



Southern Incentives 2010-2011

Wind Erosion

Guidelines

ALL WORKS MUST BE COMPLETED BY 31 March 2011

South Coast Natural Resource Management invites applications for on ground activities through Southern Incentives 2010-2011

Southern Incentives grants are for projects designed to improve the condition and amenity of assets located in the South Coast region of Western Australia. South Coast NRM aims to achieve this goal through building and maintaining partnerships between land managers, community groups, educational institutions, non-government organisations and other not-for-profit organisations.

This guide describes:

- the activities and types of projects that may be funded;
- the criteria that applicants must meet to be eligible to receive funding; and
- how to complete and submit an application

Southern Incentives Objectives

Wind erosion

Applicants are encouraged to undertake a range of activities to address natural resource management issues in an integrated way. Southern Incentives 2010-11 funds on ground works that are not undertaken in isolation, but complement previous works or form part of a larger strategy or management plan.

The aim is to support the protection of productive land by encouraging farmers to implement actions to reduce wind erosion.

Priority will be given to those projects which:

- The site is at severe risk of wind erosion.
- The project is innovative in its approach
- There is a high likelihood of successful rehabilitation due to on-going management activities
- More than one problem is addressed (eg wind erosion and water repellence)
- The project is likely to lead to other sustainable farming activities in the future

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Where projects can be undertaken

Projects are to be located within the South Coast region of WA which includes the Shires of Denmark, Plantagenet, Cranbrook, Tambellup, Broomehill, Gnowangerup, Jerramungup, Ravensthorpe, Esperance, and the City of Albany and includes some parts of the Shires of Kojonup, Manjimup and Kent.

Ineligible Activities

- Retrospective works
- Projects not tackling wind erosion
- Projects with no on ground activities

Funding Amounts, Rates and In-kind Contributions

- Grant applications of up to \$20 000 (GST exclusive) will be considered.
- Indicative funding rates:
 - Perennial pastures \$72/ha
 - Wind break establishment \$540 seedlings only; \$480 mix of seed seedling; \$395/ha seed only
 - Soil amelioration (lime/gypsum/dolomite) @ \$12/tonne to a max of 2.5t/ha
- In-kind contributions can include can include, but are not restricted to site planning, in-kind labour, travel and machinery

General Conditions

All project applications must comply with the following:

- All media articles must acknowledge funding providers.
- Landholders will be responsible for erecting a sign on site which will be supplied to them by South Coast NRM.
- Land owners/managers will be required to apply occupational health and safety and visitor risk safety standards to all works.
- Land owners/managers must ensure that appropriate standards of human resource management based on the Principles of Natural Justice that encourage merit, equity and probity are implemented. The Western Australian Public Sector Standards in Human Resource Management should be considered as the minimum standard required where an award does not exist.
- Land owners/managers will be required to maintain sufficient insurance, including but not limited to workers' compensation and/or personal accident insurance, public liability insurance and appropriate vehicle insurance whilst conducting activities funded by South Coast NRM.
- The laws applicable to any Agreement shall be those in force in Western Australia and, where relevant, the laws of the Commonwealth of Australia.
- All activities requiring a permit or involving works on land registered as Indigenous Heritage sites will need to provide evidence of consultation on this matter. South Coast NRM wishes to protect sites of significance to Indigenous People. If a Department of Indigenous Affairs site enquiry has indicated that there may be sites of significance within 1km of the proposed works, South Coast NRM staff may need to undertake a survey the site (with your permission), to ensure that works will have no negative impact on the site and to recommend any alterations to project design if needed.
- Successful applicants will be required to carry out activities within the time frame specified in the Agreement. Funding not utilised for the agreed work is to be refunded to South Coast NRM.
- Successful applicants must maintain accurate records relating to approved funding including but not limited to financial details such as receipts and expenditure.
- Applicants undertaking weed works will enter into a 2 year agreement to conduct follow up weeding of the site.

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Guidelines to Completing the Application Form

Numbers in this section relate to numbers on the application form and details provided here are designed to assist with completion of the various sections contained within the application.

1. PROJECT TITLE – Write a descriptive title of the project in ten words or less. (eg. Prevention of wind erosion events on Trapper Downs)
2. APPLICANTS – This section identifies all the parties involved in the project. In the case of privately owned land, the land owners' details must be included in this section. If the land is public land (eg. reserve) then the land manager must be listed (eg. Shire of Wallington)
 - i) NAME OF LAND OWNER
 - ii) NAME OF FARM MANAGER
 - iii) OTHER AUTHORITIES OR GROUPS INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT – (eg. Trappers Junction Landcare Group)
3. CONTACT PERSON – This is the lead applicant who will be contacted if further information is required. All details are to be included to ensure contact can be made when required. If the lead applicant is not the owner of the property, a letter from the land owner must be lodged with this application giving permission for the project works on their land
4. PROJECT LOCATION – Name of project site, nearest crossroad, distance and direction to nearest town, name and postcode of that town. Please attach a site map.
5. PROJECT OBJECTIVE – This is a brief description of the intended works (eg. to control wind erosion across 10ha of productive land on Trappers Downs by planting kikuyu pasture on the site).
6. IDENTIFY ASSET – Provide a description of the asset (bushland, farmland) that is being targeted (eg. 10ha of formerly productive cropping land)
7. IDENTIFY THREAT – Provide a description of the threat (eg. A reduction in rainfall over the last decade has meant this formerly productive cropping land is increasingly at risk from wind erosion and some parts of the paddock have experienced wind erosion events. This occurred in 2004 and again in 2009 when topsoil was lost from this paddock.
8. PROJECT DESCRIPTION – This is a detailed description of the project giving the where, why, what, when and how of the project
9. ONGOING MANAGEMENT – What ongoing management actions will you be undertaking to ensure the site is maintained and future risk of wind erosion is reduced?
10. DOES THIS PROJECT ADDRESS MORE THAN ONE ISSUE, IF SO EXPLAIN (eg. This project will address wind erosion and water repellence through the application of clay to the soil).
11. INNOVATION – If applicable, indicate how you think your project provides a new or different approach to addressing wind erosion.
12. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PROJECT TO A MANAGEMENT PLAN, REGIONAL NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN OR STRATEGY. – Identify how this project relates to any management plan, catchment plan, regional plan etc.

