

Environmental Levy Grants

Frequently asked questions

Who is eligible to apply?

Community groups, schools, universities, not-for-profits and individuals.

Who is not eligible to apply?

- Commercial businesses
- Previous Grant recipients who have not completed and returned an acquittal form .

How much can I apply for?

- Each year Council offer individual grants of up to \$5,000.
- Council will give consideration to exceptional applications up to \$10,000 which deliver long term, measurable benefit to the Ku-ring-gai environment or community. However, the application must be discussed with the Manager Environment and Sustainability, prior to the application being submitted. Contact sustainability@krg.nsw.gov.au for details.

What is eligible to be funded by the grant?

- Contractors for example, Bush Regenerators, to carry out environmental works
- Guest speakers for an educational workshop/presentation etc.
- Native Beehives, Bee Hotels and pollinator gardens
- Citizen Science projects, Environment/Sustainability awareness education
- Research carried out in Ku-ring-gai/ for the benefit of Ku-ring-gai

What is not eligible to be funded?

- Paying wages/reimbursing the applicant.
- Advertising/Marketing materials including photocopying
- Reimbursement for legal or other fees
- Rainwater tanks
- Solar panels

When will I find out if the application has been successful?

- All applicants (successful/unsuccessful) will be notified by email following Council approval, generally by 31 July 2022.

When will I receive the money?

- Successful applicants will be sent the following forms to be filled out, signed and returned
 - Environmental Levy Tax Invoice
 - Statement by a supplier (for applicants without an Australian Business Number)
 - Electronic Funds Transfer Form



- Public Schools will need to organise a NSW Govt Education Dept tax invoice and submit to Council for the grant to be paid.
- When Council has received and processed the above documents the grant money will be paid into the nominated bank account.
- Applications for Native Beehives, Bee Hotels and/or plants will receive these items in lieu of money.

Should your application be successful, the application becomes the funding agreement and specifies how the funding is to be used.

Who are the Independents that sit on the assessment panel?

- Members of the community/academics who are passionate about the environment and sustainability

Procurement guidelines

This guide provides information on acceptable procurement practices when spending public money.

Bush regeneration projects – Only Contractors who have successfully completed the Council tender process will be engaged for Environmental Levy Projects. Council will raise a Purchase Order for the works and oversee payment to the contractor.

Public Schools – must raise an NSW Govt Education tax invoice and bill Kuring-gai Council for the grant to be paid .

Other applicants will receive funds by Electronic Funds Transfer into their nominated bank account.