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2023-24 Community Stewardship Grants

Successful projects

Total number of projects: 55

Total round value: \$7 million

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1. List of successful large grant applications by Development Commission Region

1.1 Perth Metropolitan (4 projects)

Region	Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Grant offered
Perth metropolitan	Canning River Regional Park Volunteers Inc	Old River Channel: Willcock St Riparian Restoration	Old River channel is an ephemeral wetland located along the Canning River within the Canning River Regional Park in Ferndale. The site is currently in a state of degradation, dominated by transformative weeds and threatened by polyphagous shot-hole borer. This project aims to reduce and manage the weed population, increase the native vegetation, and extend and strengthen the riparian zone. This will increase habitat, improve connectivity and resilience at the project site and within the adjoining sections along the river. These outcomes will be achieved with strong community support and engagement throughout the project scope and beyond.	\$87,862
Perth metropolitan	Friends of Clontarf Hill and Adjacent Bushland Inc	Clontarf Hill Woody Weed Project pt2	The project aims to complete woody weed control of <i>Schinus terebinthifolia</i> (Pepper trees) and <i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i> (Victorian teatree) and grassy weeds, preventing natural revegetation of endemic species. Two thirds of Clontarf Hill in Beaconsfield has already had woody and grassy weeds removed and this project will ensure control of weeds on the entire site which contains regionally significant native bushland containing both Tuart and Banksia woodland (Threatened Ecological Communities) and is a foraging site for the endangered Carnaby's black cockatoos. It has high cultural value to the Noongar people (heritage listed) and a long history of community involvement.	\$87,225
Perth metropolitan	South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare Inc	Championing Community Landcare in Perth's Urban Bushlands	This combined sponsorship grant will provide resource and support for landcare volunteers rehabilitating five significant urban bushlands in Perth. Key aims are to reduce threatening weed populations, revegetate degraded areas and to involve the broader community in conservation activities. This project will also directly improve habitat for threatened species including Carnaby Cockatoos and Brush-tailed Phascogales by constructing a bird watering station in Fremantle's Samson Park, and by carrying out feral animal control in Paganoni Swamp. As sponsor, South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare will assist volunteers with project coordination, promotion, and provide on-ground support for community landcare events.	\$154,424
Perth metropolitan	South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare Inc	Community-Driven Restoration of the Northeast Beeliar Wetlands Region	This project seeks to fund and support five community group environmental restoration sub-projects within the Northeast Beeliar Wetlands and their surrounds. This includes an allotment of funds for part of the role of South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare's Community Landcare Officer, who will coordinate these projects and support the groups through a variety of ways including administrative, planning and on-ground assistance. Project activities across these six sub-projects (Booragoon and Blue Gum Lakes, Gabbiljee Reserve, Wireless Hill, Chelodina Reserve and North Lake) include weed control, revegetation planting, mapping, surveying and event support, with a particular focus on restoring and creating connections in this fragmented landscape.	\$331,415

1.2 Multi-regional (6 projects)

Region	Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Grant offered
Kimberley, Pilbara	Indigenous Desert Alliance Ltd	Northern Deserts Right-Way Fire Project	The Northern Deserts Right-Way Fire Project will enhance the knowledge, skills, capacity, and participation of Indigenous rangers in the management of bushfires through landscape-scale aerial burning. It will coordinate planning and implementation of aerial burning operations, integrate research outcomes into fire management planning, and promote stakeholder engagement with, and community awareness of, Indigenous-led fire management. The project will cover a 160,000 sq. km area, protecting cultural and ecological values and provide a model for sustainable fire management in the Australian deserts.	\$405,000

