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Bird Flu Wildlife Resilience Grants

Helping to prevent and manage the spread of H5
bird flu in wildlife

Small Grants Guidelines for applicants

This guideline contains information for applicants and should
be read prior to completing the application form

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The Bird Flu Wildlife Resilience Grant is an initiative of the WA Government, delivered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) in partnership with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA).

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1. H5 bird flu in WA

H5 Avian Influenza (bird flu) is an Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) that has been circulating globally with severe impacts on wild bird and mammal populations.

Bird flu has been detected in WA and in other Australian jurisdictions industries. Wildlife rehabilitators and organisations involved in wildlife rescue, care and recovery are key stakeholders in the government response to bird flu providing support to communities at local and regional levels. This role will continue to be important in surveillance and reporting, providing support to sick and injured wildlife and contributing to broader wildlife management efforts.

2. Bird Flu Wildlife Resilience Grants overview

The Bird Flu Wildlife Resilience Grants (Bird Flu WRG) are available for eligible community-based projects that directly address the impact of bird flu on WA wildlife.

There are 2 types of grants available under the Bird Flu WRG Program:

1. Small grants between \$1500 and \$10,000 are available to licensed wildlife rehabilitators to support a range of purposes, including enhancing biosecurity measures, purchasing consumables, and undertaking relevant training.
2. Large grants of up to \$200,000 will be available to eligible organisations with a demonstrated track record in wildlife management to support strategic, longer-term initiatives. Projects designed to enhance the resilience of native species, such as mitigating the impacts of feral animals, may be considered under this category.

This guideline outlines the Small Bird Flu WRG requirements. To learn more about the Large Bird Flu WRG go to [Bird Flu Wildlife Resilience Grants](#).

Small grants - intended for simple, responsive action and to support short-term preparedness. Applicants must hold a current DBCA fauna possessing (other purposes) licence – rehabilitators and have appropriate insurances for project activities.

The grant is offered in 3 tiers:

- for individuals, up to \$1,500 (excluding GST)
- for organisations with 2-10 people, up to \$5,000 (excluding GST)
- for organisations with more than 11 people, up to \$10,000 (excluding GST).

Opening and Closing dates for applications:

Applications open on: **Monday, 10 August 2026 at 2:00pm AWST**

Applications close on: **Thursday, 10 December 2026 at noon AWST**

Applications will be assessed in order of receipt.

3. Eligibility requirements

To be considered for funding through this scheme, applicants need to complete and submit an online application.

3.1 Who can apply

Applicants must hold a current DBCA - fauna possessing (other purposes) licence – rehabilitation.

3.2. The project location must be in WA

Projects must be based within the state of WA. Applications for project activities in Australian territories (for example, Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands) are ineligible.

3.3. Eligible activities

Grants can be used to fund a range of activities that will achieve protection for wildlife against, or containment of, any bird flu incidences.

Eligible Bird Flu WRG – small grants activities can include:

- purchasing or hire of equipment (e.g. cages, tables etc to facilitate quarantining potential bird flu animals, storage equipment for consumables supplies)
- PPE and safety/first aid equipment
- consumables for sick, injured or abandoned animal care (e.g. specialist animal food/formula/care products, first aid supplies e.g. bandages, antiseptic ointments)
- accessing veterinary services
- transport costs (e.g. fuel to travel to collect sick or injured animals)
- reference materials; developing and publishing relevant documents (e.g. common treatment guidelines, biosecurity protocols)
- developing and implementing training (including development of courses, speaker fees, printing, catering, venue hire)
- materials to support improved biosecurity and quarantine, such as tarpaulins or temporary fencing
- development and testing of procedures to improve preparedness for biosecurity response.

3.4. Ineligible activities

The following items and activities are ineligible for Small Bird Flu WRG funding:

- project coordination (e.g. salaries or salary on-costs)
- overheads and administration expenses
- any prior or retrospective projects, activities or events
- any activities focussed on domestic animals
- activities that are a statutory or regulatory responsibility of the landholder
- purchase of clothing, excluding items necessary for personal safety

- purchase of information available free of charge and/or development of data and information that is readily available
- volunteer or student stipends or subsidies

Bird Flu WRG funding must not be used for activities that are already funded or resourced.

