

# Our Healthy Environments Grants Engagement Sessions for Community Organisations

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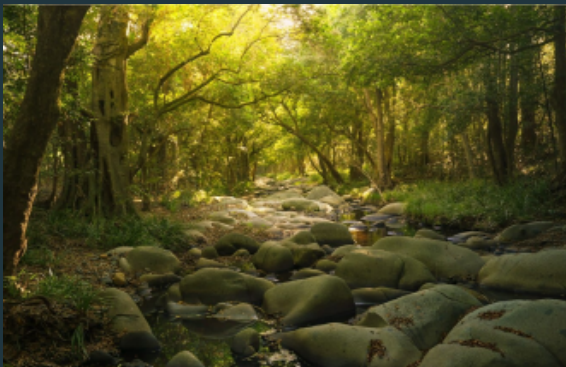
Community Grants & Partnerships  
Environment & Sustainability Policy & Planning  
Environmental Services



# OUR HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS GRANTS PROGRAM

## Engagement Sessions for Community Groups

### ENGAGEMENT SESSION PROGRAM



1. Acknowledgment of Country
2. Introductions (5 mins)
3. Grants Program Outline (30 mins)
4. Grants Application Process (10 mins)
5. Q&A (45 mins)



## Acknowledgement of Country

City of Moreton Bay acknowledges the Jinibara, Kabi Kabi and Turrbal peoples and pays respect to Elders, past, present and emerging. Council recognises that the Moreton Bay region has always been a place of cultural, spiritual, social and economic significance to its Traditional Custodians. Council is committed to reconciliation and working in partnership with Traditional Custodians and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to shape a shared future for the benefit of all communities within the City of Moreton Bay and beyond.

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### INTRODUCTIONS

#### Community Grants & Partnerships

- Administer the community grants process

#### Environment & Sustainability Policy & Planning

- Policy steward: *Environment & Sustainability Strategy 2042*
- Sets strategic policy & undertakes strategic planning

#### Environmental Services

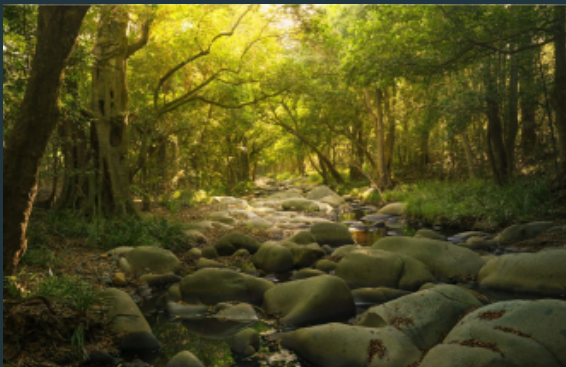
- Deliver voluntary conservation and environmental education programs



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### GRANTS PROGRAM OUTLINE



#### FUNDING CONTEXT

- City Environment Separate Charge:

*"Engaging and supporting communities to protect and enhance the environment and its native wildlife"*

- Not for profit groups
- Grants of up to \$50,000 available

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### GRANTS PROGRAM OUTLINE

#### OUR HEALTHY ENVIROMENTS GOAL

*By 2033, our Moreton Bay will be renowned for its healthy natural and built environments that enhance our identity, support biodiversity and our sustainable lifestyles*



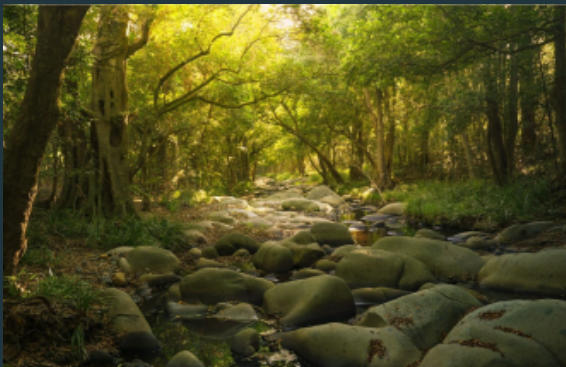
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### GRANTS PROGRAM OUTLINE