Region	Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Grant offered
South West, Wheatbelt	Noongar Land Enterprise Group	First Nations Regenerative Agriculture / Landcare Adoption-Accelerator Program	Our First Nations people looked after this land highly successfully for over 60,000 years. Over the past 200 years Noongar boodjar (country) has become highly degraded with over 95% of the land being cleared. Associated with this farming practices have depleted the natural capital of the land such that more and more inputs are having to be used, further damaging the overall ecosystem. This project will support First Nations landowners/farmers to adopt and accelerate regenerative agriculture methods and incorporate First Nations practices such as cultural burning, and undertaking landcare activities and associated research, monitoring and evaluation to repair ecosystems and biodiversity.	\$449,000
Gascoyne, Goldfields Esperance, Great Southern, Kimberley, Mid West, Peel, Pilbara, South West, Wheatbelt, Perth metropolitan	Perth NRM	Accelerating regenerative agriculture adoption	Farming enterprises are underpinned by natural capital (water, soil, biodiversity, carbon) which generate ecosystem services for food production and other societal benefits. The problem(s) stem from the draw-down of our finite stock of natural capital through food and fibre production or lost through erosion or nutrient runoff. This project will implement a program of works designed to accelerate farmer adoption of evidence-based regenerative practices that protect or enhance farm natural capital by providing practical on-ground support, access to mentors, training packages, improved awareness via events and learning from local demonstrations.	\$368,203
Great Southern, Peel	South Coast Natural Resource Management Inc.	Right Whale Tracker: A southern right whale citizen science program	Knowledge on endangered southern right whales on the south coast of Western Australia is lacking and the species remains vulnerable to threats from human activities. Right Whale Tracker is a project that improves the capability of communities, including citizen scientists and Indigenous Australians to measure and monitor the population demographics and recovery of southern right whales in Australia. The project fills critical knowledge gaps to improve the species' conservation outcome and empowers community to engage directly in conservation-based management actions.	\$394,423
Gascoyne, Goldfields Esperance, Great Southern, Kimberley, Mid West, Peel, Pilbara, South West, Wheatbelt, Perth metropolitan	WA Landcare Network	Maturing the Sector Through Capacity Building - Next Steps	Maturing the Sector Through Capacity Building - Next Steps is a continuing project to provide the community landcare and environment sector with a suite of products and services to share information, knowledge and skills to build capability and capacity, enhancing collaboration and maturing the sector as a whole. Covering all of the State, the project reaches deep into remote and regional communities while engaging urban and peri-urban landcare groups, individuals, First Nations groups, organisations and institutions to connect and facilitate knowledge, skills and resource sharing to enable maximum return on investment and optimum outcomes for the environment of WA.	\$444,728
Mid West, Wheatbelt	Yarra Yarra Catchment Management Group Inc	Cyclone Seroja - The Road to Recovery	In April 2021, the Yarra Yarra Catchment Management Group region was battered by Cyclone Seroja, remaining at Category 2 level as it continued its destructive path through the catchment. The damage to our bushland was unbelievable, exacerbating the loss of habitat and biodiversity in an already highly fragmented landscape. Support has been available for business and personal recovery costs, but no financial support has been available to help support the environmental recovery. This project will begin to address this loss, with 200 hectares of on-ground works to help conserve and recover biodiversity. In addition, the project will build community capacity to extend these works.	\$378,118

1.3 Goldfields Esperance Development Commission Region (1 project)

Region	Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Grant offered
Goldfields Esperance	Southern Biosecurity Group	Continuing control towards cactus eradication in the Oldfield River	This project aims to eradicate the invasive drooping prickly pear from the Oldfield River corridor using a combination of herbicide application, manual removal, and biological control through the spread of the cochineal insect. The project is located in the Ravensthorpe Shire. The main objectives of the project are to remove the threat of injury to humans and animals, allow native species to utilize the natural habitat, and prevent the plant's spread onto agricultural land. The project will achieve the proposed outcomes by involving the local indigenous community, using a combination of control methods, and mapping the control activities.	\$86,050

