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Clean up your coast

South Coast NRM and the South Coast Management Group have launched a new round of the *Southern Incentives- Southern Shores Coastal and Marine* small grants program to empower community groups and land managers to look after beaches and coastal reserves.

Applications are invited for Round 3 grants of up to \$20,000 for projects designed to improve the condition and amenity of the South Coast region's coastal and marine environment.

Areas include intertidal zones, beaches, dune systems, estuaries and coastal wetlands, island and reefs and the associated coastal vegetation, and marine waters.

South Coast NRM chief executive Rob Edkins said the Southern Incentives program was developed to help the community build capacity and pay closer attention to areas of need.

People with good ideas for projects should contact South Coast NRM and submit an Expression of Interest form so that staff can assist them to develop a project, he said.

“Ideally, projects proposed for this round should implement local coastal management plans and build partnerships between community groups and land managers. We'll also consider favourably applications which demonstrate good invasive species management awareness and protection of sensitive coastal sites.”

Funding for the Southern Incentives grants was obtained by South Coast NRM through the Australian Government's Caring for our Country Business Plans 2010-13 and 2011-13.

Application forms and guidelines can be downloaded from www.southcoastnrm.com.au

Applications must be received by 5pm, Thursday 15 March, 2012. For more information call South Coast NRM on (08) 9845 8537. All works must be completed by 30 April 2013.

Mr Edkins also congratulated the successful recipients of the Southern Shores Round 2 grants late last year totalling \$59,421:

- Denmark High School, Denmark Environment Centre, University of Western Australia, Department of Environment and Conservation and Department of Fisheries
Mad Fish Bay Coastal Prescribed Burn Monitoring and Marine Monitoring \$6,985
- Oyster Harbour Catchment Group, City of Albany, South Coast NRM, Albany Community Environment Centre, Department of Water and Yakamia Primary School
Cultural consultation and management of Yakamia Creek restoration \$17,000

- Green Skills, Albany Birds Group, Birds Australia, South Coast Management Group, South Coast NRM and Department of Environment and Conservation
South Coast Shorebird Conservation Project 2012 \$16,936
- Denmark Weed Action Group & Shire of Denmark
Weed control and Education on Denmark's Coastal Weeds \$18,500

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