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Southern Shores Coastal Grant Program closing soon

Community groups and individuals keen to enhance Western Australia's Southern coastline have until May 14 to apply for the Southern Incentives 2010-2011: Southern Shores Coastal Grant Program.

South Coast NRM in collaboration with the South Coast Management Group (SCMG) are offering grants for on-ground projects that are designed to improve the condition and amenity of coastal assets located in the South Coast region.

SCMG chair Bill Auburn said successful projects must implement actions in line with the regional coastal strategy, *Southern Shores 2009-2030*.

This strategy was developed by SCMG and was awarded the 2009 WA Coastal Award for Excellence in Coastal Planning and/or Management.

"*Southern Shores* supports local community input and ownership, and the grants provide capacity for groups and land managers to work together on projects to ensure our coast is well-managed and protected," he said.

South Coast NRM chief executive Rob Edkins said the Southern Shores Coastal Grant Program continued to empower community groups and land managers.

South Coast NRM and SCMG's strong working relationship has ensured the availability and success of the annual coastal grant program.

"We recognise and support the connection people have with the coast, and the considerable up-take of similar investment in the past reinforces just how much people value our coastal environment, and how much they are willing to contribute to maintaining it," Mr Edkins said.

Funding for the Southern Incentives Southern Shores Coastal Grant program was obtained by South Coast NRM through the Australian Government's *Caring for our Country* Business Plan 2009-2010.

An application form and guidelines can be downloaded from www.southcoastnrm.com.au

Applications must be received by 5pm, Friday 14 May 2010.

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South Coast Natural Resource Management Inc. is the leading regional group for natural resource management on the South Coast of Western Australia. As an independent not-for-profit organisation, we work with the community to improve the environment by preserving and protecting unique plants and animals, managing land and waterways sustainably, and sharing knowledge and skills in natural resource management.