13. INDIGENOUS CONSULTATION AND INVOLVEMENT – An Aboriginal Heritage Site Enquiry must be lodged along with the application form and these can be obtained online from the Dept of Indigenous Affairs. <http://www.dia.wa.gov.au/AHIS/Default.aspx>

14. DIEBACK MANAGEMENT – Indicate if you will be working next to bushland and if so whether the dieback status of the area is known and if you have considered how you will minimise the risk of disease spread. The control of dieback is of importance not only in bushland areas but also in productive landscapes as dieback kills or affects many plants. Apart from almost 50% of our native vegetation some of the other plants affected are citrus trees, avocados, macadamias, roses and many more.

15. TECHNICAL ADVICE – If you sought technical advice to assist you with designing this project, please mention who this was received from and what agency they are employed by, or organisation they are affiliated with.

16. GPS LOCATION OF WORKS, SITE CONDITION AND SCOPE OF WORKS – A GPS reading is required for each project. Indicate the site condition and attach photographic evidence to verify this. Indicate the area to be treated (ha or m²) at each site. Include the method you intend to use to control wind erosion (eg sowing kikuyu and spreading lime at 2 tonnes/ha). Include any other details you think are necessary.

17. BUDGET SUMMARY – This is taken from information supplied at 18.

18. PROJECT TIMETABLE, WORK PLAN AND BUDGET – This requires you to list the proposed tasks Break down each activity describing what will be done, when, how and by whom. Carefully itemise the cost of materials, equipment and labour. Provide detailed information to substantiate your application for funding.

Example of how to complete this section:

PROJECT ACTIVITY (MILESTONES)	TIMING					
	Start Mth/Yr	Finish Mth/Yr	A Funds requested	B Other (Identify sources)	D Farmer	E Total Costs
GPS paddock and blowout areas, take before photos	3/10	3/10			\$200	\$200
Prepare for planting including weed treatment	3/10	3/10			\$1200	\$1200
Purchase seed	4/10	4/10	\$720		\$50	\$770
Plant seed	5/10	5/10			\$1200	\$1200
Take after photos and GPS points	7/10	7/10			\$200	\$200
Complete and lodge final report	8/10	8/10			\$200	\$200

Total for each column (excluding GST):

	\$720		\$3050	\$3770
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19. APPROVALS AND PERMITS – List any approvals or permits required before this work can be undertaken.

20. INVOLVEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

i) How will the broader community know about the project? – Indicate if you intend to advertise your project in the local paper or on a website or any other strategies you have in place.

ii) Are there opportunities for the community to get involved? – Explain how interested community members may be able to potentially participate in your project (eg. field days).

21 MONITORING AND EVALUATION – Outline how you intend to monitor the effectiveness of your project. Photo point monitoring with GPS points is the minimum required.

Example of how to complete this section:

PROPOSED OUTCOME	WHAT WILL YOU MEASURE?	HOW WILL IT BE MEASURED?	WHO WILL COLLECT?	WHEN AND HOW OFTEN WILL IT BE COLLECTED?	HOW WILL THE INFO BE RECORDED?
To control wind erosion on 10ha of productive land at Trapper Downs	ha treated	GPS way points and photo point	Owner	Before and after planting	On photo-point monitoring sheet
Increase ground cover across 10ha of productive land	% ground cover	3x1m quadrats will be set up and % cover estimated with photographic evidence as support	Owner	Before planting and 3, 6 & 12 months after treatment	Excel spreadsheet

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Assessment of Applications and Landholder Obligations

- A Grant Assessment Panel will assess all applications against selection criteria related to these Guidelines.
- Successful applicants will be required to enter into a Grant Agreement that will document agreed project activities and completion dates.
- The applicant will ensure all project monitoring and evaluation activities are undertaken and submitted as required.

Payment of Funds

- Funds will be paid in stages to the applicant.
- Payments will relate to project activities (milestones) as outlined in the application.
- The initial payment will be made upon lodgement of the signed Grant Agreement, a copy of the first photo point monitoring photos and a tax invoice including ABN.
- Final payments will be paid to successful applicants upon completion of the works and receipt of a tax invoice by South Coast NRM and the completion of a final site inspection.

Queries

Please direct all enquiries to:

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Application Forms and Lodgement

Application forms are available on line from www.southcoastnrm.com.au

Applications must be received by **17 March 2010**

It is preferred that applications are lodged by email. For those without access to email applications can be lodged by fax, mail or in person.

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