



Funding Update.

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Community Action Grants

The Australian Government has announced up to \$8 million of funding to help community groups protect the environment and support sustainable farming through its 2010-11 Caring for our Country (CFOC) Community Action Grants (CAGs) program.

CAGs are the small grants component of the Australian Government's CFOC initiative that aims to help community groups take action to conserve & protect their natural environment. The grants are targeted towards established community-based organisations which have sustainable farming and/or protecting & enhancing the natural environment as their principle objective.

Investment proposals are sought from environmental, Indigenous, Landcare, Coastcare & sustainable agriculture community groups for grants of between \$5,000 and \$20,000 (excluding GST) to take action to help protect & conserve Australia's environment. Projects



must be completed within 18 months.

The grants are available to groups currently operating in the environmental & sustainable land management arena and to established & emerging Indigenous organisations. Individuals are not eligible to apply for CAGs.

The Grants support local activities such as tree planting, improving land management practices, field days, revegetation, pest control, dune rehabilitation, Landcare facilitators and recording & use of traditional ecological knowledge.

The guidelines and application form will be available from the CFOC website at www.nrm.gov.au/cag or by calling 1800 552 008 from Tuesday 6 July 2010. Applications will close 5pm (AEST) Tuesday 31 August 2010.

A full list of successful applicants and projects from the 2009-10 round, including groups in the Goulburn Broken catchment, can be found on the website.

First Farm Grant

The First Farm Grant program will provide \$2 million as part of the Victorian Government's \$631 million 'Ready for Tomorrow' strategic investment in regional Victoria.

The Grant provides business planning and development support to help young people who have recently made, or are about to make, a commitment in farming. It is designed to provide grants of up to \$3,000 to young farmers for business and planning advice by a qualified consultant.

Additional funding to a combined total value of \$10,000 is available to undertake development projects identified in the business plan, that will improve the productivity and sustainability of their emerging farm enterprise.

To be eligible, applicants must

1. Be 40 years of age or under at 1 July 2010;
2. Purchase, share farm, lease or inherit farm land for the first time between 1 July 2009 & 30 June 2012;
3. Be operating a farming business, deriving at least \$40,000 per annum from the business;
4. Be working in the farm business for at least 2 days per normal business week;
5. Have an ABN and be registered for GST.

For further information and application forms, see the Rural Finance website at www.ruralfinance.com.au or by telephoning 5448 2600.

Water Saving Rebate Schemes

The Victorian Government's Water Smart Gardens and Homes Rebate scheme gives you the chance to save water and money when you purchase eligible water-saving products between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2011.

Eligible products include water efficient showerheads, upgrading to eligible dual flush toilets, garden products, rainwater tanks and systems for reusing household waste water (as per table below).

For further information regarding the scheme and how to claim your rebate see www.ourwater.vic.gov.au

Additional rebates for households are available from the Federal Government's National Rainwater and Greywater Initiative. Rebates of up to \$500 are available to households for either:

- The purchase and installation of a new rainwater tank which is connected for internal reuse of the water for toilet and/or laundry use; or
- The purchase and installation of a permanent greywater treatment system.

For more information on the initiative and how to apply, see www.environment.gov.au/water/programs, or contact the national information line on 1800 808 571 or email nrgi@environment.gov.au

Please note that rebates for both programs only apply to households connected to an urban reticulated water supply (mains water) and have an account with an urban water supplier.