#### PROJECTS THAT

- Facilitate **urban greening**
- Connect, protect and enhance **ecological linkages** and **wildlife habitats**
- Sustain conservation for **significant species across the landscape** and improve **catchment health**
- Support Traditional Custodian groups to build **Country-centric biodiversity** capacity and elicit traditional ecological knowledge
- Build **community knowledge, awareness and capacity** and improve **biodiversity data**



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#### GRANT PROGRAM PRIORITIES

- **Public or private land** within our **conservation network** (e.g., core areas, stepping-stone habitat, ecological corridors, restoration areas)
- Enhance **urban biodiversity** (urban greening)
- Improve **ecological connectivity** (e.g., restore ecological corridors, remediate barriers to fish passage)
- Improve **stewardship of biodiversity** values & **catchment health** (e.g., recover conservation-significant vegetation communities/species, restore waterway, wetland, coastal environments)
- Manage **threatening processes** (e.g., invasive species, soil erosion & sediment, altered fire regimes, stock access to riparian areas)
- Build **community networks** to foster participation in biodiversity conservation through **citizen science** & support **community nurseries** & local native plants
- Protect biodiversity values through **recognised conserved areas** (e.g., working towards admission to voluntary conservation programs & connect **designated protected areas** (e.g., national parks, conservation parks, nature refuges)
- Improve **biodiversity data** which contributes to WildNet/iNaturalist Australia datasets to inform adaptive management (e.g., strategic assessments of conservation-significant species, BioBlitzes)



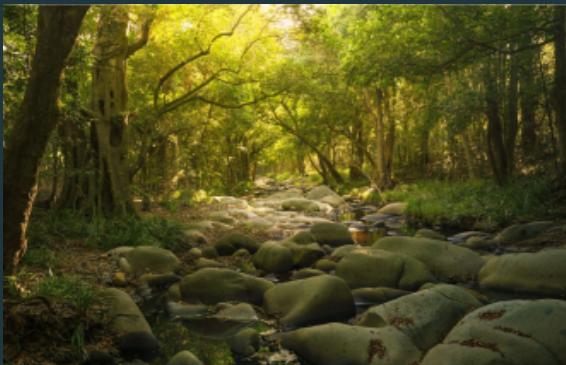
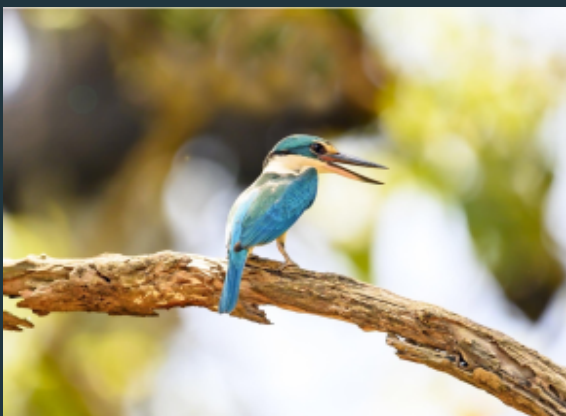


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#### Environmental Grants Programs

Our Environmental Grants Programs include Our Healthy Environments Grants for not-for-profit groups and the Voluntary Conservation program grant.

**Our Healthy Environments Grants Program Guidelines**

**Introduction**  
All rateable properties in City of Moreton Bay are levied a City Environment Separate Charge to help fund the costs of a range of environmental initiatives. A portion of the City Environment Separate Charge provides funds for environmental grants that engage and support communities involved in the protection and enhancement of the environment and its native wildlife in City of Moreton Bay.

Our Healthy Environments Grants provide financial assistance to community organisations to deliver projects that contribute towards City of Moreton Bay's 'Our Healthy Environments' goal, as detailed in our [Corporate Plan 2022-2027](#).

By 2033, our Moreton Bay will be renowned for its healthy natural and built environments that enhance our identity, support biodiversity and our sustainable lifestyles.

Our Healthy Environments Grants and these guidelines are governed by the City of Moreton Bay Community Grants Policy (No. 2150-030).

