

# 2026/27 Biodiversity Incentive Scheme Grant - Mainstream Application

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### Applicant details

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#### Welcome

**The City of Casey's Biodiversity Incentive Scheme is designed to support community conservation projects. This grant is open to private landowners and volunteer public land managers who wish to improve the extent and quality of native vegetation in Casey.**

#### Important:

Please note the **Revegetation Stream** allows applicants to apply for tubestock directly through this portal. Please [click here](#) to access the application form for the Revegetation Stream.

#### Guidelines

Please read the [Biodiversity Incentive Scheme Grant Guidelines](#) before completing this form

#### Application support

If you have questions or encounter difficulties using the Smartygrants program, the Sustainability & Environment team can assist you. Contact the Environment Project Officer - Simonette Charles on 9709 9428 if you require support.

#### Privacy Statement

Your personal information will be handled in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 and used for the specified purpose. You can access your personal information by contacting Council's Privacy Officer on 9705 5200.

#### Collection Statement

City of Casey (Council) is collecting your personal information through this Grant Application Form to assess your application for grant funding. Personal information will only be collected if you give your consent at the time we collect the information from you unless an exception in the Privacy Act applies or is required by law. The personal information requested on this form is being collected by Council for the purposes of confirming applicant eligibility, for grant assessment panels and for grant allocation to successful applicants. The application including personal information collected may be disclosed to other Council departments for the purposes of assessment of this and other applications or requests for support to Council from this applicant as part of the applicant's funding record. General information (excluding personal information) may be used for publication such as the applicant's name, project details and funded amount on the City of Casey website and in Council reports such as evaluation reports and social and economic impact assessments to inform program improvements and policy decisions. If you wish to gain access to the information provided or amend any of the personal information you have supplied to Council, please contact Council via telephone on 9705 5200. Council will not be liable for the copy or misuse of the information contained in this feedback form.

#### I understand and agree to Council's collection statement \*

Yes

#### Contact details

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**Are you planning works on private or publicly owned land? \***

- Resident - private land manager  
 Volunteer - public land manager

**Contact person \***

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**Organisation name**

Only complete this section if you are applying on behalf of an organisation

**Do you have an ABN? \***

- Yes  
 No

**ABN**

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	<a href="#">More information</a>
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

**Postal address \***

Address		
<input type="text"/>		
<input type="text"/>		
Suburb	State	Postcode
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**Contact phone number \***

**Email address \***

Must be a valid email address

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**First time applying for a grant for this property \***  Yes  No

Previous grant applications

**Which grant round/years did you previously apply for? \***

**Were your previous applications successful? \***

Yes  No

## Your property

\* indicates a required field

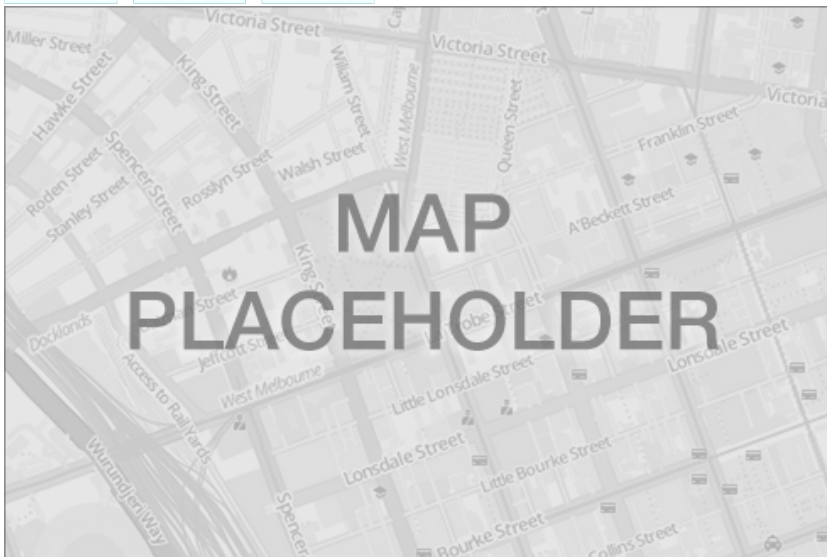
### Property details

**Property address \***

Address

Suburb State Postcode

Include

Tell us about your property

**Property size (hectares) \***

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**Which best describes your property land use type \***

- Intensive agriculture
- Agriculture/Grazing
- Hobby farm
- Lifestyle
- Conservation

**Land use description: Briefly describe the type of agricultural activity undertaken / number of livestock / general information on the operating aspects of the property / commercial vs non commercial operation etc. \***

Must be no more than 300 words

**Do you have any official covenants on your property such as Land for Wildlife or Trust for Nature? \***

- Yes
- No

**If yes - please tell us which covenant do you have?**

**Describe the vegetation on the property to be protected / improved / increased: \***

Must be no more than 400 words

**Please list any rare or threatened flora or fauna species you have observed on your property**

## Proposed works and outcomes

\* indicates a required field

Please tell us what works you are planning and applying for as part of your application for the Biodiversity Incentive Scheme Grant.

