

2026/27 Biodiversity on Rural Land Grant - Expression of Interest Form Preview

Eligibility

* indicates a required field

Before completing this Expression of Interest form, you should have read the [Biodiversity on Rural Land Grants Program guidelines](#), which are also available on the [Latrobe City Council website](#).

This section of the form is designed to help you, and us, understand if you are eligible for this grant.

Program Objectives

Funds will be directed towards initiatives that:

- Achieve a direct and long-term environmental benefit
- Improve biodiversity through increasing the extent and quality of native vegetation*¹
- Create or extend wildlife corridors
- Contribute to improved understanding of the need for biodiversity on non-government land
- Build community capacity and foster greater understanding of environmental issues.

*¹ Native vegetation is vegetation comprised of locally native species indigenous to the area and subject to the application and project/initiative.

Round Timeline

- Expression of Interest (EOI) Close: Friday 21 August 4:00pm
- Eligibility checks completed and feedback delivered between: Monday 24 - Friday 27th August 2026
- Applications open to eligible applicants: Monday 31 August
- Application close: Friday 11 September 2026
- Outcome Notification delivered by: Monday 5 - Friday 9 October 2026

Contacts:

If you have any questions in regards to these eligibility criteria, please contact the Sustainability and Environment Team:

- Phone: 1300 367 700
- Email: SE@latrobe.vic.gov.au

For enquiries on using the SmartyGrants system, please contact the Grants Team:

- Phone: 1300 367 700
- Email: grants@latrobe.vic.gov.au

Supporting Documents

The following documents must be provided with this Expression of Interest form:

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- A legible map showing the location of the project within the property boundaries and containing a north arrow. Hand drawn maps are acceptable as long as they are legible.

You will also be given the opportunity to upload any additional documents you would like included with your expression of interest.

Confirmation of Eligibility

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply applicants must:

- Be individuals delivering a project on private rural land with a property size of greater than 0.4 Hectares (Ha)
- Be free of debt to Latrobe City Council
- Have no open acquittals from previous Biodiversity on Rural Land Grant funding
- Reside within Latrobe City

Do you meet the eligibility criteria? *

☐ Yes

You must confirm that all statements above are true and correct. If you do not meet the eligibility criteria you will be considered ineligible to apply.

Applicant Details

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Applicant: *

Title	First Name	Last Name

Applicant Postal Address: *

Suburb	State	Postcode

Applicant Primary Phone Number: *

Applicant Primary Email: *

This email address will be used for all correspondence, including your outcome notification.

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Project Details

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Project title: *

Must be no more than 5 words.

Your title should be short but descriptive. This title will be used by Latrobe City Council when promoting successful applicants.

Please provide a short summary of your project: *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Be descriptive, but succinct. This description will be used by Latrobe City Council when promoting successful applicants,

Where will the project be delivered? *

Address

Suburb State Postcode

Please attach a legible map of the project within the property boundaries and containing a north arrow: *

Attach a file:

Hand drawn maps are acceptable as long as they are legible.

Supporting Documents

Please attach any additional information to support your application:

Attach a file:

This could include plans, letters of support and images.

Budget

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Please include all expected expenditure for your project. This may include details of other funding that you have applied for and whether it has been confirmed or not.

Provide clear descriptions for each budget item in the 'Income' and 'Expenditure' columns,

- Your budget must balance. The total income must equal the total expenditure.
- Please do not add commas to figures.
- You can add and remove rows.

Income Source	Confirmed Funding?	Income Amount (\$)
Latrobe City Council Grant	Confirmed Unconfirmed N/A	\$
Your \$ contribution (if any)		\$
Your in-kind contribution (if any)		\$
Federal/State Government Grants (if any)		\$
Sponsorship (if any)		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$

Expenditure Item	Estimated Cost (\$)
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

Estimated Total Project Cost:

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Amount Requested: *

\$

What is the total financial support you are requesting in this application? Noting that funding available is up to \$1,500 per property.

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Which of the expenditure items will Latrobe City Council funding be used for? *

Please read the Guidelines for list of items that will and will not be funded.

Declaration

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Privacy Notice

The personal information requested on this form is being collected by Latrobe City Council for the purpose of administering your application. The personal information collected about you and your organisation will be used solely by Latrobe City Council for that primary purpose or directly related purposes. It will not be disclosed to any external party without your consent, unless required or authorised by law.

If you choose not to provide this information, then we will be unable to process your application. You have the right to access and/or correct your personal information. Queries or requests for access to your information should be made to the Privacy Officer at Latrobe City Council on 1300 367 700.

This section must be completed by an appropriately authorised person on behalf of the applicant organisation (may be different to the contact person listed earlier in this application form).

I confirm that:

- To the best of my knowledge all details supplied in this application and in any attached documents are true and correct;
- I am authorised to complete this application on behalf of the applicant organisation and have read and understood the certification and privacy notice;
- On behalf of the applicant organisation I accept the terms and conditions set out in:
 - This application form, including but not limited to the incorporated funding agreement; and
 - The Biodiversity on Rural Land Grant Guidelines; and
- I understand that if this grant application is approved, there may be additional terms and conditions outlined in the outcome notification email that the applicant organisation will be required to accept as a condition of receipt of the grant.

I agree: *

☐ Yes

Name of authorised person: *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Date: *