

2017/18 Murray Community Training and Skills Round Guidelines

Overview

Murray Local Land Services is running a community training and skills development round which aims to support community, Landcare and producer groups to carry out training and skills development that will build group capacity.

By investing in capacity, we intend to increase our communities' ability to take leading roles in improving primary production and the management of natural resources and assist groups to remain resilient in a future with less funding certainty.

Community, Landcare and producer groups focused on improving primary production and/ or improving the management of our natural resources are invited to apply.

Training and skills development will be delivered to successful groups via one of the following methods, at the discretion of Murray Local Land Services:

1. Participate in a course organised by Murray Local Land Services
2. Funding provided directly to a group to organise training conducted directly with their group
3. Funding provided to a group that will support an individual to complete a course of choosing that contributes to the group's capacity.

Training and skills activities must directly support groups to improve their capacity and demonstrate clear links to enabling improved primary production and/ or improved management of natural resources

Each group should submit only **one** application detailing all the training requests for that group. Training must be completed no later than **15 May 2018**.



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Providing funding to support eligible groups to access training and skills development that builds the group's capacity, and increases the group's ability to improve primary production and/ or improve the management of our natural resources.

Training and skills examples:

- ✓ **Grant writing**
- ✓ **Budgeting**
- ✓ **Board and director training**
- ✓ **Marketing**
- ✓ **Governance**
- ✓ **Mapping and data recording**
- ✓ **Public speaking & communication**
- ✓ **Staff management/ leadership**
- ✓ **Contract/ project management**
- ✓ **Legislative/ policy training**
- ✓ **Strategic planning**
- ✓ **Cultural awareness/ cultural site identification**
- ✓ **Work Health and Safety**

Applications close:
Monday 5 February
2018
at 5:00 pm

Who can apply?

Community, Landcare and producer groups focused on improving primary production and/ or improving the management of our natural resources.

Eligible groups may include:

- Landcare groups
- farming system groups
- industry groups
- indigenous land management groups
- other community or volunteer groups

Applications will not be accepted from:

- political organisations
- government departments and agencies
- commercially focused businesses
- individuals.

Timeframes

Application period commences	15 December 2017
Closing date for applications	5 February 2018
Expected announcement date	16 February 2018
Training completion, including submission of Final Report	15 May 2018

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible, applications must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ Groups must be based in the Murray Local Land Services region.
- ✓ Groups must be able to demonstrate how they are improving primary production and/ or the management of our natural resources.
- ✓ Training must be able to be completed by no later than 15 May 2018.
- ✓ Training must contribute to the capacity of the group moving forward.



The application

Applicants are required to complete the 2017/18 Murray Community Training and Skills Round application form, available on the Murray Local Land Services website:

www.ils.nsw.gov.au/murray/our-region/grants-and-funding

Hardcopy application forms can also be picked up at any Murray Local Land Services office.

Training description: Applicants will be asked to provide responses to the following:

- Provide a brief description of the course or type of training you or your group wish to undertake
- Define how you or your group will apply knowledge or skills gained through the training, and
- Describe the expected long-term outcomes of the training for the group and land and resource management within the Murray region.

Budget: Applicants will be asked to indicate expected costs for the training.

Timeline: A timeline must be provided, including key dates such as course schedules and participant availability, and confirming that the training will be completed by 15 May 2018.

How will applications be assessed?

Applications will be considered competitively against other proposals by an assessment panel, convened by Murray Local Land Services.

Applications will be assessed on the degree to which they meet the assessment criteria detailed below.

Assessment criteria

2017/18 Murray Community Training and Skills Round applications will be assessed on the extent to which they:

- build capacity of groups
- can be feasibly delivered
- deliver long-term outcomes
- represent good value for money
- provide public benefit.

Notification

All applicants will be notified of the final funding decisions via email within the timeframe indicated. For the grant to proceed, the applicant group will be required to enter into an agreement with Murray Local Land Services.

Which activities are NOT eligible?

Funding may not be used for:

- ✘ Groups that are based outside the Murray Local Land Services region.
- ✘ Activities that contradict or inhibit the targets and outcomes of existing Murray Local Land Services programs.
- ✘ Activities or education and training undertaken, or liabilities incurred, before Murray Local Land Services enters into a written agreement with the successful applicant.
- ✘ Training activities that are the responsibility, or the business, of state, territory or local governments or of private land managers, including activities that are a legislative and regulatory responsibility or

compliance activities, and activities that would be considered a landholder's responsibility.

- ✘ Business development activities or subsidies on commercial operations.
- ✘ Travel and accommodation expenses related to training.
- ✘ Training that predominantly has a private benefit eg. first aid/ first aid refresher, chemical training, firearms training

Assistance or more information

If you have an idea and are not sure if it aligns with the grants funding or require assistance completing the application form, please contact Susie Buckley on the details below:

How to apply

To apply, complete the application form and provide to **Susie Buckley** using any of the following methods:

Email: murray.grants@lls.nsw.gov.au

In person: Murray Local Land Services Office,
449 Charlotte St, Deniliquin, NSW 2710

Fax: (03) 5881 9998

Post: PO Box 61, Deniliquin, NSW, 2710

For assistance submitting your application to Murray Local Land Services, please contact Susie Buckley on **(03) 5881 9923**

Application forms are available in hardcopy at any Murray Local Land Services office or to download from the Website www.lls.nsw.gov.au/murray/our-region/grants-and-funding



Applications Close

5pm

5 February 2018

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