1.4 Great Southern Development Commission Region (5 projects)

Region	Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Grant offered
Great Southern	Dieback Working Group	Dieback Unearthed: Phytophthora education in the Fitzgerald Biosphere	Delivered as a partnership between the Dieback Working Group and Binalup Aboriginal Corporation, 'Dieback Unearthed' represents a step forward in delivering effective education and generating positive behaviour change for environmental biosecurity hygiene. At its heart, the project is a co-ordinated education and events campaign on Phytophthora Dieback which will target multiple key sectors. The project's primary objective is to bolster awareness, knowledge, and capacity in stakeholders surrounding the biodiverse Fitzgerald River National Park; one of the last dieback-free wildernesses in southwest WA. Important information on generating positive behaviour change will be published for adoption by the wider Dieback management community.	\$172,296
Great Southern	Fitzgerald Biosphere Group Inc	Beyond the Salt Struggle: Cultivating Change with a Catchment Approach	This project aims to build on the strong foundation of work already undertaken by both Fitzgerald Biosphere Group (FBG) and partners. Momentum is now building in the work undertaken through a previous State NRM Program grant and it is critical that this continues with strong buy-in to tackling the complex issues associated with salinity and other natural resource management concerns in the Shire of Jerramungup. FBG sees the next step in working closely with farmers within key catchment in a peer-to-peer learning approach as being key to obtaining high quality outcomes for the environment, as well as being a good return on investment of funds into the area.	\$435,948
Great Southern	Gondwana Link Ltd	Healing waterways and wetlands of the Lower Pallinup	The waterways of lower Pallinup River are ecologically significant, culturally rich, not well managed, and at risk from increasing pressures. Large areas of the catchment may soon be included in the Noongar Land Estate. This project will develop a Noongar led Healthy Country Plan that enables local Elders that traditionally shared the lower Pallinup River Country to come together and identify how they want to care for these waterways. We aim to link these shared aspirations to a plan of action with measurable cultural and ecological targets that can be implemented with appropriate cultural authority by Noongar Ranger teams.	\$163,187
Great Southern	Torbay Catchment Group Inc	Strengthening community and country across the Great Southern coastal macro-corridor	The great southern coastal macro-corridor is home to 4 EPBC species; Western Ringtail Possum (WRP), Carnaby's, Baudin's and Forest Redtail Cockatoos. This project aims to implement key actions listed by recovery plans and conservation advice such as feral predator control, provision of breeding hollows, regular and long-term monitoring, community awareness programs, and addressing knowledge gaps. These add value to and complement existing works including revegetation, fencing, landscape-level feral control (in partnership with DBCA, City of Albany, neighbouring catchments, and landholders), WRP/cockatoo monitoring, provision of breeding hollows, and the cockatoo community sentinel survey, leading to a decrease in feral numbers and steady WRP numbers. Species with similar habitats (phascogale, bandicoot) also benefit.	\$180,969

Region	Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Grant offered
Great Southern	Wilson Inlet Catchment Committee Inc	Cookies for Cockies	Black cockatoos in southwest WA will be extinct in our lifetime without landscape scale intervention. Using the best available science and scientists, this program will preserve remnant vegetation, revegetate with cockatoo foraging flora and strategically place nesting boxes to provide critical habitat on farms in the Wilson, Owingup and Kent catchment areas. We will also be building the capacity of the next generation of cockatoo custodians by carrying out cockatoo conservation programs and establishing cockatoo sanctuaries in our local primary schools.	\$304,882

1.5 Kimberley Development Commission Region (1 project)

Region	Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Grant offered
Kimberley	Kimberley Rangelands Biosecurity Association	Coordinating the removal of rubber vine from the Kimberley	This project supports existing programs, ongoing since 2009, in their target to eradicate rubber vine (<i>Cryptostegia grandiflora</i>) from the Kimberly Region of Western Australia. The program, through State NRM Program support, has developed comprehensive aerial survey and on-ground operational methodologies, data recording and analysis tools that have been instrumental in the significant gains made to date and instrumental also in giving the partner organisations the confidence that their investment stands an excellent chance of seeing the overarching goal of the programs realised over time.	\$261,000

