ECO CONNECT COMMUNITY FUND

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Territory Natural Resource Management (TNRM) is offering grants of up to $2,000 per year to support community-led projects, activities or capacity-building initiatives that care and enhance the Northern Territory's environment.

From planting native trees and removing invasive weeds to hosting workshops, building skills and inspiring local action, this fund helps local groups take action to improve and care for the places that matter to them.

ABOUT THE TERRITORY NRM ECO-CONNECT COMMUNITY FUND

- Apply for funding up to $2,000 per group, per year.
- Open to small-scale, community-led environmental projects, activities and capacity-building initiatives delivered in the Northern Territory.
- Activities should be achievable within 3 months of funding approval.
- Groups may submit multiple applications each year (total funding capped at $2,000 per group, per year).
- All previously approved funding applications must be acquitted before applying again.
- Open year-round and applications are assessed monthly — apply anytime while funds remain available.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Funding applications are open to:

- Community groups or volunteer groups
- Indigenous groups or organisations
- Ranger groups
- Not-for-profit organisations
- Schools

Applicants must hold public liability insurance for any activities they plan to undertake using Eco-Connect Community Funds.

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WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE SUPPORTED?

Small-scale community-led activities that:

- Protect, restore or enhance natural areas and wildlife habitat
- Protect native plants and animals
- Build community awareness, participation and stewardship of natural resources
- Strengthen local skills, knowledge and capacity through environmental education, training and on-ground activities

Activities are not limited to this list.

WHAT CAN BE FUNDED?

Funding can be used for:

- Materials and equipment for on-ground activities (e.g. hand tools, personal protective equipment, fencing etc.)
- Local native plants and habitat restoration supplies
- Educational materials, resources and signage
- Training and capacity building activities
- Venue or equipment hire for field days, workshops, or community events
- Travel related to natural resource management (NRM) learning and networking

Funding is not limited to this list.

WHAT CANNOT BE FUNDED?

Funding cannot be used for:

- Insurance costs
- Wages or payments to group members
- Power tools, non-native plants or capital items
- IT equipment (computers, mobile phones, tablets) or IT software
- Activities outside the Northern Territory
- Items purchased prior to applying for funding

Funding exclusions are not limited to this list.

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HOW FUNDING WORKS

Funding is provided on a reimbursement basis.

STEP 1

Applicants submit a funding application -> if approved, applicants complete the proposed activities using their own funds.

STEP 2

Once the activities are finished, applicants must submit a Funding Activity & Acquittal Report form along with copies of payment receipt/s.

STEP 3

After the Funding Activity & Acquittal Report form and payment receipt/s have been reviewed and approved by Territory NRM, the approved funds will be reimbursed and deposited into the applicant's nominated bank account.

FUNDING REPORTING & ACQUITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Successful applicants will submit a Funding Activity & Acquittal Report form within 30 days after completion of approved funding activities, including:

- Summary of the activity/s completed
- Who was involved
- The benefit/s of the activity
- A short story or summary of the activity, accompanied by a few photos, with a signed declaration permitting TNRM to feature the story and photos in our newsletter, social media, and other promotional and communication purposes related the grant program.
- Financial acquittal, payment details and receipt/s

The report must be submitted using the form provided with the funding offer letter.

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HOW ARE FUNDING APPLICATIONS ASSESSED?

Funding applications are assessed against the following criteria:

- **Applicant:** Meets the applicant and insurance requirements.
- **Eligibility:** Meets the criteria set out in the Eco-Connect Community Fund Guidelines.
- **Benefit:** Demonstrates clear benefits to the environment or community capacity.
- **Feasibility:** Practical budget, resources and/or scope (achievable within a 3-month timeframe).
- **Funding Availability:** Available funds.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome in writing within two months of submitting an application.

HOW TO APPLY

- Complete the online application form:
  [link to Monday grant enquiries board]
- If a paper application form is required, please request one here:
  [link to Monday grant enquiries board]

GET IN TOUCH

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