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Community Conservation Assistance (CCA) fact sheet

Brisbane City Council is committed to keeping Brisbane clean and green.

To help achieve this goal, Council provides support and assistance to enable private landholders and community groups to play an important role protecting and enhancing the biodiversity of our city.

What is CCA?

CCA provides assistance to groups and individuals within Council's Community Conservation Partnership programs to undertake environmental restoration or rehabilitation works. This assistance allows Council and community environment groups to collaboratively deliver projects within priority biodiversity areas that would otherwise be difficult for groups or individuals to undertake.

Unlike the Lord Mayor's Community Sustainability and Environmental Grants, CCA is not a cash grant. Rather, Council will work in partnership with groups and individuals to deliver on-ground weed control and restoration works.

Who can apply for CCA?

Habitat Brisbane and Creek Catchment groups, and private landholders who are members of the Wildlife Conservation Partnerships Program (WCPP) (Land for Wildlife) are eligible to apply.

How much funding can applicants apply for?

Funding allocation will depend largely on the merits of the proposed projects. Applicants can apply for up to \$50,000 worth of assistance per project. There will be one round of CCA each financial year.

What projects are eligible?

Priority will be given to projects that:

- reduce the impact of invasive weed species
- rehabilitate and expand core habitats, including natural areas
- strengthen ecological and riparian corridors and linkages
- reduce erosion and sediment runoff into waterway.

The funding can be allocated for materials that are to be used directly in the project and are effectively 'consumable'. The items include, but are not limited to:

- locally-native plants, tree guards, weed mats, mulch, water crystals or other materials designed to protect and assist plant growth
- products for soil stabilisation such as jute matting and coir logs
- weed control, including large weed tree removal.



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What projects are ineligible?

CCA can only be used for on-ground bushland restoration works and cannot be used for:

- projects located on public land are outside of an approved Habitat Brisbane or Creek Catchment Group sites
- work on non-Council land except for private landholders that are members of the Wildlife Conservation Partnerships program.
- projects on WCPP properties that are listed for sale
- projects on WCPP properties that are state and Commonwealth land
- any activity that is the legal responsibility of the landholder
- payment for specialist advice such as hydrologists or ecologists
- replacement of culverts or other engineering works

Note – If you currently have a Voluntary Conservation Covenant or Voluntary Conservation Agreement with Council, annual works identified within a current Bushland Property Management Plan that relate directly to your annual cash management payment will need to be reviewed and renegotiated before your submission can be accepted.

How do I apply?

Private landholder applications must be submitted online via Council's website. Visit brisbane.qld.gov.au and search for 'Community Conservation Assistance'. The system will allow you to develop, save and print your application before you submit it. Supporting documentation can also be attached.

Before you commence your application, you must discuss your project with your Council program officer, who is available to assist with planning your application. Your Council program officer may need to visit the site to provide advice, please allow enough time for this step in your application process.

Habitat Brisbane and Creek Catchment Groups are not required to submit an online form however must work directly with their officers to submit an application. Projects will be developed using Habitat Brisbane and Catchment Groups annual site plans.

How will submissions be assessed?

All applications will be evaluated on the proposed project's ability to:

- meet best practice requirements
- adhere to relevant annual or property management plans developed by Council where required
- demonstrate biodiversity and/or water quality outcomes in priority areas
- manage weeds that are priority pest plant species for Brisbane
- demonstrate long-term community commitment and capacity to follow up on works funded by CCA
- link with nearby projects, corridors and protected areas in the landscape for enhanced biodiversity outcomes.



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What are biodiversity priority areas?

Your Council program officer can guide you to the highest biodiversity priority area for your project proposal.

Principally, biodiversity priority areas will align with Target 40 and be assessed based on the criteria below:

- continued enhancement and linkages to existing investments, waterways and protected areas
- significance of the vegetation and the habitat.

In conjunction with the values listed above, pest plant infestation levels and the opportunity to successfully reinstate habitat will also be considered.

If our proposal is successful, what happens next?

Your Council program officer will work with you to finalise an agreed scope and schedule delivery of the works. They will also provide updates on the works being carried out. If work is to be undertaken on private land, the landholder will be contacted, and meeting times will be arranged to discuss the ongoing coordination of works.

Application for a Lord Mayor's Community Sustainability and Environmental Grant

Proposed projects may receive direct funding or assistance either through the CCA or Lord Mayor's Community Sustainability and Environmental Grants, but not both. If you have a secondary project, on Council land, that is not the same, you are encouraged to submit an application for a Lord Mayor's Community Sustainability or Environmental Grant.

Contact us

For more information please contact your Habitat Brisbane, Creek Catchment or Wildlife Conservation partnership program officer, or call Council on 3403 8888.