1.6 South West Development Commission Region (5 projects)

Region	Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Grant offered
South West	Friends of Meelup Regional Park	Cape Naturaliste Collaborative Nature Conservation Enterprise	A cross tenure landscape scale project is proposed in the discrete peninsula like area of Cape Naturaliste to address increasing threats to cultural, economic and biodiversity values. Meelup Regional Park and Leeuwin Naturaliste National Park have diverse vegetation with a high degree of endemism. Increasing population pressure including residents and tourism along with weed invasion, feral animals and plant pathogens threaten ecosystem health. A strategic landscape plan will lead to collaborative and coordinated on ground action to protect and enhance highly valued natural resources and through education and awareness, develop a culture of respect and participation.	\$293,774
South West	Geographe Catchment Council Inc (GeoCatch)	Protecting Nguraren (Western Ringtail Possum) and wildlife for future generations	Geographe catchment is home to one of the last stronghold populations of the critically endangered Nguraren or Western Ringtail Possum (WRP). WRP lives in backyards and urban reserves and is at accelerated risk of 'extinction in the wild' from domestic pets and urban development. This project aims to reduce those threats by raising awareness of actions to protect WRP in urban areas including promoting responsible pet ownership through catio initiatives, workshops and resources to help pet owners co-exist with WRP. The project will be delivered in collaboration with key organisations and the local community to encourage stewardship and ongoing conservation of WRP.	\$157,910
South West	Shire of Capel	Project Arum lily - 4 Local Governments - One Weed	The Local Governments of Harvey, Bunbury, Capel and Busselton are partnering to implement a 3 year landscape scale targeted project to control Arum lily. This project will involve the community's assistance through a citizen science approach to identify and control areas where the Arum lily is growing. If not controlled small outbreaks can grow rapidly and smother native vegetation, threaten biodiversity in bushland, waterways and coastal areas. The toxicity of the plant also makes it a threat to agriculture. Mapping and control of infestations will be supported by workshops and the provision of resources to allow the community's involvement.	\$202,812

Region	Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Grant offered
South West	Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup	Collie Donnybrook Balingup Natural Resource Recovery Program	Blackberry (<i>Rubis</i> spp.) is a Weed of National Significance, threatening biosecurity, biodiversity, water quality and the economy throughout the Shires of Collie and Donnybrook Balingup. The Collie- Donnybrook Balingup Natural Resource Recovery Program supports the community to engage with and restore the natural landscape through activities including blackberry control, rehabilitation of endemic vegetation, fencing, community events and educational workshops. The two Shires are collaborating with recognised biosecurity groups, catchment councils, community groups and landowners to maximise the benefits and connections that State Natural Resource Management funding provides through information sharing, capacity building and on ground works on public and private lands.	\$409,656
South West	Shire of Manjimup	Empowering Community in Managing Threatened Species Habitats	The Shire is planning to empower the community with skills, knowledge, and support to manage a range of critical habitats for threatened species at Windy Harbour and within the region. Environmental impacts are causing degradation in sensitive coastal dunes and wetlands. Ecological restoration, threatened species monitoring, and community capacity building is needed to achieve the goals of the project. Empowering the community and supporting the Friends of Group will lead to increased custodianship of the area, enabling them to contribute to long-term environmental care and planning of Windy Harbour. This will lead to ecologically sustainable management of the reserve.	\$90,379

1.7 Wheatbelt Development Commission Region (4 projects)

Region	Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Grant offered
Wheatbelt	Gingin Water Group Inc	Ecological Improvements for endangered species in Moondah Brook, Gingin	Moondah Brook, a tributary of Gingin Brook upstream of Gingin provides habitat for threatened Carter's Freshwater Mussel, suffering as a result of habitat loss, but is badly infested by weeds. Rehabilitation was undertaken on parts of two adjoining properties in recent years. This project is an extension of this work. Weed control and planting will occur on three adjoining properties. Monitoring of Mussel and Rakali populations on these properties will also be included in this project. Increased biodiversity, improvements in water quality and ecosystem services, and reductions in weed invasions in Moondah and Gingin Brooks will result.	\$74,829
Wheatbelt	Moore Catchment Council	Facilitating community stewardship of Moore River catchment natural assets	This project will support 3 Moore catchment landholders to protect & restore 130ha of farmland and coastal dunes which will result in extending the WA Eucalypt Woodland TEC & Guilderton coastal dune biodiversity, plus protect Swan Banksia Woodland TEC and habitat for endangered Carnaby's Black Cockatoo. Road reserve assessments will be carried out to gauge native vegetation health. Moore Catchment Council will engage with community, local school children, and Yued community by offering hands-on interesting NRM activities & Yued culture sharing opportunities including planting days, weekend bioblitz, artificial nestbox making, Working on Country opportunities, native bird talks and The Last Stand event.	\$110,511