Product	Rebate and Description
Rainwater tank and rainwater tank to toilet connection	Collects rainwater for use inside or outside your home. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$150 for a tank 600 litres or greater. • An additional \$150 for toilet connection.
Large rainwater tank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1000 for a tank 4000+ litres connected to toilet & laundry • \$900 for a tank 4000+ litres connected to toilet or laundry • \$500 for tank 2000-3999 litres connected to toilet &/or laundry
Greywater systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 - recycles waste water from laundries and bathrooms for use on the garden or in the toilet.
Hot water recirculator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$150 - saves cold water in the hot water pipes by diverting cold water back into the hot water system or cold water plumbing. Systems directing the cold water to rainwater tanks or storage for outdoor use are not eligible.
Dual flush toilet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50 - A doubled rebate offer (\$100) is limited to 12,000 rebates. Once special rebates run out, the \$50 rebate applies.
Three-star water efficient showerhead	Up to two showerhead rebates are available per property. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10 - rebate per showerhead costing between \$30 and \$100 • \$20 - rebate per showerhead costing more than \$100
Water conservation home audits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50 - A service to assess where a household could save water, and recommend products and methods that would help to do this.
A basket of goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30 when you spend \$100 - Includes products such as mulch (includes pebbles or other inorganic materials which are used as mulch), flow control valves, wetting/moisture agent, compost or mulch bin, soil moisture & rain sensors, garden tap timers, drip watering system or weep hoses, trigger nozzles, temporary greywater diverters, rainwater diverters, waterless car cleaning products, shower timers and toilet flush interrupter devices. One basket offer rebate is available per eligible customer each year.

EOI 2010-11 Update

The Goulburn Broken CMA received 97 Expressions Of Interest (EOI) by groups and organisations for funding in 2010-11 totaling about \$31 million. All EOIs for 2010-11 have now been extensively reviewed by technical panels & Implementation Committees for inclusion in the Goulburn Broken Investment Plan 2010-11.

A final Goulburn Broken Investment Plan for 2010-11 was submitted for assessment to the State and Commonwealth Governments in June.

In August/September 2010, subject to external government processes we hope to be able to advise groups which have been successfully funded through the investment plan, & through the Second Generation Landcare Grants program.

The next annual call for projects will be in October/November 2010, so it's almost time to get some ideas together for your 2011-12 projects! Updated guidelines, priority documents & application forms will be available on the website in mid October 2010.

GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON!

Check out www.gbcma.vic.gov.au under the 'Funding Opportunities' section for more information on funding sources, incentives for landholders & our annual Expression of Interest call for projects in October.

Key Dates & Contact Details.

FUND SOURCE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Regional Caring for our Country and Second Generation Landcare (SGL)		Advice to groups re 2010-11 EOs		2011-12 EOs open (close mid Nov)
CFOC Community Action Grants. See www.nrm.gov.au	6th – 2010-11 round opens			
Norman Wettenhall Foundation. See www.nwf.org.au			30th – Round closes	
Young Farmers Grants. See www.ruralfinance.com.au	1st – Grants open			
Coles/Yates Junior Landcare Grants. See www.landcareonline.com		6th – Round 3 closes		22nd – Round 4 closes
FRRR Victorian Bushfire Grants. See www.frrr.org.au		23rd – Round closes		
FRRR/Gardiner Foundation Working in Dairy Communities.			30th – Round closes	
FRRR Small Grants for Small Rural Communities. See www.frrr.org.au			30th – Round closes	
Victorian Volunteer Small Grants	Call for projects open year round.			
Community Support - Strengthening Communities	Call for projects open year round.			

For information on Funding & Projects please contact your Regional Landcare Coordinator, your local Landcare Coordinator, or see our website www.gbcma.vic.gov.au

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If you have any comments, suggestions or ideas for future Funding Newsletters, please email Casey Damen at caseyd@gbcma.vic.gov.au or call 5820 1114.

Other Funding Opportunities.

