

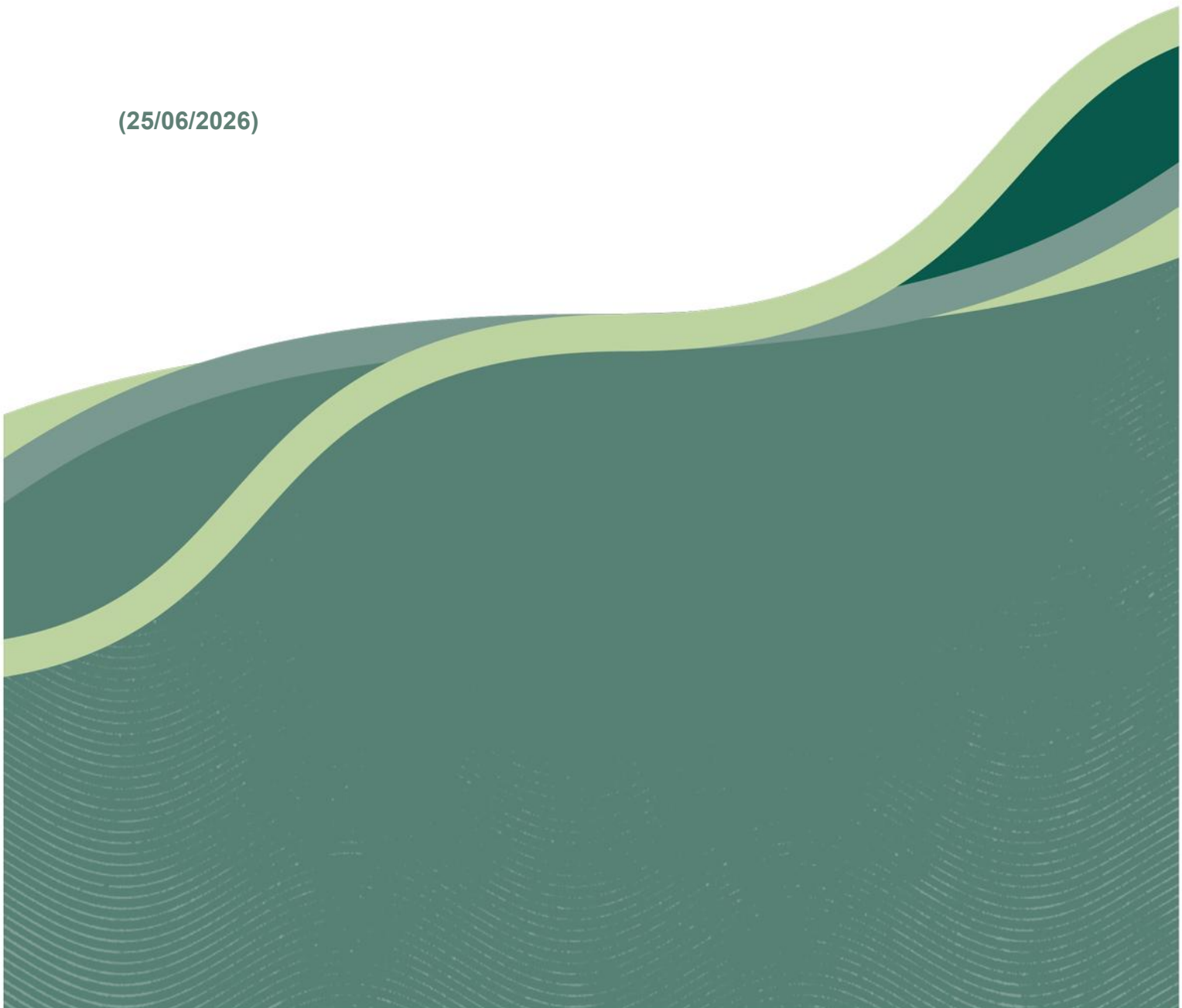


Southern Rangelands Revitalisation Program – Expansion: Stage 2

Grant Guidelines

This guideline contains information for applicants and should be read prior to completing the application form

