

SOWN PROJECT FUNDING SUPPORT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

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PURPOSE

1. Save Our Waterways Now (SOWN) will use funds at its disposal to support the endeavours of the Habitat Brisbane/Creek Catchment bushcare groups and SOWN members, supporting the rehabilitation and regeneration projects in native vegetation spaces / corridors within the Enoggera Catchment. SOWN funding is limited, so it is preferred that SOWN is not utilised as a primary source of funding, but rather to support projects in the event of unsuccessful funding applications or to assist in unfunded parts of existing projects.
2. Funds will not be transferred to a group or individual but will be utilised by SOWN to pay for goods or services in support of the regeneration project. Applicants are not to make any commitment to contractors/services until approval of funding is given by the SOWN committee. Supplier invoices will be made out to SOWN for payment.

ELIGIBILITY

3. To submit an application, the applicant needs to be a current financial member of SOWN.
 - a. For bushcare groups (Habitat Brisbane or Creek Catchment) one of the team leaders needs to be a current SOWN individual/family financial member. HB groups should have already explored funding options through BCC.
 - b. For private land holders they need to be a SOWN individual/family financial member. Where land size is greater than 5000m², private land holders should be Land for Wildlife members and have explored funding opportunities through this. Private landholders of blocks smaller than 5000m² would be eligible if their land is of ecological or cultural significance i.e. RE 12.3.16
 - c. For schools and community groups they need to be current SOWN community group member.
 - d. In the case of projects on Council managed land all projects will need to have been officially activated for bushcare by council, and all proposed activities must be listed in the 5 year site management plan.

APPLICATION PROCESS

4. Applications are to be made to the SOWN committee through the Secretary, but prior consultation with the SOWN President and in the case of Council managed land consultation with BCC HB /Creek Catchment Officer is essential. Applications can be made in-person to the committee but also need to be submitted in writing. Applications need to be submitted 7 days before the committee meeting to info@saveourwaterwaysnow.com.au in order to allow for inclusion in the agenda and distribution to the committee members.
5. Applications are to include the following information:
 - a. Outline of the relevant project, including the project aim, work to be carried out and timeframes.
 - b. Demonstrate the project benefits:
 - i. Social benefits – Who the project will involve and benefit? Are there opportunities to involve non-members of the community or support an event? Does the project provide learning or research opportunities?



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- ii. Environmental benefits – How will the project benefit regeneration of the area and long-term benefits, including fauna, flora, soil health and water quality? If proposing herbicide weed control, demonstrate how this is preferred over natural bushcare methods?
- c. Previous and existing funding application details for project area or HB or Catchment Group (include all relevant paperwork).
- d. Budget / estimated costs – the amount of funding requested and outline of how the money will be utilised, ideally including quotes. Preference is made to goods and services sourced locally – within the Enoggera Catchment as a priority and greater Brisbane area. Supporting goods and services to a project, such as promotional materials, refreshments and amenities should be explicitly mentioned and benefits shown as part of supporting the greater project.
- e. SOWN is currently limiting funding for these applications at \$5000.

GRADING CRITERIA

6. Each application will be assessed by the SOWN committee.
7. It is advantageous if the application can demonstrate that the funding will support the goals outlined in the [SOWN Enoggera Catchment Plan 2021-2026.pdf](#).
8. Applications will also be looked at favourably for long term commitments to bushcare/regeneration work.

EXAMPLES OF APPROPRIATE PROJECTS

9. Some examples of how SOWN envisages this funding to be utilised:
 - a. Purchase of mulch for community plantings
 - b. Funding of watering in the event of prolonged drought to support large plantings.
 - c. Removal of weed trees.
 - d. Provision of bush care contractors to support restoration work.
 - e. Provision of specialist expertise for greater understanding of environment/ecosystem.