2. List of successful small grant applications by Development Commission Region

2.1 Perth Metropolitan (11 projects)

Region	Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Grant offered
Perth metropolitan	Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group Inc	Wungong 'kep' Restoration Project	The Wungong River was once a series of ecologically significant, discontinuous wetlands formed by runoff from the Darling Range. It is also recognised by many local Noongar people as being a culturally significant area for gathering food and tool resources. The Wungong kep project will bring together Landcare and our local Aboriginal community to share in two way learning and working together to achieve real on ground environmental outcomes through ecological restoration of the Wungong River. It will also present a Noongar Six Season themed workshop series to share Traditional Ecological Knowledge and build community capacity for natural resource management.	\$9,759
Perth metropolitan	Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group Inc as sponsor for Friends of Mary Carroll Wetlands	Mary Carroll Park Wetlands Nature Loop Restoration	Mary Carroll Wetland in Gosnells, classed as conservation category, one of the few remaining urban wetlands on Swan Coastal Plain. Being a popular recreational place for locals and the wider community, brings issues such as pests, rubbish dumping and illegal access. Native fauna face threats from fox and cat predation, this is being reduced through existing and past projects funded by the SNRM. A recent SNRM Grant gained by the 'Friends of Mary Carroll' group has created island refuges for native wildlife, with positive results. The project aims to expand works to include a nature loop and walk trail.	\$21,189
Perth metropolitan	Darling Range Wildlife Shelter	Building Communities that Value and Protect Biodiversity	Since 2018, DRWS wildlife admissions have increased by over 55% with community interest in our work surging. This project will: 1. Enhance and increase DRWS's capacity to rescue, rehabilitate and release escalating wildlife admissions, including threatened and migratory species. 2. Promote biodiversity and community action to protect our natural environment by developing and delivering - a. Training and skill development programs for volunteers, to include specially listed species. b. Educational and hands-on experience programs with community and corporate groups. c. Community building activities, capturing knowledge about Traditional ecology and language; installing habitat boxes for displaced wildlife.	\$37,300
Perth metropolitan	Jane Brook Catchment Group Inc as sponsor for Friends of John Forrest National Park	Geophyte weed control in John Forrest National Park	John Forrest National Park is characterised by high conservation values and along with its proximity to Perth, makes it a very popular location for nature and wildflower enthusiasts. It also contains large infestations of geophyte weeds. The current project will continue the geophyte weed control conducted in previous projects to achieve the objectives of local and regional conservation strategies. The removal of geophyte weeds will continue the native bushland regeneration observed under previous projects, while also protecting other areas locally and regionally from weed infestations. Adding to the biodiversity, aesthetic and educational values of these areas.	\$25,988
Perth metropolitan	Joondalup Community Coast Care Forum Inc as sponsor for Friends of North Ocean Reef - Iluka Foreshore	Removal of Cape Tulip from Bush Forever 325, Iluka	The project aims to maintain and if possible increase the biodiversity of part of Bush Forever site 325 at Iluka by continuing the manual removal of Cape Tulip, a declared pest weed in WA and a Priority weed in the City of Joondalup, and gladiolus. Mapping of the weeds distribution will enable prioritising the areas to be hand weeded by volunteers and contractors. The project will result in the decrease in the size of the outbreak, although in the timeframe available, is unlikely to result in complete eradication.	\$15,350
Perth metropolitan	Marmion Primary School	Marmion Primary School Bushland Weed Management	The Marmion Primary School Bushland Weed Management Project aims to improve the condition of the schools bushland areas by reducing weed abundance and cover. This project will employ a specialist contractor to hand weed during May to October in 2024, 2025 and 2026. This effort will support the established bushland restoration program undertaken by the school and community volunteers. The project will deliver student education and Noongar engagement opportunities. It will provide habitat and a food source for local wildlife, including endangered black cockatoos, and enhance a regional green corridor in the northern suburbs of Perth.	\$21,095

