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# Wildcare Start up GRANT Guidelines



Wildcare offers Start up Grants to support new Wildcare groups in their volunteering efforts.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Wildcare Start up Grants is to help new Wildcare groups get started. The start-up grant is a once off payment to allow a new group to build their resources for future work.

## **ASSESSMENT**

A start-up grant can only be issued once a group has been fully approved to operate through the relevant land manager and Wildcare channels.

Applications are made by new Wildcare groups and assessment will consider:

- Conservation of Tasmania's natural environment.
- Alignment with land manager's goals and standards.
- Involvement of Wildcare volunteers in meaningful and rewarding activities.
- Raising community awareness about Wildcare's purpose and activities.

## **WHAT IS IN SCOPE?**

The amount (Up to \$500 is available) will be determined based on a needs assessment with the group. Types of authorised expenditures will include equipment, tools and communication materials/sites - including (not an exclusive list):

- Assistance for new groups to put together a kit of equipment and resources
- Community education or profile-raising aids such as signage.  
(See pre-approvals/endorsements required).
- Assistance with cost of transport for groups working in remote areas, where there is no clear alternative means of funding.

## **WHAT IS NOT IN SCOPE**

Things that are generally not in scope for Wildcare Start up Grants (not an exclusive list):

- Items that would otherwise be funded by State or Local Government, or commercial businesses that stand to benefit from the works.
- Purchase of consumables that would ordinarily be purchased by volunteers e.g. food.
- Assistance with transport costs for groups working in remote areas, where funding for transport is available through the relevant land manager. In such a scenario, duplicate funding will not be considered through Wildcare.

## **START UP GRANT PROCESS**

- 1) An application for approval of a Start up Grant can be made at any time.
- 2) Applications will be considered by email to [memberservices@wildcaretas.org.au](mailto:memberservices@wildcaretas.org.au).
- 3) Wildcare's Volunteer Services Manager will inform applicants of outcomes, including acquittal requirements. (Aiming for decisions to be notified within 2 weeks of submitting the application).

## **PRE-APPROVALS OR ENDORSEMENTS REQUIRED**

### **Land manager/owner endorsement**

The endorsement of landowners and/or land managers must be obtained. Any applicable Volunteer Activity Agreements should be attached.

### **Approval of signage and flyers**

All signage, communication materials and media releases need to be approved by the Wildcare Office in the first instance and relevant land manager (if applicable). Applications for signage funding should state that approval has already been received or acknowledge awareness of the approval process.

## **BACKGROUND CONDITIONS THAT WILL BE BENEFICIAL YOUR APPLICATION**

A commitment to:

- working in a risk aware manner,
- acting in accordance with the [Wildcare Code of Conduct](#),
- working in positive partnership with land managers (where relevant) and the community in which the group is operating,
- being proactive with fundraising efforts.

## **CONDITIONS OF GRANT**

Successful applicants are to provide invoices for all expenditures (to [bookkeeper@wildcaretas.org.au](mailto:bookkeeper@wildcaretas.org.au)). A news story suitable for use in Wildcare communications will be required on completion.

Funds should generally be spent within 12 months, unless agreed otherwise at the time of an application being approved.

## **SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION**

Complete the [Start up Grant Application Form](#) and email to [memberservices@wildcaretas.org.au](mailto:memberservices@wildcaretas.org.au)

### **Questions?**

Contact the friendly Wildcare Office team

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