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1. Overview

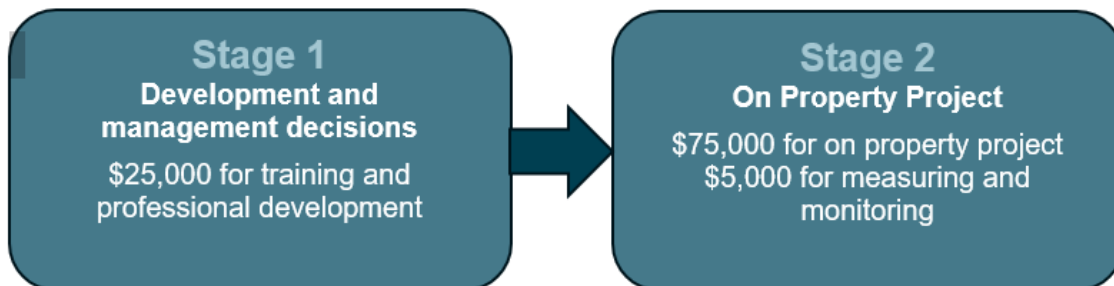
The Southern Rangelands Revitalisation Program - Expansion (SRRP-E) is funded by the WA Government's Climate Adaptation Strategy to support pastoralists in WA's Southern Rangelands with the aim of achieving long term improvement and sustainability.

The State Government has committed \$560,000 to the program, with individual pastoral businesses able to access up to \$75,000 for on-property demonstration projects. In addition, an AgTech grant package (\$5,000) for measurement and monitoring will be available to each project grant.

These guidelines contain important information for applicants about the SRRP-E Stage 2 grant.

2. Introduction

SRRP-E aims to expand the outreach of the Southern Rangelands Revitalisation (SRRP) program by inspiring and motivating other pastoralists in the region. The program is delivered as two stages:



There are three streams of funding available for:

1. Open - All Southern Rangelands pastoral lease holders
2. Aboriginal held or operated pastoral leases in the Southern Rangelands
3. Biosecurity - Southern Rangelands pastoral lease holders concentrating on managing total grazing pressure for improved biosecurity

Funding unallocated from Streams 2 & 3 will be re-directed into Stream 1.

SRRP-E funding and support will provide:

- Access to development and innovation materials, such as training, guest speakers, rangeland specialists, and learning from pastoralists already participating in the SRRP.
- Peer to peer learning, including workshops coordinated by the SRRP for participants (timing and location to be determined by participating pastoralists).

- Financial support for development opportunities and on property revitalisation project costs.
- Engagement with the recognised Biosecurity Groups in the Southern Rangelands including access to workshops and information on management techniques to control native and feral grazing animals.

Case Study examples of previous SRRP On property projects can be viewed [here](#).

Opening and Closing Dates for Applications

Applications open on: Monday 29/06/2026 at 08:00hrs

Applications close on: Monday 27/07/2026 at 08:00hrs

3. Program Objective

The SRRP has been developed to support pastoralists to investigate and design long-term solutions for on-station improvements in WA's southern rangelands.

The program objective is to support pastoralists to improve rangeland condition and land productivity, which overtime, will lead to improved livestock profitability.

To fulfill the objective, the program focuses on a whole system approach including:

- the regeneration of palatable, productive, perennial vegetation
- landscape function & hydration restoration
- total grazing pressure control, and
- livestock management

4. Eligibility Criteria

Who is eligible?

This grant is open to the SRRP-E participants who have:

- completed the baseline survey
- have attended group meetings
- have completed a training course in Core Area 1 (see table)
- have completed Core Area 2 (see table) OR have evidence that they will complete Core Area 2 and has had one consultation meeting with the provider.

	Core Area	Current options*
1	Profitable Landscape and Livestock Management	RCS Grazing for Profit <u>or</u>
		Holistic Management <u>or</u>
		MLA Edge Grazing Fundamentals (Southern Rangelands)
2	Ecological Land Assessment and Planning	An Ecologically Sustainable Rangeland Management (ESRM) Plan <u>or</u>
		Ecosystem Management Understanding (EMU™)

*Other training and professional development courses that fit the two core areas will also be considered. Recognised prior learning (RPL) may be applicable if an applicant has completed some or all the required training within the last 5 years.

Who is not eligible?

Applicants are **not** eligible for funding if they are not a current participant in the SRRP-E and have not completed the eligibility requirements.