Funding Title	Details	More Information	Critical Dates
Caring for Our Country	The new \$2.25 billion program over five years. Replaces Regional NHT, NLP, the Environmental Stewardship Program, elements of the Working on Country program, and Envirofund. Priorities include a national reserve system, biodiversity & natural icons, coastal environments and critical aquatic habitats, sustainable farm practices, natural resource management in remote & northern Australia, and community skills, knowledge & engagement. Funds will be accessed through our normal EOI process or groups may apply directly online.	See website www.nrm.gov.au & www.gbcma.vic.gov.au .	The 2011-12 Round is expected to open mid October 2010. Community Action Grants open July 6 2010.
Second Generation Landcare (SGL)	State funding for community group projects. In the Goulburn Broken region we have generally targeted pest plant & animal projects, as these are high priority activities for our community & there are few other fund sources are aimed at these activities. Submitting an EOI will access this fund source.	See website www.gbcma.vic.gov.au .	The 2011-12 Round is expected to open mid October 2010.
Norman Wettenhall Foundation	The NWF has funded projects ranging from supporting local communities to maintain or restore habitat; to the production of education kits; and the publication & widespread dissemination of research information essential to species preservation. It aims to build capacity in local communities to effect long-term beneficial change in the natural environment, & to support and encourage research, monitoring & knowledge sharing relating to all aspects of Australia's natural environment. See website for further details.	See website www.nwf.org.au or call 5472 1316	Remaining closing dates in 2010 are June 30 & September 30.
Smart Water Fund (SWF)	The SWF will invest in projects that deliver broad environmental, community and commercial benefits across Melbourne & regional urban Victoria. Projects focus on water conservation, water recycling and/or bio-solids reduction or reuse that provides a benefit to urban areas.	See website www.smartwater.com.au or call 1800 882 432.	The call for Round 7 projects closed November 20 2009.
Community Support — Strengthening Communities	State funding for organisations, networks & partnerships to implement projects that will advance the interests of their communities. Projects that encourage greater participation & increased diversity of participants will be supported. There are four funding rounds annually & depending on the category amounts of up to \$30,000, \$50,000 or \$500,000 may be awarded.	See website www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au or call 1300 166 356	Applications can be made anytime.
Junior Landcare Grants Program	The Junior Landcare Grants Program is a grant scheme open to schools & other youth organisations Australia wide. It provides up to \$1,000 in funding (through Yates and/or Coles Supermarkets) to enable young people to participate in local Landcare projects.	See website www.landcareonline.com	Closing dates in 2010 are March 5, May 14, August 6, October 22.
Australia Post Stretching the Envelope	A small grants program for rural and regional Victorian communities will offer grants of up to \$1,000 to benefit people in regional areas who implement community development projects that address issues for young people especially in the areas of education, literacy and arts and culture.	See website www.frrr.org.au	Closing dates for 2010 are yet to be announced.
Volunteer Grants	Volunteer Grants 2010 provides funding of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to help non-profit organisations to: provide training, contribute to fuel costs or purchase equipment that contributes to making volunteering activities easier, safer or more enjoyable	See website http://fahcsia.gov.au or call 1800 183 374	The 2010 round closed April 16 2010
Victorian Volunteer Small Grants	Grants of up to \$5,000 aim to encourage local community organisations to attract new volunteers from diverse backgrounds & create new volunteering opportunities. Community organisations can apply for funding of projects which improve their capability to manage, develop & maintain programs.	See website www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au or call 1300 366 356	Applications can be made anytime and will be assessed within two months.
Local History Grants Program	Local History Grants Program provide grants of up to \$12,000. Preference will be given to applications that are able to: demonstrate the sharing of local history information across multiple local communities; describe the ongoing community benefits of the project; and demonstrate efficient use of funds & aligning budget costs to community benefits. Examples include preparation & printing of local history books, & recording of oral histories.	See website www.prov.vic.gov.au , call 1800 657 452, or email daniel.wilksch@prov.vic.gov.au	The 2009-10 call for projects closed November 30, 2009. The 2010-11 round is likely to open in the second half of 2010.
The Myer Foundation — G4 Fund	The G4 Fund supports community-based projects in the priority areas of environmental education, capacity building for youth organisations, youth driven events & youth health. Grants of up to \$5,000 may be awarded.	Call 9207 3040 or see www.myerfoundation.org.au	The Foundation will not be seeking funding applications for the 2010-11 financial year
FRRR /Gardiner Foundation Working in Dairy Communities	The grants program of up to \$5,000 per grant for dairying communities in Australia will make available around \$100,000 in grants to benefit people in rural and remote communities who are seeking to implement community development projects that address demonstrated local needs.	See website www.frrr.org.au , email info@frrr.org.au or call 1800 170 020	2010 annual round closes September 30 2010.
FRRR Small Grants for Small Rural Communities	A small grants program offering grants up to \$5,000 a year for not-for-profit organisations to benefit people in rural & remote communities. Projects supporting the following areas will be given preference: Community hardship in drought effected areas, Retention of young people in Rural & Regional Australia; Resettlement of immigrants in rural Australia; & Community Infrastructure.	See website www.frrr.org.au or call 1800 170 020	Rounds close March 29 and September 30 2010.