## Introduction

## Program Purpose

Council and community value healthy rural green wedges within Hume and encourages landowners to implement sustainable land management practices in accordance with the Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994.

The aim of the Rural Land Management Grant (RLMG) is to provide landowners and managers with support and incentive to conduct sustainable land management activities across their property. This includes noxious weed control, pest animal control, erosion control and protection and enhancement of native vegetation (if present) and developing habitat/conservation assets by planting indigenous vegetation.

Rural Land Management Grant 2023-2024 Guidelines

## **Rural Land Management Grant**

The RLMG is provided in the form of a reimbursement to the landowner or manager via cheque or bank transfer following submission and approval of an annual application form. The grant program is offered on a competitive basis and has a limited pool of funding; as a result some eligible applicants may not receive the grant. There is a upper limit of \$2,000 grant funding per property per year.

The grant is offered at \$300 per property plus \$20 per hectare. Example: • Five-hectare property - landowner would receive \$400 (\$300 base grant plus \$20 x 5 hectares = \$400). • 40-hectare property - landowner would receive \$1,100 (\$300 base grant plus \$20 x 40 hectares = \$800).

# **Contact Details**

#### \* indicates a required field

You must be the landowner of the property to be able to submit an application. If you are a land manager (lease or managing a property on behalf of the landowner) you must provide written consent with your application from the landowner to be eligible for the RLMG.

**Property Number** 

Size of Property

Must be a number.

#### Landowner \*

First Name

Last Name

One name only

Property Address you are applying for: \* Address

Property address in eligible zone for grant

#### Landowner Postal Address \* Address

#### Landowner Primary Phone Number \*

Must be an Australian phone number

# **Property Details**

\* indicates a required field

#### What is the current use of your property? \*

- □ Residence
- □ Hobby Farm
- □ Agriculture
- □ Mixed

#### What land management do you plan to undertake over the next year? \*

Describe what want to achieve on your property over the next year (eg: mowing, weed removal, tree planting, erosion control etc).

# Funding

#### \* indicates a required field

### Funding

#### What will you use the funding for? \*

- □ Weed Control
- □ Revegetation
- □ Erosion Control
- □ Pest Animal Control
- Purchase of equipment to assist with land management activities
- □ Other

How will you use the funding for weed control? \*

eg: Purchase of herbicide

What are your priority weeds in the next 12 months?

How will you use the funding for revegetation? \*

eg: tree purchasing, equipment, contractor

How will you use the funding for erosion control? \*

eg: equipment, contractor hire

How will you use the funding for pest animal control? \*

eg: equipment, contractor

#### What are your priority pest animals? \*

What equipment will you purchase with the funding? \*

Other \*

Declaration

#### \* indicates a required field

## RURAL LAND MANAGEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

Approval of the application form will occur in accordance with the eligibly criteria. This may include a

- Property visit from a Council Officer.
- Payment via cheque or bank transfer will occur after approval of the application form and will be provided to the landowner within **two months** of applying.

# Council reserves the right to not approve applications due to insufficient land management works on the property or a incomplete application.

## PRIVACY STATEMENT & DECLARATION

#### **Privacy Statement**

Hume City Council is strongly committed to the responsible handling of personal information and protecting an individual's right to privacy, in accordance with our obligations under the Privacy and Data Act 2014 (Vic) and the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic). Council is collecting personal information contained within this application for the purpose of enabling you to participate in Hume City Council's Rural Land Management Grant. This information may be disclosed to relevant Hume City Council personnel for the purposes of administration, management and promotion of applications, relating to Hume City Council's Rural Land Management Grant and not to any other party except as required by law. You may access this information by contacting Council on 9205 2200.

#### Declaration

I declare that:

- the information provided in this application form is correct to the best of my knowledge.
- If this application is successful, I agree to spend the grant as described in this application form
- I permit Council officers to inspect my property.
- Council may suspend or defer payment if I do not implement satisfactory works to address land management issues and threats on my property.
- I do will not adversely affect the natural environment and native vegetation.
- To be considered eligible, a Council Officer must see evidence during their property inspection that the property is being satisfactorily managed in accordance with the objectives of this program. Council reserves the right to offer landholders alternative options if the property is deemed ineligible due to lack of evidence towards sustainable land management practices.

First Name	Last Name

Payment of grant

Default payment for the Rural Land Management Grant is via cheque through AusPost. Please make sure your name is correct on the landowner contact details section as this will be name on the cheque that will be mailed to your postal address. If you wish to receive the grant via Electronic Funds Transfer, please submit your banking details below. Note: Account name refers to the bank account holder's name.

## **Bank Account Details**

Account Name	
BSB Number	Account Number

Must be a valid Australian bank account format.

#### Would you like to receive emails about upcoming land management events?

- □ Yes
- □ No

#### Is there any training or workshops that would assist you in managing your property?

#### How did you hear about the grant?

- □ Publication eg. Re-Source Newsletter
- □ Recommendation by friend or colleague
- □ Search Engine (Google, Bing etc)
- Social Media
- □ Other

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