



## **ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS PROGRAM 2025/26**

The Environmental Grants Program supports projects that benefit the environment and community through environmental improvement, sustainability education and the promotion and enabling of sustainable living as a way of life. Applicants are encouraged to consider how their proposed project may address issues such as climate change, waterwise community spaces, biodiversity, recycling and waste avoidance.

Applications will open in March of each year. Groups will have until 30 April to apply.

### **OBJECTIVES**

The Grants Program seeks to deliver the following objectives:

- Benefit the environment through local projects
- Involve the local community in project design and delivery
- Raise awareness and understanding of environmental and sustainability issues
- Support people to take action and share skills and knowledge about the local environment
- Build the capacity of the community to address environmental sustainability.
- Deliver short-term tangible environmental results that are consistent with the Shire's long term environmental sustainability direction.

### **GRANT GUIDELINES & CONDITIONS**

1. A Shire of Dandaragan officer will work with applicants during the open period to ensure that applications are eligible and complete. Supporting documentation or changes to applications will not be accepted after the closing date. Late applications will not be considered.
2. Applications will be accepted by mail at Shire of Dandaragan Administration Centre, PO Box 676, Jurien Bay, WA, 6516, or by email to [council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@dandaragan.wa.gov.au).
3. Projects should have some short-term outputs, but also have longer term objectives and values.

4. Applications will be assessed, and funding prioritised against the following criteria which the applicant is to respond to within the application form:

Extent to which the project / activity benefits the local natural environment
Applicant's capacity to deliver a well-planned project, including applicant's experience, skills and time
Extent to which the project / activity aligns with Shire of Dandaragan Strategic Community Plan
Level of volunteer participation and wider community participation
Extent to which the project provides community education and / capacity building
Extent to which the applicant is contributing towards funding the project / activity

5. Applications will be deemed **ineligible** for the following:
- a) applications that are eligible for the Tronox Management and Shire of Dandaragan Sporting & Recreation Facilities Fund or CSRFF;
  - b) political organisations or political events;
  - c) commercial enterprises;
  - d) events for the specific purpose of raising funds for re-distribution to other non-profit community groups/clubs or charitable causes;
  - e) projects that the Shire of Dandaragan deem may have an adverse impact on the environment;
  - f) projects that are directly or indirectly in opposition to the Shire of Dandaragan's Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan;
  - g) projects that do not have broad community support or alignment with accepted environmental scientific practices;
  - h) any activity or project already underway or completed (unless it has been pre-approved for multi-year funding through this program).
  - i) any activity on private land that is ordinarily considered to be the landholders responsibility (e.g. boundary fencing, rubbish control).
6. This grant program recognises that the environment and need for conservation is not confined to national parks, reserves and protected areas; it is also on private land, on verges, around businesses, roofs and other locations, and applications will be considered for projects on all types of land.
7. The maximum grant for any one organisation in any financial year payable under this funding round will be \$10,000. Council may allocate a project funding over multiple years where the applicant can demonstrate a compelling need,
8. Funding for future financial years may be pre-allocated to longer term projects in a prior year's grant round.

9. Evidence / quotes must be included in your application for all proposed goods, services and materials valued at \$250 or more.
10. Each project will be required to acquit their funding at the conclusion of the project. The acquittal report will include evidence of all expenditure and photographic evidence of works or activities undertaken.