On-Property Project Activities that can be funded

On-Property grant funding must be used for activities related to the establishment, implementation and operation of project demonstration site(s) e.g. capital, feasibility etc and are for the following types of projects:

- Minor or Moderate capital works
- External Equipment hire
- Contractors or consultants to undertake minor feasibility, research or planning work
- Infrastructure developments to manage landscape water flow (i.e. earthworks) and stock management (i.e. trap yards, fencing)
- Rehydration projects
- Improved grazing management
- Improved stock handling
- Infrastructure to support ecological rest-based grazing systems

Ag Tech for Measuring and Monitoring Activities that can be funded

The Ag Tech grant funding is to be used for decision support tools, technology and technical services that will support long-term measuring and monitoring of project demonstration site(s) including but not limited to:

- Satellite monitoring and services
- Drone monitoring and services
- Remote water monitoring systems
- Remote camera's
- Rainfall and other weather related monitoring
- Livestock related monitoring technologies

Activities that CAN NOT be funded

Grant funding cannot generally be used for the following:

- Livestock productivity projects without a clear link to rangeland regeneration.
- Expenses that are, or have previously been, funded through another grant (e.g. materials/equipment on station). However, they may be recognised as co-contributions to the project.
- Any retrospective projects, activities or events, including works, planning or site assessment completed prior to the grant being awarded. However, they may be recognised as project as co-contributions.
- Activities on land that is currently under a Soil Conservation Notice in place under the *Soil and Land Conservation Act 1945*, or for any activities occurring under an agreement with the WA Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation.
- Activities on or in relation to land or permitted stock that is currently under any Pastoral Lands Board notices, directions, or default notices under the *Land Administration Act 1997*, or for any activities occurring under a management plan approved by the Pastoral Lands Board.
- Internal equipment hire (contract negotiations may be possible). However, they may be included in the project as cash and in-kind co-contributions.
- Existing staff salaries for core business activities not related to the SRRP-E grant.
- Operational overheads (such as rent, insurance, telephone, spare equipment/materials etc.).
- Applications with high risk of non-completion within the contracted timeframe.
- Applications where the private benefit is deemed larger than the public benefit.

Private vs Public Benefit

Regenerative Agriculture outcomes benefit not only primary producers, but also the wider community. The outcomes of any application will inevitably include a private benefit to primary producers, so it is critically important to balance this with adequate public benefit; environmentally, economically, culturally, and socially.

5. Grant Funding

How to apply

Applicants must complete and submit an online application on the Smarty Grants platform using the following link [here](#) before 27th July 2026 at 0800hrs. Applications received after this date and time will not be eligible for consideration.

The funding will be a closed competitive process selecting the best projects for funding.

There will be no appeal regarding eligibility of late applications.

The SRRP team are available to answer questions and help you through the process. Email: SouthernRangelands@dpird.wa.gov.au

Funding limits and timeframes

Stage 2 funding to a maximum of \$75,000 will be available per applicant for an on-property demonstration project. In addition, an AgTech grant package (up to \$5,000) for measurement and monitoring will be available to each project grant.

If the participant has unspent funds from Stage 1, these funds may also be made available to their Stage 2 project, pending a successful application.

Applicant co-contribution

A minimum of 10% of the total value of the project grant is required in co-contributions (of both cash and in-kind) from the applicant.

- Cash contribution (minimum 5%) – Applicants own funds budgeted to spend on project works
- In-Kind contribution (minimum 5%) – Applicants resources (labour, time, machinery, equipment, consumables or materials) provided to the project or provided through other funding sources.

Applications that attract a greater value of cash and in-kind co-contributions are preferred because they:

- Indicate the project has broad support from stakeholders
- Demonstrate the considerable planning and effort that has already gone into the project
- Illustrate the leveraging power of each dollar of & State grant investment

Please note 'Other Funding Sources' can be included as additional co-contributions to demonstrate greater value attracted.

Applicants should clearly identify, describe, and accurately value the source of all co-contributions and must provide evidence from the contributing organisation.

The [Volunteering WA Calculator](#) is a useful tool to help determine the full value of volunteer effort.

Additional information required

Applicants must supply the following information:

- If they are a trustee of a trust, a copy of the trust deed that outlines that the trustee has the authority to make an application on behalf of the trust
- Copy of bank statement identifying current details
- Current Australian Business Number (ABN) applicable to the applicant's primary production business
- Physical and postal addresses
- Contact details
- Consent to DPRID to seek confirmation regarding participating pastoral leases in respect of any current directives and notices from the WA Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation and the Pastoral Lands Board (PLB) where it relates to pastoral management; and any current management plan or agreement approved by the PLB and WA Commissioner of Soil and Land Conservation.

6. Assessment criteria

Applicants must address all of the following assessment criteria in the application. Assessment of the application will be based on the weighting given to each criterion.

The amount of detail and supporting evidence requested and provided in the application should be relative to the size, complexity and grant amount requested.

