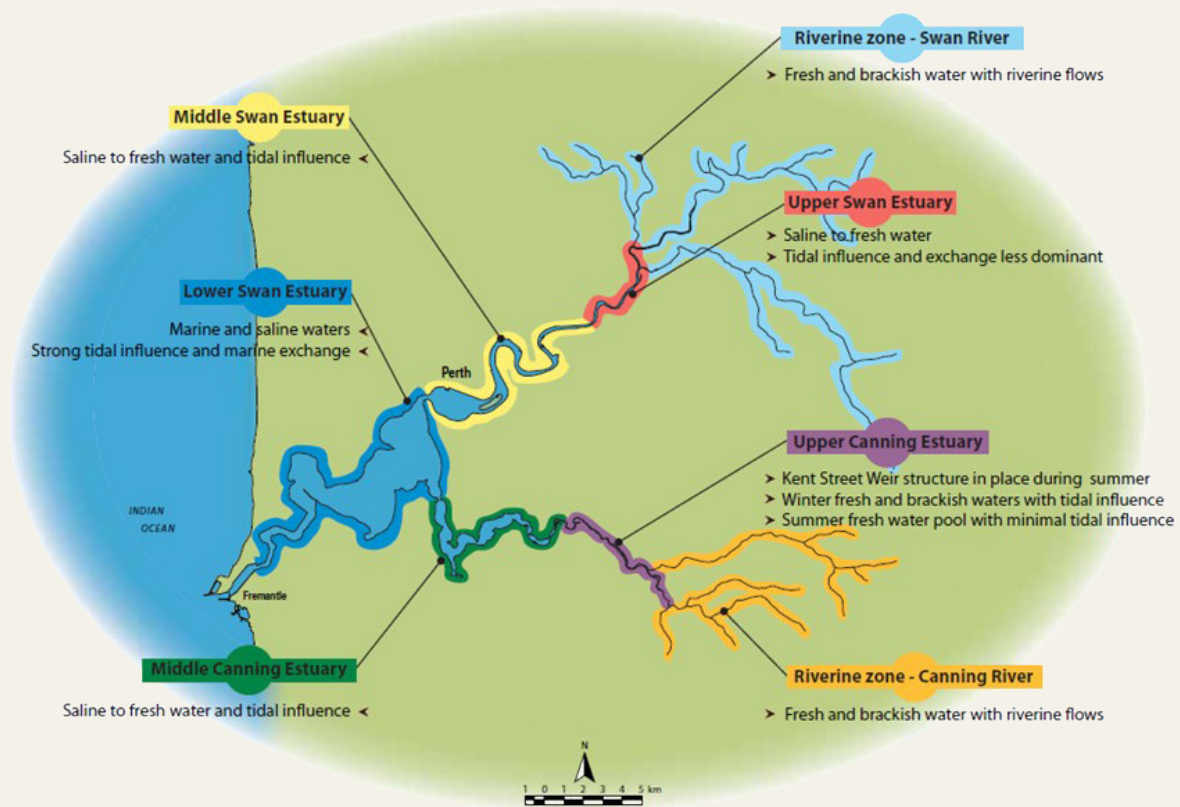


Figure 1: Ecological management zones of the Swan-Canning River system. (Swan River Trust, 2014)

KEY OBJECTIVES

Applications that demonstrate outcomes in alignment with the key objectives are more likely to score favourably in the selection process.

- Provision of long-term management solutions to regionally significant weeds
- Protection and enhancement of Threatened Ecological Communities (TEC's)
- Address water quality directly impacting the Middle Canning River or its tributaries (i.e.)
 - Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) - drainage reform
 - Living Streams
- Projects that engage and encourage Aboriginal traditional custodianship
- Projects that engage communities and schools in meaningful on-ground environmental activities
- Protection and enhancement larger intact natural areas and corridors

KEY ACTIVITIES

Funding is available for a wide range of environmental activities and outcomes, those that have a high focus on the key activities below will score favourably in the selection process.

- Restoring and revegetating habitat (planting native seedlings)
- Seed collection
- Invasive species control and priority weed management
- Controlling and managing site access (i.e.) fencing
- Pest animal control
- Erosion management
- Dieback and/or disease control and management
- Installation of habitat features (i.e.) bat and bird boxes
- Community capacity building events and workshops
- Environmental education and promotion events
- Debris management

FUNDING AMOUNTS AVAILABLE AND PERIOD

Applicants can apply for a minimum of \$5,000 and up to \$60,000 across 3 years, with a limit of \$20,000 per financial year.

Grant funding will be available for 1-3 years and all projects will need to be acquitted by 14 June, 2023.

A simplified small grants program will also be available for one off requests under \$5,000 to be acquitted within 6-12 months

INELIGIBLE FUNDING REQUESTS

- Activities that do not fall within or impact the Middle Canning Estuary Management Zone (see Figure 1)
- Retrospective costs or expenses
- Items or activities that do not have direct environmental outcomes
- Non-indigenous plant species / seedlings
- Management Plans
- Excessive project management and or coordination expenses
- Administration beyond 10% of the funds requested

PROJECT MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF PROJECT SUCCESS

Monitoring will form an important part of each project delivered through the Direct Community Action Grants Program.

These monitoring requirements will be negotiated with the Swan-Canning River Recovery Program Officer and the successful applicants on a case by case basis and be appropriately scaled to the amount of funding requested and the nature of the successful applicants project.

Monitoring will be used to determine project success and inform promotional opportunities on behalf of the applicant and the project.

Any additional expenses incurred by the applicant by the monitoring requirements negotiated will be added to the applicants grant request.



ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND WEIGHTING

Applications will be assessed based on how well they address the following criteria.

TANGIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOME (45%)

- The application includes a clear explanation of the environmental issue(s) being addressed by the project.
- There is a demonstrated need for the project
- The proposed actions are considered appropriate
- The project will contribute to the program objectives
- Activities clearly targeted towards achieving proposed outcomes
- Project demonstrates long-term benefits beyond the life of the grant

DEMONSTRATED BENEFIT TO COMMUNITY (35%)

- Demonstrated community involvement and partnerships
- The project builds capacity for community groups
- The project benefits the broader community
- Components of the project raise community awareness of environmental issues
- Aboriginal engagement has been included in project development and/or delivery

PLANNING AND METHODOLOGY AND CAPACITY TO DELIVER (10%)

- The project has been well thought out and considers implementation and management
- The project will utilise methods known to produce results in this region
- The timeframe is realistic for achieving the proposed outcomes
- The applicant has demonstrated knowledge, skills and expertise in relevant fields or has project partners, advisors etc included as part of the project team
- The applicant demonstrates the capacity and commitment to undertake and complete the project
- There is a commitment to continue to support the project's outcomes beyond the life of the grant

VALUE FOR MONEY (10%)

- Project represents value for money
- Components are costed realistically and within accepted industry standards
- The budget supports the projected objectives
- Environmental benefit of the proposal is relative to the amount of grant funds requested

GRANT FUNDING AND ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Key Dates	Action	Completed By
Monday, 3 August, 2020	Application process opens	Perth NRM
Monday, 14 September, 2020	Application process closes	Perth NRM
Monday, 21 September, 2020	Application assessment completed	Direct Community Action Grant Steering Committee
Friday, 2 October, 2020	Completion of funding agreements and invoices received from successful applicants	Perth NRM / successful applicants
Thursday, 15 October, 2020	First instalments paid to successful applicants	Perth NRM



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