Please read over our BIS Grant guidelines document to ensure your requested project is covered under the grant and what the conditions are regarding your project being funded.

Provide as much information as you can and include any documentation requested for your project. This will be required prior to approval being given.

You will be required to provide a map for your projects.

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If works will be carried out by a contractor here is a [list of suitable qualified contractors](#).

What works are you requesting funding for

**What works are you requesting funding for \***

- Fencing of indigenous vegetation or a revegetation project
- Weed control
- Pest animal control
- Plants for infill planting
- Other works from an approved Conservation Management Plan

You can select more than one

Fencing of indigenous vegetation

Please see the [BIS grant fencing guidelines flyer](#) for what will be covered by the grant.

**Tell us about your fencing project. What are your goals and outcomes? Include the size (in sqm) of the patch of vegetation you are protecting? \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words. Please include details about the location of the fence and if it is a new fence or the addition of rabbit proofing to an existing fence

**Please upload photos of the native vegetation or revegetation project area you will be fencing \***

Attach a file:

**Will your fencing include rabbit proofing \***

- Yes
- No

**How many meters of fencing are you applying for? \***

Must be a number.

**Please provide a quote for fencing works \***

Attach a file:

This can be an itemised list of materials needed with costs if carrying out the fencing yourself.

**Funding amount you are requesting for fencing \***

Must be a dollar amount.

**Are you interested in installing bandicoot gates in your new fence?**

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- Yes
- No

### Weed control

**Tell us about your weed control project. What are your goals and outcomes? What weeds are you controlling? \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

**Please upload photos showing the areas and weeds you are applying to control. \***

Attach a file:

**Who will be carrying out the weed control? \***

- I/we will be doing the work
- Contractor
- Both - landowner and contractor doing the work

**Please include any quotes for weed control being carried out by a contractor**

Attach a file:

Please remember that only up to half the cost of a contractor is covered.

**Funding amount you are requesting for weed control \***

Must be a dollar amount.

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### Pest animal control

**Tell us about your pest animal control project. What are your goals and outcomes? What pest animals are you controlling? \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

**Please upload photos showing any evidence of pest animal activity or damage \***

Attach a file:

For example: Rabbit burrows, fox dens, trail cam photos etc

**Who will be carrying out the pest animal control? \***

- I/we will be doing the work

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- Contractor
- Both - landowner and contractor doing the work

**Please include any quotes for pest animal control being carried out by a contractor**

Attach a file:

**Funding amount you are requesting for pest animal control \***

Must be a dollar amount.

## Plants for infill planting

An approved Conservation Management Plan is required if you wish to apply for funding for infill planting.

If successful, applicants will need to purchase the plants from a local indigenous nursery.

**Tell us about your infill planting project. What are your goals and outcomes? \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

**Do you have an approved Conservation Management Plan \***

- Yes
- No, but I will be attaching one for approval under that section

You can upload your Conservation Management Plan under that section

**How many plants are you applying for? \***

Must be a number.

**Please include a plant list and quote for the plants \***

Attach a file:

Only indigenous tubestock will be funded. Please contact us if you require assistance with choosing or creating a plant list.

**Funding amount you are requesting for infill planting \***

Must be a dollar amount.

## Other works from an approved conservation management plan

**Do you have an approved Conservation Management Plan \***

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- Yes
- No, but I will be attaching one for approval under that section
- I would like to create one using the available template

Please complete the questions in the following section to generate your conservation management plan using a provided template

### **Tell us about your project. What are your goals and outcomes? \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

### **Please upload any photos relevant to your project**

Attach a file:

### **Funding amount you are requesting for these works \***

Must be a dollar amount.

## Conservation Management Plan (CMP)

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You can find more information on the works covered by a conservation management plan [here](#).

### Pre-approved plans

#### **Please attach a copy of your pre-approved plan here \***

Attach a file:

### Submission of a Conservation Management Plan to be approved

If you have prepared your own Conservation Management Plan meeting the conditions set out in section 7.3 of the Biodiversity Incentive Scheme Grant Guidelines document, please upload it for review and approval.

#### **Please attach a copy of your plan here \***

Attach a file:

### Create a Conservation Management Plan using the available template

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Please complete the following questions as you would like them to appear in your Conservation Management Plan. See below each question for a prompt of what to include.

A report will be generated from your answers that will be sent to you that if you choose can be edited and customised to your liking.