Grant applications will be invited in February 2025, as outlined below.

Opening Date	Closing Date	Notification of Outcome	Project Start Date*
24 February 2025	7 April 2025	Approximately 6 weeks after closing date	1 June 2025


\*Projects must commence on or after first date.

**Our Healthy Environments Grants for Community Groups (up to \$50,000)**  
Our Healthy Environments Grants for community groups aim to:

- Facilitate urban greening
- Connect, protect and enhance ecological linkages and wildlife habitats.
- Sustain conservation-significant species across the landscape.
- Improve catchment health.
- Support Traditional Custodian groups to maintain and enhance biodiversity through traditional knowledge and practices.
- Build community knowledge, awareness and capacity, and improve biodiversity data.

Grants of up to \$50,000 will be prioritised for projects that:

- Are undertaken on public or private land in key parts of our conservation network (e.g. core areas, stepping-stone habitat, ecological corridors, restoration areas).
- Enhance urban biodiversity.
- Improve ecological connectivity (e.g. restore ecological corridors, remediate barriers to fish passage).
- Improve stewardship of biodiversity values and catchment health (e.g., recover conservation-significant species, restore waterway, wetland, and coastal environments).
- Manage threatening processes (e.g. invasive species, soil erosion and sediment, altered fire regimes, stock access to riparian areas).

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**Our Healthy Environments Grants Program Resource Kit**

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Search Council's website for:  
*'Our Healthy Environment Grants'*

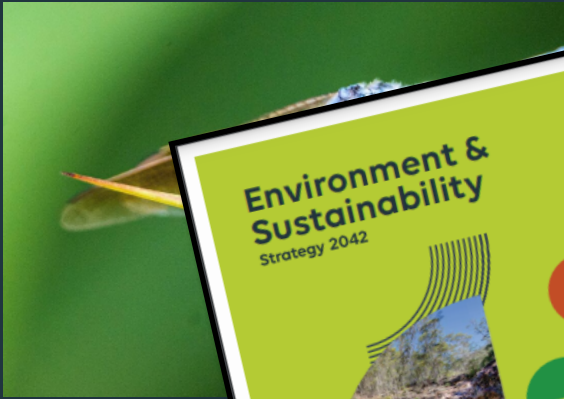


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STRATEGICALLY ALIGNED PROJECT CONCEPTS



**Outcome 1: Biodiversity and habitats**  
Our special natural areas and wildlife habitats are connected, protected and enhanced.

**Outcome 2: Coasts and waterways**  
Our coasts and waterway catchments are used sustainably, and environmental values are protected and enhanced.

**Outcome 3: Sustainable living**  
Our neighbourhoods, buildings, and infrastructure support sustainable living.

**Outcome 4: Climate action**  
We understand and proactively respond to climate change and natural hazard risks.

**Outcome 5: Use of resources**  
We enable our materials and resources to be used cleverly and recycled to avoid waste and pollution.

**Outcome 6: Sustainable choices**  
Our communities and businesses practice sustainability in the choices they make every day.

