

Coastcare Victoria Community Grants Program 2009–2011



Medium-Scale Grant application form

For coastal protection proposals up to \$50,000

The Coastcare Victoria Community Grants Program 2009–2011 is a partnership between the Victorian and Australian Governments. The Coastcare Victoria Community Grants Program is delivered by the State's Department of Sustainability and Environment through the Coast Action/Coastcare Program.



Coastcare Victoria Community Medium-scale Grants

Community groups and Indigenous people can and do play a vital role in the coast's ongoing protection and conservation.

The Coastcare Victoria Community Grants Program 2009 - 2011 recognises the links between a resilient coastal environment and the involvement of community group volunteers and Indigenous people.

To support these community groups and their activities, funds are now available through Coastcare Victoria Community Grants Program 2009 - 2011.

The Key aim of the Coastcare Victoria Community Grants Program is to protect the ecological integrity of Victoria's coastal ecosystems by funding of on-ground works undertaken by community groups.

In addition the Program seeks to:

- Align community conservation works with current Victorian and Federal Government environmental priorities and strategies;
- Promote a deeper involvement of community volunteers in coastal natural resource management;
- Enhance community skills in, and knowledge of, coastal protection;
- Increase the engagement of Victoria's Indigenous people in the management and protection of the State's coast and
- Foster new partnerships between community groups and organisations working to protect the coast.

All incorporated community groups can apply for a grant. These groups include:

- Coastcare, Coast Action, Landcare, 'Friends of' groups, naturalist groups and non-government community organisations;
- Indigenous organisations, land councils, trusts and co-operatives working 'on-country';
- Community service organisations and clubs;
- Education institutions including schools and universities and
- Umbrella groups, network organisations and 'consortia' of community groups. Such partnership approaches will be viewed favourably, as they will allow for landscape-scale conservation.

Before completing this application make sure you have thoroughly read the Guidelines for the Coastcare Victoria Community Program.

Community Group Details

Part A: Group details *(All fields are mandatory)*

Group name:

Contact person:

Title:

First name:

Last name:

Position title:

Postal address:

Town/suburb

Postcode

Contact phone:

(BH):

Mobile:

Email:

Is your group incorporated?

Yes

No

→ go to **Part B** Sponsor organisation details below

Group's incorporation number:

Group's Australian Business Number (ABN):

Is your group registered for GST?

Yes

No

Part B: Sponsor organisation details: *(All fields are mandatory)*

Organisation name:

Postal address:

Contact person:

Title: First name: Last name:

Position title:

Phone: (BH): Mobile:

Email:

Organisation's incorporation number:

Organisation's Australian Business Number (ABN):

Is your organisation registered for GST? Yes No

Has the organisation agreed in writing to enter into a contract for a Coastcare Victoria Community Grant on your behalf? Yes No

You must attach a signed copy of this letter of agreement when you submit your application.

Part C: Land manger's details (All fields are mandatory)

Name of land manager:

Person who is authorised to agree to and support an application for a Coastcare Victorian Community Grant on behalf of the land manger.

Title: First name: Last name:

Position title:

Postal address:

Contact phone: (BH): Mobile:

Fax:

Email:

Signature

Date

In which Catchment Management Authority (CMA) will most of your activities take place? *Tick relevant box/es.*

Glenelg Hopkins CMA

Corangamite CMA

Port Phillip and Westernport CMA

West Gippsland CMA

East Gippsland CMA

Part D: Current or outstanding grant details:

Does your group currently have any funding bids pending? Yes No

If Yes, what are they?

Name of bid	Amount
1.	\$
2.	\$

Are there any activities related to this application currently underway at the site you intend to work on?

1.
2.

Does your group have any outstanding reports from any completed grants?

If Yes, what are they?

Name of grant	Amount
1.	\$
2.	\$

Declaration

I state that the information in this application and attachments is to the best of my knowledge true and correct. I will notify DSE of any changes to this information and any circumstances that may affect this application. I acknowledge that DSE may refer this application to external experts or other Government Departments for assessment, reporting, advice, comment or for discussions regarding alternative or collaborative grant funding opportunities. I understand that DSE is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1982 and that if a Freedom of Information request is made, DSE will consult with the applicant before any decision is made to release the application or supporting documentation. I understand that this is an application only and may not necessarily result in funding approval.

Signature	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text" value="___ / ___ /20___"/>
Print name:	<input type="text"/>	Position:	<input type="text"/>

(To be signed by a person with the delegated authority to apply, Chairperson, Secretary, Public Officer or Treasurer)

Medium-Scale Grants must fit into at least **one** of the categories below.

Tick the box that your project's aims fit into.