Criterion 1 [Weighting - 30%]

Projects must demonstrate a clear link that their proposed project will lead towards both an improvement in rangeland condition and livestock profitability in line with the SRRP-E Program Objectives described in Section 3.

Projects will align with one or more of the following identifying how the projects strategies and practices improve:

- [indicator 1a] the regeneration of palatable, productive, perennial vegetation.
- [indicator 1b] range condition - landscape function and re-hydration.
- [indicator 1c] total grazing pressure management.
- [Indicator 1d] profitability of livestock production, without risking overgrazing, - combined with one of (a-c).

Criterion 2 [Weighting - 30%]

Projects must demonstrate the implementation of climate resilience strategies and land management practices that aim to improve ecological outcomes.

Projects will align with indicator 2a and one or more of indicators 2b – 2g:

- [indicator 2a] Stocking rates are sustainably managed according to feed-on-offer and the protection of perennial pasture and ground cover.

[indicator 2b] Improve the profitability and resilience of extensive grazing business to manage through dry periods.

[indicator 2c] Enable faster recovery of productivity and profitability following times of dry periods.

[indicator 2d] Implement strategies aimed to create and maintain pasture reserves 'feed haystacks' to minimise dry season risk.

[indicator 2e] Implement livestock watering point strategies to spread grazing pressure and improve management.

[indicator 2f] Implement management strategies to build natural capital and drought resilience.

[indicator 2g] Strategies of early tactical herd reduction in years of drought.

Criterion 3 [Weighting - 20%]

Projects demonstrate a commitment to monitoring and benchmarking project sites long term, and outline the tools proposed to measure the changes.

Projects will align with the following:

[indicator 3a] Monitoring tools, design and plans provide information that supports improved management decisions.

[indicator 3b] Monitoring tools, design and plans measure the impact of project activities on pasture change (composition and ground cover), land condition, livestock and profitability over short (> 5 years) and long term (>10 years).

[indicator 3c] Monitoring of number and condition score of livestock, where relevant.

Criterion 4 [Weighting - 20%]

Projects demonstrate a plan to assess the condition of project areas targeted and what impact the project can be expected to achieve over the next 5 and 10 years.

Projects will align with the following:

[indicator 4a] Project identifies the land systems the project area is within.

[indicator 4b] Project identifies the land condition of the project area targeted (i.e. poor, fair, good areas).

[indicator 4c] Project quantifies the expected response to the land area the project will change.

[indicator 4d] Project indicates the expected impact of change the activities can achieve at a landscape scale including an estimate of the scale of change to the landscape beyond the project location and contract period.

7. Assessment and Decision Making Process

The assessment process is to objectively identify eligible applicants to whom funding can be awarded. All applications will be assessed against the eligibility and selection criteria.

The assessment will be carried out in the following manner:

- Pending eligibility, applications will be assessed against the criteria in Section 6 by an independent Selection Panel;

- An assessment report will be addressed to the Southern Rangelands Revitalisation program Steering Committee;
- The Steering Committee will make final recommendations based on the information contained within the assessment report;
- Recommendations will then be submitted to DPIRD senior positions for endorsement and WA's Minister for Agriculture and Food for the final decision.
- All applicants will be advised of the outcome of the application process once endorsed by the Minister.

Applicants should note that:

- the assessment and decision making process could take up to four (4) months and this should be considered during project planning
- SRRP-E reserves the right to request more information to clarify aspects of the application.

Conflict of interest

Assessment team members will complete a conflict of interested (COI) declaration before as part of the assessment process. An assessor will not participate in the assessment of applications where there is a perceived conflict of interest. The assessment team chair will be responsible for making judgements regarding conflicts of interest.

Appeal process

There will not be an appeal process.

8. Grant Agreement Arrangements

Successful applicants will be required to enter into a Grant Agreement and funded projects scheduled and be ready to start at least 2 weeks from after the Agreement has been finalised and signed.

The Agreement must be signed and returned to the Southern Rangelands Revitalisation Drought Resilience Grant team within 7 days of the date of issue. The Agreement must be signed by both parties before the activity commences.

All projects must be approved and the Agreement executed prior to project commencement. No retrospective payments will be made.

Reporting and monitoring requirements

The reporting and monitoring arrangements for this program include milestone reports to be made on the program's reporting forms.

Any project specific items to be reported on will be identified in the Agreement but will include:

- At least one progress report.