**Action Plan**

No.	Actions	Council roles	Timeframe
<b>Outcome 1: Our special natural areas and wildlife habitats are connected, protected and enhanced</b>			
11	<p>Develop a Biodiversity Plan that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifies the region's values and biodiversity outcomes</li> <li>Outlines the approach to identify and connect regional and local wildlife corridors</li> <li>Identifies strategic rehabilitation and restoration priorities including consideration of threatened species and species at risk of becoming threatened within the region</li> <li>Considers the impacts of a changing climate on the region's ecosystems and identifies the role of refugia and migration of species and ecological communities over time</li> <li>Inform the Planning Scheme and other planning instruments</li> <li>Sets out a monitoring and reporting plan and indicators to achieve biodiversity outcomes</li> <li>Identifies how to support the community and stakeholders to achieve biodiversity outcomes</li> <li>Identifies key biodiversity matters that Council will advocate to other levels of government.</li> </ul>	Deliver	Short-term
12	<p>Develop an Open Space Plan that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defines functional differences between natural areas (including wildlife corridors), recreation and active green spaces network to link, enhance and protect regional and local wildlife corridors and natural areas</li> <li>Considers the importance of urban biodiversity and tree cover, and how to maximise it when managing the open space network</li> <li>Minimises the impacts of using the active open space network (including associated infrastructure) on surrounding natural areas</li> <li>Considers opportunities to connect people with nature that benefit them and the environment.</li> </ul>	Deliver	Short-term
13	<p>Develop a Biosecurity Plan that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addresses the General Biosecurity Obligation (CBO) in the Biosecurity Act 2014</li> <li>Outlines how residents can also meet their CBO</li> <li>Outlines how Council can assist residents through its programs and services.</li> <li>Details how Council can assist residents through its programs and services.</li> </ul>	Deliver	Ongoing
14	Continue a compliance program focusing on education and awareness to address sediment and erosion control from building and construction sites, illegal vegetation clearing and filling floodplain areas.	Deliver	Short-term
15	Undertake a review of the region's significant environmental values and determine the next steps to improve their protection.	Deliver	Short-term

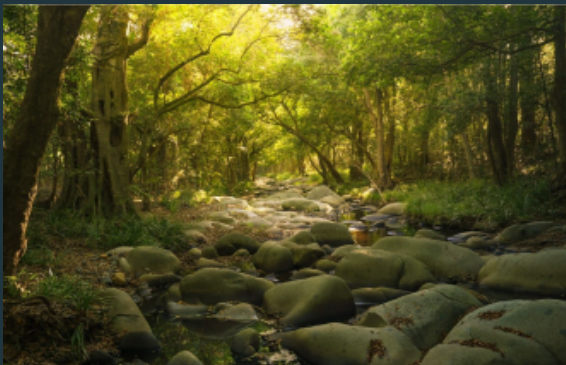




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### GRANTS APPLICATION PROCESS



#	Grants Stage	Milestone
1	<b>Applications Open</b> <i>Grants information is released on City of Moreton Bay's website.</i>	24 February 2025
2	<b>Engagement Sessions</b> <i>City of Moreton Bay's technical experts will be available to discuss projects and answer questions from interested parties in relation to the Our Healthy Environment Grants. Interested parties are also encouraged to email the Grants team with any questions in relation to the application process at <a href="mailto:grants@moretonbay.qld.gov.au">grants@moretonbay.qld.gov.au</a>. Go to Council's <a href="#">website</a> for Engagement Session details.</i>	March 2025
3	<b>Applications Close</b> <i>An acknowledgement will be provided upon receipt of application.</i>	7 April 2025
4	<b>Application Assessment</b> <i>Applications will be assessed against the assessment criteria included in the <a href="#">Our Healthy Environments Grants Guidelines</a>. All applicants will be notified of the result of their application.</i>	9 May 2025
5	<b>Applicants Notified of Outcome</b> <i>Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified. It is advised that applicants review the acquittal report in SmartyGrants before the project commences to ensure they collect all required information during project delivery.</i>	16 May 2025
6	<b>Projects Commence</b> <i>Applicants can commence project.</i>	1 June 2025
7	<b>Project Completion</b> <i>An acquittal report must be submitted no later than four weeks after the project completion date which is submitted through SmartyGrants.</i>	30 June 2026

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Applications Open  
24 February 2025



Applications Close  
7 April 2025



Projects Start  
*from* 1 June 2025



Project Close &  
Acquittal Reporting  
*by* 30 June 2026



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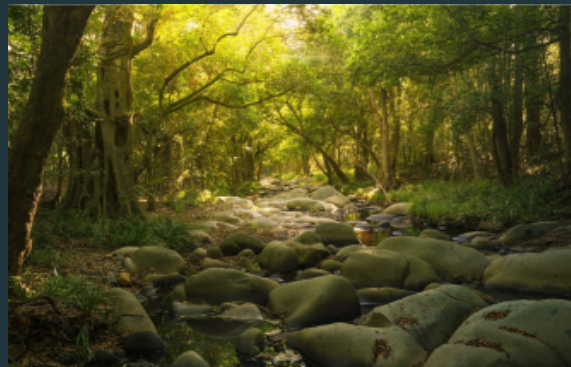
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#### ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Seed collection & propagation, local native plants & guards, soil, mulch, fertiliser, herbicide, off-stream water points
- Labour & equipment hire, contractors & consultants, venue & tech hire, event advertising
- Ongoing site establishment & maintenance
- Grant administration (10%)

#### INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Retrospective funding & BAU activities
- Tools, machinery, vehicles, computer hardware/software
- Asset depreciation
- Activities without statutory approval or landowner consent



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#### ELIGIBLE ORGANISATIONS

- Incorporated associations, registered charities, schools, P&Cs, kindergartens, churches, not-for-profits, recognised Traditional Custodian groups, or groups auspiced by eligible organisations
- Operate within, or deliver a project that will benefit residents/biodiversity of, City of Moreton Bay
- Appropriate insurance & WHS compliant
- No outstanding debt or acquittals & satisfactory reporting record

#### INELIGIBLE ORGANISATIONS

- For profits
- Government departments and agencies, except schools
- Political groups
- Unincorporated groups, except auspiced groups



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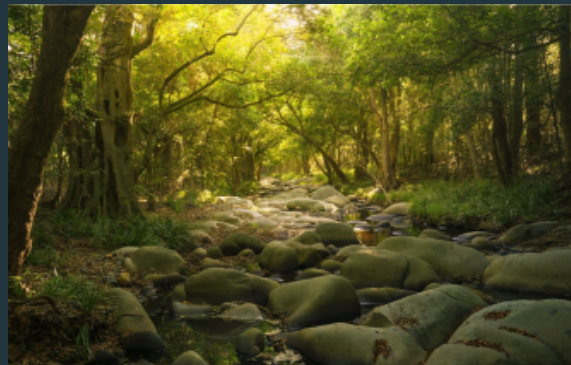
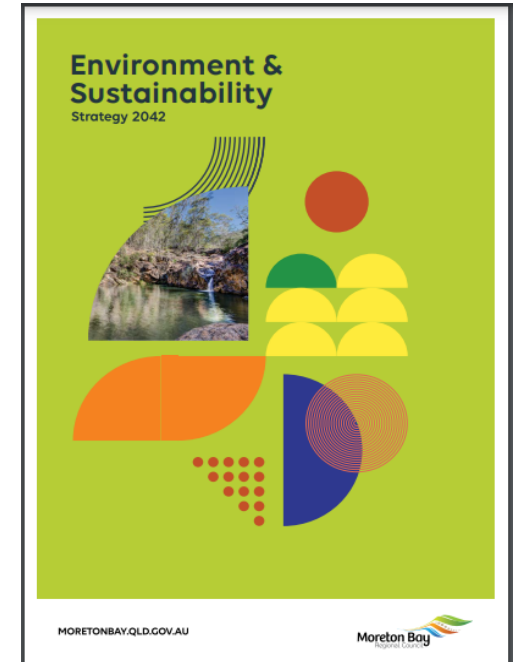
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#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Current public liability **insurance certificate**
- Most recent audited or verified **financial statements**
- **Quotes** for all expenditure items

#### ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

- **Need** (refer to grants program priorities and Environment & Sustainability Strategy 2042)
- **Benefit** (evidence of consultation, value for money, financial sustainability, local suppliers)
- **Capacity** (experience, skills and resources to deliver, project plan)





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SMARTYGRANTS

<https://moretonbay.smartygrants.com.au/OurHealthyEnvironments2425>





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A new submission has been created for you. You can fill it all in now or come back at any time to continue working on it.  
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### Q&A

#### Go to our website:

<https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Services/Community-Support/Grants-and-Funding/Environmental-Grants-Programs>

#### Arrange to speak with a technical expert:

in person  
on the phone  
online on Teams

Call (07) 3205 0555 | between 24-28 February 2025

#### Discuss your project ideas:

During this Q&A breakout session

