



GUIDE TO COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

SLOW FOOD NOOSA SNAIL OF APPROVAL

REGENERATIVE FARMING AND NATIVE VEGETATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDING PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The Regenerative Farming and Native Vegetation Enhancement Funding Program is available for applications from eligible local producers for projects which:

- Conserve and/or improve ecosystem health and biodiversity,
- Develop and maintain regenerative agricultural practices,
- Can demonstrate tangible, measurable outcomes, and
- Increase capacity of local producers to create a resilient and healthy local food system.

KEY DATES

- Information night (Natural Sequence Farming and Regenerative Practices/Applying for a Grant) 13 February 2023 – Noosa District Land Care Pomona
- To be eligible applications must be received by 3 March 2023.
- Successful applicants will be notified by 31 March, 2022.

APPLICATION FORM

Application forms can be obtained:

- by attending the Information Session on Natural Sequence Farming and Regenerative Practices on 13 February 2023
- from the Slow Food Noosa website - <https://www.slowfoodnoosa.com>

Contact Rod Lees at info@slowfoodnoosa.com to check your eligibility and to discuss the project and application in depth.

APPLICANT AND PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for funding you must be a Slow Food Noosa Snail of Approval recipient who has land set aside for food production, and who is able to match the grant funding for the project either in funds or in kind.

Your project for funding must address one or more of the following areas:

- Native vegetation enhancement,
- Nutrient management,
- Erosion control and remediation,
- Soil health,
- Water cycle management, and/or
- Pasture and grazing management.

The project must be completed by 1st November 2023. Successful applicants must allow for a site visit from the grant management team during project time frame for reporting purposes.

FUNDING AMOUNT

The minimum grant amount is \$1,000 and maximum grant amount is \$7,500.

Funding is competitive and all requests for assistance cannot be approved.

Applicant contribution

Applicants are expected to contribute to projects wherever possible to satisfy the assessment criteria of providing matched funding. Other funding sources may include:

- Grants from other funding bodies,
- Cash contribution, and/or
- In-kind labour and materials.

PROJECT BUDGET

It is important to provide a realistic and complete project budget.

- The budget must balance; that is, the total income (funded and in-kind contribution) relating to this project must equal the total expenditure on this project,
- In-kind support/volunteer hours are valued at a minimum of \$43 per hour.
- Written quotes are required for any budget item over \$1,000.
- Grant amount requested includes GST.

The funding cannot be used for:

- Repayments of debts and loans
- Domestic or overseas travel costs
- Ongoing operational or recurrent costs including but not limited to salaries or wages, rent or lease costs, fuel, bank or accounting fees

APPLICATION ASSESSMENT PROCESS

All eligible applications received by 3 March 2023 will be assessed by the steering committee for the Slow Food Noosa Snail of Approval *Regenerative Farming and Native Vegetation Enhancement Funding Program*, which consists of a representative of Slow Food Noosa, Noosa District Landcare, Tarwyn Park Training, and the philanthropic foundation providing the funding.

APPLICATION ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Eligible applications are assessed by a panel against the following criteria:

- Applicant eligibility.
- Project addresses one or more of the prescribed areas.
 - Native vegetation enhancement,
 - Nutrient management,
 - Erosion control and remediation,
 - Soil health,
 - Water cycle management, and/or
 - Pasture and grazing management
- Demonstrated need for the project:
 - Applicant has clearly demonstrated the need for the project. That is, the applicant describes the problem which needs to be fixed, outlining the degree and nature of the negative impact it is having on the community
- Clear benefits from the project. Tangible and measurable outcomes.
- Contributions, financial or in kind, toward the project:
 - Applicant demonstrates the ability to match or have greater contribution to the funding of the project, be it cash or in-kind time or materials.

APPLICATION SUPPORT

For further information or help completing the application please contact Rod Lees - info@slowfoodnoosa.com