- Protecting ecological character of significant coastal assets** – Most Medium-Scale projects will fit into this category. These projects will protect the ecological character of identified coastal areas by addressing the known threats to key environmental assets.
- Addressing invasive species threats to Ramsar wetlands** – These projects will reduce pest plant and animal impacts on significant natural values at specific Victorian Ramsar sites.
- Addressing infestation of Weeds of National Significance (WONS)** – These projects will reduce the impact and spread of WONS on the Victorian coast. This will usually be achieved through the establishment and maintenance of control lines, the eradication of outliers and through protecting assets where core infestations occur.
- Protecting 'High Conservation Value Aquatic Ecosystems' (HCVAE)** – These projects will reduce key threats, including pest plant and animals, to HCVAE. The Australian Government has identified two HCVAE sites in Victoria, the lower reaches of the Glenelg River and the Snowy Broadribb systems.
- 'Increasing Landscape Scale Conservation'** – These projects will engage groups of 10 or more landholders and/or land managers in connecting remnant vegetation and reserves and improving ecosystem connectivity at the landscape level.

Medium-Scale Grants

Funds of between \$5000 and \$50,000 will be allocated through competitive rounds. Medium-Scale Grants are available to community groups, networks of groups and 'consortiums'. They are designed to deliver substantial and strategic coastal projects which align with Victorian and national environmental priorities.

Some of these projects will directly address targets outlined by the Australian Government's Caring for our Country program. Others will address matters of state environmental significance.

Project title: (20 word maximum)

Amount requested:

\$

(excluding GST)

What is the location of your project site?

Melway Reference:

or

VicRoads Reference:

or

UTM:

What is the approximate area of the site?

hectares

What are you going to do? (100 word maximum)

Criteria and weighting table

Criterion	Weighting
Project addresses known threat/cause of environmental damage to key coastal environmental asset/s	35%
Project directly engages volunteers in on-ground works, and builds capacity of community groups	20%
Project engages broader community in management issue	5%
Project demonstrates sound project design and methodology	10%
Project demonstrates partnerships and consistency with existing strategies and programs	20%
Project demonstrates high Public Benefit	10%

DETAILED PROJECT DESIGN

(Asset/threat 35% + design/methodology 10%)

This table will help you design your project, and think through the links between what you do and what happens on the ground into the future. By demonstrating the links between the asset and the threats, and activities and outcomes, you are able to demonstrate the logic behind the project design. This approach will help ensure that you maximise the opportunity to address the root causes of the problem. Please see the examples provided to help guide you through the process.

	Project Detail	Example
Environmental Asset		<i>Coastal dune ecosystem, Bob's Beach, Victoria</i>
Threat/s to asset	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____	<i>Inappropriate and uncontrolled visitor access is causing accelerated erosion of the dune, and loss of dune vegetation</i>
Project Activities to address threat/s (briefly describe methodology)	1. _____	<i>Conduct site assessment and determine most appropriate access point/s and sites for rehabilitation</i>
	_____	<i>Erect 500 metres of fencing to control access points</i>
	2. _____	<i>Replace signage to communicate new access arrangements to Blue Beach visitors</i>
	_____	<i>Conduct training day for volunteers involved in brushmatting</i>
	3. _____	<i>Brush matting over 0.5 ha to stabilise existing dune vegetation</i>

	4. _____	

5. _____		

6. _____		

7. _____		

8. _____		
Project Outputs (anticipated)	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____	<i>500 metres of fence erected 25 Volunteers trained in brushmatting Brush matting installed over 0.5ha of damaged vegetation Public well informed of appropriate access points</i>
Intended Outcome/s (longer term)	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____	<i>Future visitor access does not damage vegetation Dune vegetation stabilised and dune ecosystem more resilient</i>

Important Final Checklist

To facilitate the assessment of your grant application, make sure you can answer 'yes' to the questions below.

- Have you read the Coastcare Victoria Community Grants Program Guidelines?
- Have you discussed or developed your grant application with your Regional Coast Action/Coastcare Facilitator?
- Do you have the written permission of the land manager on whose land your project will take place?
- Does your project address the causes of environmental degradation, and not the symptoms?
- Have you completed your budget, excluding GST?
- Are you an incorporated body? If not do you have the written consent of an incorporated body agreeing to enter into a contract on your behalf?
- Have you included a photograph of the site you intend to work on?
- Will you be able to complete the project within the projected timeframe?

When you have answered 'yes' to all these questions, you are ready to submit your grant application.

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The Coast Action/Coastcare program is an initiative of the Department of Sustainability and Environment, supported by the Australian Government's Caring for our Country program. The program supports coastal volunteers across Victoria by providing technical advice, training and funding for coastal protection and enhancement. Support is delivered through the statewide Coast Action Coastcare Facilitator Network.

More information about Coast Action/Coastcare is available at www.dse.vic.gov.au/coasts