- A Final Report including Financial Acquittal submitted no later than 12 weeks after the agreed completion date of the activity/project. Grant recipients must arrange an independent audit, conducted by a certified accountant, for all grants exceeding \$50,000.
- A self-assessment evaluation completed no later than 4 weeks after the agreed completion date of the activity/project that will include the identification of lessons learnt from the activity both in terms of achievement and process.
- Contribution to the submission of a project case study with assistance from the project.

Reports are to be submitted online on or before due dates.

For more guidance on measures for activities which will inform your monitoring and evaluation framework, please refer to the Southern Rangelands Revitalisation Program Project Activities, Measures and Evidence document available for viewing at [here](#).

Payment arrangements

The payment policy for this program is as follows:

- Payments are made by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) WA.
- Payments will be issued upon DPIRD review and acceptance of submitted evidence of achieved project milestones by the recipient.
- Payments are made on submission of compliant Tax Invoice and allocated electronically to nominated accounts.
- Progress payments may be made where applicable and subject to the applicant providing the program with sufficient information and evidence on the agreed milestones to indicate that the project is progressing satisfactorily. The contract will provide the schedule of progress payments.

9. Tax information

Funding provided to recipients under the Grant is regarded as payment for a supply. GST-registered grant recipients will therefore be liable for GST in connection with the grant.

The grant will be increased by the amount of GST payable. Recipients must provide a tax invoice for the GST inclusive value of the grant.

Applicants are encouraged to seek tax advice on the potential implications of obtaining funding.

10. Personal Information and disclosure of information

Applicants are informed that DPIRD is subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1992 (WA)*, which provides a general right of access to records held by the State Government agencies and local governments.

Successful applicants should be aware that a summary of the key project details and approved funding amount might appear on the relevant DPIRD website.

11. Intellectual Property

Any intellectual property rights that may exist in an application will remain the property of the applicant or the rightful owner of those intellectual property rights.

Any part of an application considered to contain any intellectual property rights should be clearly identified by the applicant. The applicant grants to the State (and will ensure that relevant third parties grant) a non-exclusive, irrevocable licence to use and reproduce the intellectual property for the purpose of administering the fund.

12. Publicity

Should the successful applicant develop media products on the works funded by the SRRP, those products will acknowledge the State's support in all material, publications and promotional and advertising materials published in connection with the Contract Agreement. The State may notify the Grantee of the form of acknowledgement that the Grantee is to use.

13. Aboriginal heritage compliance

Laws are in place in Western Australia to protect and manage Aboriginal heritage. This could include rock art, ancient caves or burial sites, waterways, ceremonial sites or scar trees.

- Ensure you comply with all legal obligations regarding the [Aboriginal Heritage Act \(WA\) 1972](#) and
- Where required provide evidence that you have conducted due diligence specific to Aboriginal heritage before undertaking any activities on land, sea or country.
- For more information
 - [Home - ACHknowledge Portal](#)
 - [Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Inquiry System](#)

14. Animal welfare compliance

On property projects involving animals will be required to have animal ethics approval through the DPIRD animal ethics committee (AEC). The Program team will manage this application. The program recipients will be required to sign an AEC letter of agreement to conduct scientific activity involving animals and become a Deputy Principal investigator ensuring that the welfare, safety and health of animals on project sites are protected.

15. Contact Information

For further information on the Program please contact Sue Heriot, Project Officer
P: 08 9956 8536 E: sue.heriot@dpird.wa.gov.au, please present questions no later than 23 July 2026.

Glossary of Terms

Applicant - the entity/individual who makes the application for funding.

Application - an application (or relevant part of an application) made to the State of Western Australia for funding under the Fund

AWST - Australian Western Standard Time

Decision Maker - the person who is responsible for making the final funding decision.

DPIRD - Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Grant – Southern Rangelands Revitalisation – Expansion, Stage 1 Round 2

Grant manager – the person responsible for managing the grant scheme.

Grant owner – the person responsible for the implementation of the grant on behalf of the funding provider.

Governance & Operational Framework – document to provide clear and concise details of scheme management processes, administration, and governance.

Guidelines – are the guidelines for the grant, this document

Key Contact – the applicant person to contact if there are any queries or information required in relation to the grant.

Recipient – successful applicant becomes a recipient when decision maker has approved application.

SmartyGrants – is the online grant management software tool used by DPIRD.

Sponsor – is another agency/organisation that sponsors DPIRD to deliver the scheme.

SRRP-E – Southern Rangelands Revitalisation Program - Expansion

Stage 1 – Development and Management Decisions – scheme of assistance for training and professional development.

Stage 2 – On Property Project – grant for an on-property revitalisation project.

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