4. How to apply

Small Bird Flu WRG applicants are invited to apply by completing a simple online application form available at SmartyGrants found here: [Home Page - Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Western Australia](#). Applications will not be accepted in any other format.

The assessment of Small Bird Flu WRG applications will be completed by DPIRD, with advice from DBCA based on the alignment with the essential criteria and offered until all funds are allocated or by Thursday, 10 December 2026 at noon AWST, whichever comes first. Assessment will involve confirmation that essential criteria have been met.

Please contact the State NRM Office on 08 6551 4428 or at snrmo@dpiird.wa.gov.au for assistance with planning or preparing an application.

4.1. Application deadline

All Small Bird Flu WRG applications together with any supporting documentation, must be submitted by Thursday 10 December 2026 at noon AWST.

4.2. Land access

If there are any activities occurring on land not owned by the applicant, the applicant is expected to gain permission prior to entering the property as per DBCA fauna possessing (other purposes) licence – rehabilitators.

5. Assessment – How will the application be assessed?

5.1. Assessment process

Each application will be assessed based on the information provided in the submission. The assessment of Small Bird Flu WRG applications will be completed by DPIRD, with advice from DBCA.

Applications will be assessed to ensure the following essential criteria are met:

- applicants are a holder of a current DBCA fauna possessing (other purposes) licence – rehabilitators
- all proposed activities are approved Bird Flu WRG activities

- each applicant can submit a maximum of one small Bird Flu WRG application.

Appeal process

- There is no appeal process.

6. Important information for applicants

6.1. Mapping

Applicants are required to provide detail on the location of their proposed project activities.

Mapping involves:

- The online application form requires applicants to enter the address of the project's primary location; this will automatically populate. The primary location could be:
 - the place where the majority of project activities will take place, or
 - the central point if the project activities are equally dispersed across a large area.

6.2. The budget

The budget table can be found in the application form and determines what resources and expenses will be required to undertake the project activities.

6.3. Insurances

Applicants are required to have and maintain current and adequate insurance appropriate to the Project funded activities and will supply certificates of currency of insurances if requested.

If an applicant does not have appropriate current insurances, they are ineligible for grant funding.

6.4. Project specific travel

The Bird Flu WRG Program recognises that general travel-related expenses can arise from time-to-time as part of the delivery of a project. Funding requests for travel that is essential to the delivery of a particular project activity should be itemised and shown in the application budget 'at cost' (the actual cost), up to a maximum of 88c per kilometre.

6.5. Assets

Grant funding can be used to purchase a specific asset if it is essential to project delivery. The Bird Flu WRG Program considers an asset to be:

- any single item of a transferrable physical nature (i.e. that can be moved from one place to another)

- valued at \$5,000 or more.

At the end of the project, the asset will remain with the grant recipient, however it must continue to be used for the purpose for which it was originally approved. Please contact the State NRM Office for further information about items that should be considered as assets.

7. Aboriginal heritage compliance

Laws are in place in WA to protect and manage Aboriginal heritage. This could include rock art, ancient caves or burial sites, waterways, ceremonial sites or scar trees.

- Ensure you comply with all legal obligations regarding the [Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 - \[04-I0-01\].pdf](#).
- Where required provide evidence that you have conducted due diligence specific to Aboriginal heritage before undertaking any activities on land, sea or country.
- For more information: [Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Inquiry System](#)

8. Reporting and monitoring requirements

Successful applicants are required to provide evidence of expenses to DPIRD when requested. Successful applicants are required to participate in a survey if requested.

9. Payment arrangements

The payment policy for this program is as follows:

- Payments are made by the department.
- Payments are made once a compliant Tax invoice is received from the successful applicant. If you cannot raise a Tax invoice, please contact State NRM Office who can raise the tax invoice for you.
- Payments are made electronically to the nominated account.
- All invoices for payment should be emailed to accountspayable@dpird.wa.gov.au and copied to snrmo@dpird.wa.gov.au.
- Include the application number in the subject line.

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