Shepparton Irrigation Region

Catchment Education & Awareness Grants

GOULBURN BROKEN
CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Closing Date: Friday 19th October 2007

What are the SIR Catchment Education and Awareness Grants?

Formerly known as Community Salinity Grants, the grants were first established in 1986 to help raise awareness and understanding of salinity.

In 2006, the grants program was expanded to include projects relating to biodiversity, water quality, pest plants & animals as well as salinity. This year, they have been expanded again and now also encourage applications with a focus on climate change.

Grants are available for education and awareness projects undertaken by schools, farmers and community groups in the Shepparton Irrigation Region.

Groups can apply for a grant, or grants up to a maximum of $8,000. No group will receive more than $8000 in total.

Some Project Ideas….

- ☆ Newsletters
- ☆ Maps
- ☆ Workshops
- ☆ Field Trips
- ☆ Aerial Flights
- ☆ Community Theatre
- ☆ Displays
- ☆ Bore Monitoring
- ☆ Websites
- ☆ Videos

New and innovative projects always welcome!

Please Note:

- Eligibility and guidelines apply. Please refer to application form for further details.
- Grants outlined above are always subject to availability of funds.

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Helpful Hints!

Every year a number of applications are received for funding. It is a very competitive process. Applications are assessed by a panel and funding is allocated based on whether it meets the eligibility and guidelines and the quality of the application that is submitted. There are a number of key areas that are taken into account when your application is assessed, so when you are preparing your application ask yourself the following questions:

HINT # 1: Does the project application meet eligibility criteria and guidelines?

- ☆ **READ THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES on the application form, page 4.**
- ☆ Any group applying for funding must be located within the Shepparton Irrigation Region (Refer to map on the application form, page 4)
- ☆ No office equipment or consultants will be funded
- ☆ Joint projects with other groups are encouraged
- ☆ Priority is given to projects that have a broad community impact

HINT # 2: Is the project application innovative and creative?

- ☆ Projects that use innovative and creative methods to educate and create awareness about regional issues are encouraged
- ☆ Submit a different application from year
- ☆ Bus trips must clearly explain how they will raise awareness of regional issues and how that will be communicated to a wider audience. Bus trip projects that incorporate innovation and creativity will be given priority.

HINT # 3: Has the project application form been accurately completed?

- ☆ Do your financial calculations…The grant can only be up to 70% of the total project value
- ☆ Remember to count the hours your group will be putting into the project as a Group contribution ($20 per hour)
- ☆ Be direct and to the point when writing the project description
- ☆ Ensure the detail section is filled out and correct
- ☆ Only signed hard copies of the application will be accepted

HINT # 4: Does the project application demonstrate thought and planning?

- ☆ **THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT!** In 2006, over $83,000 was requested – only $30,000 could be allocated. It is competitive and well researched and presented applications will be given priority.
- ☆ Attach quotes
- ☆ Attach timetables
- ☆ Attach itinerary for trips
- ☆ List field day guest speakers and topics

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