

Naturally Inspired Bite-sized Grants: *Increasing awareness and positive action*

What are Naturally Inspired Bite-sized Grants?

NRM South's Naturally Inspired Grants program provides small grant funding to community groups and not-for-profit organisations to enable them to undertake projects that deliver positive environmental change across the Southern Tasmanian NRM Region. A portion of NRM South's Naturally Inspired Grants budget has been allocated to the Naturally Inspired Bite-sized program, to provide support for small, short-term projects ranging from \$200 - \$500. Project funds must generally be acquitted and a completion report submitted within 3 months of receiving the grant money.

This program has been funded through the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme and particular grant priorities must be met.

When are Naturally Inspired Bite-sized Grants available?

The Naturally Inspired Bite-sized grants are available all year round, with no set opening or closing application period. The rolling grants are designed to give groups more opportunity to apply for small amounts of funding when it is needed. There is a fixed amount of funding allocated via these grants each financial year.

A group may only receive funding once per financial year, however a group may reapply with a different project submission if their application was unsuccessful.

Who can apply?

Applicants must be an incorporated, not-for-profit organisation or volunteer group (including but not limited to Landcare, Coastcare, Wildcare and Bushcare groups; schools and school associations, guide and scout groups, charitable organisations, SES and volunteer fire groups, church groups, surf clubs and sporting clubs etc). Applicants may also have a sponsor who is able to accept legal and financial responsibility for the project or activity. Potential sponsoring organisations include the Tasmanian Landcare Association, Parks and Wildlife Service and Local Government. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

Applicants, or their sponsors, must hold valid public liability insurance and the project works should generally be on public land or school grounds.

What can be funded?

Project goals should involve increasing awareness and positive action in natural resource management or environmental sustainability. A diverse range of activities may be funded, including garden development, weed control, revegetation, development of educational materials, running community awareness or training events. Project funds might be used to purchasing tools, equipment or consumables for working bees; hire contractors; pay for design or printing costs; presenter fees; purchase plants; to equip a group with safety gear etc.

How to apply?

Applicants must complete the Naturally Inspired Bite-sized grants [application form](#).

For further information or to discuss your project, please contact NRM South's Regional Landcare Facilitator (community) Ruth Osborne on rosborne@nrmsouth.org.au or 6221 6161.

What happens once an application is submitted?

Applications are assessed by a small committee with representatives from NRM South and Volunteer Coordinators from external stakeholders such as local government.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application within 6 weeks of their application being received.