

DA	LANDOWNER BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM	AEW5
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DELEGATED AUTHORITY CODE:	AEW5
DIRECTORATE:	Engineering & Works
BUSINESS UNIT:	Parks & Environment
SERVICE UNIT:	Parks Services
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Manager, Parks
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FUNCTION DELEGATED:

The authority to determine and allocate grants under the Landowner Biodiversity Conservation Grant Program.

CONDITIONS/GUIDELINES:

Landowners may, upon written application to the Chief Executive Officer, be Awarded a grant on condition that:

- (1) The landowner(s) submits a completed application form, signs a 'Conditions of Funding' contract and signs a 'Voluntary Management Agreement' that states that they agree to protect the bushland/wetland area, for which the grant was obtained, from activities likely to adversely impact on it, for a minimum period of 3 years;
- (2) The subject land is zoned rural, rural living or resource zones.
- (3) The project benefits the natural environment on the property and promotes conservation of bushland or wetland
- (4) The subject land has a minimum area of 1,000 square metres of remnant bushland/wetland on the property.
- (5) Landowners contribute to the project at a dollar for dollar ratio; or contribute in-kind labour or other resources to an equal value. The value of proposed in-kind labour or other resources shall be calculated and approved by an officer from the City of Cockburn;

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- (6) The grant is used for projects that feature physical on-ground works such as weed control, erection of fencing to exclude stock, revegetation to link bushland areas and erosion control; and
- (7) Locally provenance plant species only are used for revegetation works.
- (8) Landowners shall be eligible to apply for subsequent grants on condition that they have successfully acquitted previous grants.
- (9) All transactions utilising this delegation are to be recorded in the Recording of Delegated Decisions Register by the officer responsible for initiating the action taken, or by another officer under the direction of the initiating officer.

Allocation of Grants

Applications for grants will be evaluated and awarded:

- (1) In order of merit until the funding pool approved in the Council's annual operating budget is exhausted; and
- (2) In order of preference to properties with large remnant bushland or wetland areas that are of good biodiversity value. Smaller areas of bushland shall be considered if they are linked to adjoining properties or green corridors or if the conservation value of the area in question is extremely high

Acquittal of Grants

Grant recipients shall be required to complete and submit an acquittal advice to the Chief Executive Officer within twelve months of receiving a grant, confirming that funds have been expended in accordance with the 'Conditions of Funding' contract.

AUTONOMY OF DISCRETION:

As provided in Conditions above.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS/COUNCIL POLICY:

Council Policy AEW5 "Landowner Biodiversity Conservation Grant Program " refers

DELEGATE:

Chief Executive Officer

Note: The Chief Executive Officer will sub-delegate this authority to:

DELEGATE/S AUTHORISED:

Manager, Parks & Environment