### Site Analysis

Word count:

include size and purpose of property, description of vegetation and what ecological vegetation class(es) are found, any agreements such as the 173 agreement

### Significance of the Property

Any significant flora or fauna sightings on property or if property provides ecological connectivity

**Upload any photos of property inc. aerial photo and anything of significance such as vegetation or sites requiring work being included in the application (evidence of pest animal or weeds)**

Attach a file:

### Past Conservation activities

Include any that apply

### Owners Background

Can include if relevant to the application

### Goals

Why are you applying for the grant? E.g. Improve habitat for native animals, remove weeds that are impacting native vegetation

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### How will you achieve your goals?

List tasks that will achieve your goals as listed in the grant guidelines and outline further detail. E.g. Weed Control - Control blackberries and bluebell creeper

### How many years will your plan cover?

Please give a single number eg. 4

### What years will these works be carried out in?

Please place a range of years E.g. 2025 - 2028

### Detailed plan for each of the tasks associated with the goals

Include actions in line with the tasks to be achieved listed under goals E.g. \* Weed control = Blackberry - outline how you will achieve this. \* Infill planting = Planting of ### species

### Upload a map of your proposed works

Attach a file:

Your map should outline the works to be carried out and where and include a key

## Requesting the development of a Conservation Management Plan by a suitably qualified ecologist.

In some cases, Council will fund the development of a CMP. If your application is successful Council will arrange for the consultant to contact you to arranging a time to discuss your chosen plan. Please see the [attached information](#) for the different options available. Please note that this will require a cash contribution on your part which should be included on the following page.

I would like to request and apply for funding for the development of a CMP for my property.

## Funding

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Total Funding Required

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Please indicate the total amount you are requesting across all projects through this funding opportunity.

**Amount requested \***

\$

What is the total financial support you are requesting in this application?

## Proposed outcomes

Please complete the below questions where appropriate.

**Habitat protection (hectares):**

I.e. from fencing, pest animal control

**Habitat improvement (hectares):**

I.e. from weed or pest animal control, infill planting or other projects from a CMP

**Habitat increase (hectares):**

I.e. from infill planting

## Proposed input from applicant

What will you be contributing to the project?

**In kind labour (hours @ \$30/hr):**

\$

**Cash contribution:**

\$

**Other (materials etc):**

Eg. the use of personally owned or hired equipment to assist with the delivery of the project

**Any other information:**

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

## Property map

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You will need to create and attach a map of your property and proposed work with your application.

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The map can be created from google maps, hand drawn, or digitally drawn and should be to scale. Include on your map the property boundary, location of any existing / remnant habitat / degraded habitat, location of habitat to be protected from stock access, improved and / or increased - plus any proposed new fencing lines.

Draw your map using the symbols below.

### Legend

**Please use the following symbols in your map:**

- ==** new fence proposed
- existing fence
- RR** remnant / existing habitat
- + +** revegetation proposed
- III** infill revegetation proposed
- WW** weed management proposed
- G** gate proposed
- g** existing gate
- AC** animal control proposed

**Please attach a clear and legible map of your project/s following the above instructions \***

Attach a file:

The aerial can be created from google maps, hand drawn, or digitally drawn - should be to scale

If you are having difficulty attaching or uploading this document, please refer to the [Help Guide for Applicants](#).

## Other grant opportunities that can partner with the Biodiversity Grant

### Western Port Biosphere Bio Link - Koala Habitat Restoration Project

Have you heard of the Western Port Biosphere Bio Link - Koala Habitat Restoration Project? This project can be delivered in partnership with the Casey Biodiversity Grants. For more information on this project and to see if your property falls within the project area visit their website

<https://www.biosphere.org.au/biosphere-projects/current-projects/koala-awareness-program/>

**Have you heard of this project?**

Yes

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- Yes - we have registered to be part of the project
- No

### **Are you happy for Council to discuss your application with the Western Port Biosphere biolink project?**

- Yes

## Melbourne Water Grants

Do you have a waterway on your property?

### **Melbourne Water's Liveable Communities Liveable Waterways Grants**

If you own or manage a waterway on your property you may be eligible for a financial incentive through the Liveable Communities, Liveable Waterways program.

Melbourne Water's Liveable Communities Liveable Waterways Program makes financial assistance available to landholders to assist with carrying out work to help improve the condition of rivers or creeks on their property.

### **How do I find out more?**

Visit the website for full program information: [www.melbournewater.com.au](http://www.melbournewater.com.au) and search for Liveable Communities Liveable Waterways.

It is recommend you speak to a Melbourne Water representative to discuss your idea before starting an application. Please call their Customer Service Centre on 131 722 or email [incentives@melbournewater.com.au](mailto:incentives@melbournewater.com.au) to speak to one of their team.

## Declaration

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**I affirm that all of the details in this application and attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. \***

- Yes

**I hereby agree to adhere to the Conditions of the Grant outlined in the Biodiversity Incentive Scheme Grants Guidelines. \***

- Yes

*A copy of the Biodiversity Incentive Scheme Grants Guidelines can be found on the [City of Casey website](#).*

### **Name of person completing declaration \***

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>