

Coastcare Victoria Community Grants 2009–2011

Available Now!

- Small Grants up to \$5000
- Indigenous Grants up to \$20,000
- Medium-Scale Grants from \$5000 to \$20,000

The Coastcare Victoria Community Grants Program will protect the ecological integrity of Victoria's coastal ecosystems by funding conservation projects undertaken by community groups.

The Program recognises the links between a resilient coastal environment and the involvement of community groups and volunteers, and Indigenous people.

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

Who can apply?

Incorporated community groups eligible to apply for Grants 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.

Eligible projects include:

- Protection of key coastal ecosystems and species from known pest plant and animals
- Controlling threats posed to coastal ecosystems by human, vehicle and stock access
- Creation of new indigenous partnerships for coastal management
- Support to new community coastal volunteer groups
- Planting and fencing works to link remnant vegetation across private and public lands
- Awareness and engagement strategies to involve communities in coastal and marine conservation (if accompanied with on-ground component)
- NRM planning, training and networking activities (if accompanied with on-ground component)

To download the Application Kit, including program Guidelines and Small, Indigenous and Medium-Scale Grant applications visit
www.dse.vic.gov.au/coasts

Small Grants

Funds of up to \$5000 are available to engage community groups in coastal conservation projects. Projects should incorporate on-ground works that produce a demonstrable improvement in the coast's environmental condition. This funding is also suitable for communities wishing to create new a Coastcare group and deliver a project, or to engage the broader community in a coastal conservation issue if it will produce demonstrable benefits. These funds are available through an 'open round' grant process that closes at the end of 2010.

Indigenous Grants

This grant recognises the long association that Indigenous peoples have had with the coast. Funds of up to \$20,000 are available to community groups, co-operatives, trusts, land councils and local governments. Indigenous Grants are designed to create new partnerships that will enable a greater involvement of Indigenous people in coastal management, and to record and use coastal Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK). As with Small Grants, these funds are available through an 'open round' grant process closing at the end of 2010.

Medium-Scale Grants

Medium-Scale Grants are available to community groups, networks of groups and 'consortiums' or groups of community groups working together. They are designed to deliver substantial and strategic coastal projects which align with Victorian and national environmental priorities. Medium-Scale Grants must fit into at least one of the categories in the 'investment scope' – intended to ensure investment is directed to high value environmental assets. Funds of between \$5000 and \$50,000 will be available, and allocated through a statewide competitive round process. Round 1 is now open. All applications for medium-scale grants must be received by Monday November 30 2009.

All Coastcare Victoria Community Grants must be completed by 30 June 2011.