Region	Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Grant offered
Perth metropolitan	Native Animal Rescue	Saving the Endangered Black Cockatoo`s	The project will take place at Native Animal Rescue, 170 Camboon Road Malaga. The project will support our endangered black cockatoos with a refuge that is structurally sound and allows the black cockatoos access to the elements. We will see an increase in Black cockatoo admissions in the future and we need to ensure we have adequate housing to support these birds at each stage of rehabilitation. This project will support many black cockatoos over the next few decades and provide a quiet safe environment for this endangered species to recover.	\$27,000
Perth metropolitan	Nature Reserves Preservation Group (NRPG) Inc.	Citizen Science and eDNA uncovering Perth Hills Phascogale habitat	NRPG, the City of Kalamunda and Curtin University will partner with the Perth Hills community to undertake innovative Citizen Science surveys using eDNA and remote cameras to identify key habitat requirements for Phascogales in the Perth Hills. The results will be used to deliver educational workshops to a wider audience across Greater Perth to increase our states collective understanding of what these native animals are and how landholders can help them by creating suitable habitat and protecting them from threats. This information will also be provided to government to support good planning and decision making on Perth's growing urban fringe	\$12,544
Perth metropolitan	Nature Reserves Preservation Group (NRPG) Inc.	Increasing environmental awareness and engagement at the 2023 Forest Festival	NRPG's grant proposal for "Increasing environmental awareness and engagement at the 2023 Forest Festival" will see an increase in the environmental and cultural awareness of over 4,000 community members expected to attend the event. A suite of hands-on educational activities will be added to the current program and see an increase in the communities understanding and capacity to engage with other cultural and environmental projects occurring in the local area. This proposal leverages seed funding from the City of Kalamunda and will result in an overall higher level of participation from the Perth Hills community in wider NRM activities	\$6,384
Perth metropolitan	The Montessori School Kingsley	Montessori School Bushland Regeneration 2023-2024	The project aims to fund 2023 and 2024 activities for the ongoing regeneration of the Montessori School bushland. The primary activity funding is sought for is contractor services for spraying of weeds (veldt grass). The secondary activity funding is for purchase of compost bins for onsite recycling of weed biomass removed from the bushland. Ongoing revegetation and weed control provide opportunities for education, regeneration of native bushland species and control of invasive weeds from/to surrounding residential areas.	\$3,011
Perth metropolitan	Urban Bushland Council WA Inc as sponsor for Friends of Coolbinia Bushland	Restoration works improving biodiversity and resilience of Coolbinia Bushland	Coolbinia Bushland is a 1.4h Jarrah-Banksia woodland near the city and requires path refurbishment and fencing to direct the flow of foot traffic to protect restoration and revegetation areas from disturbance. The Friends of Coolbinia Bushland group will also instruct Coolbinia Primary School students on the correct technique to plant 500 native seedlings in June 2024. The students will stake and bag the plants, then water them in. After professional weed control for perennial veldt grass, the Friends will continue to weed, and water the seedlings over the following summer. The Friends will also host the annual Spring Wildflower event.	\$41,850

2.2 Multi-regional (6 projects)

Region	Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Grant offered
Wheatbelt, Perth metropolitan	Chittering Valley Land Conservation District Committee	Dieback control in Conservation Areas in the Ellen Brook Catchment	Dieback is devastating to high value conservation areas The nominated sites are at increased risk following recent disturbances that compromises their Dieback status. Foliar spray and stem injection re-treatment in the reserves will reduce further Dieback loss of vulnerable species and raise community awareness to the risks of disease spread. Reserves located in the Shire of Chittering include: 1. Barracca Springs conservation Reserve, Lot 209 Reserve Rd, Muchea 2. Mooliabeenie Reserves, North and South, Mooliabeenie 3. Maddern Road, Chittering, which is a designated Flora Road and important tourist drive. Reserves located in the City of Swan include: 4. Bullsbrook College Bushland (Bush Forever Site 88).	\$35,185

Region	Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Grant offered
Goldfields Esperance	Esperance Wildflower Society Inc	Reinvigorate and Upgrade the Esperance District Herbarium	The Herbarium plays a critical role in the documentation of Esperance's highly diverse flora, as a learning tool for emerging botanists / wildflower enthusiasts and a community hub for the EWS. There has been period where the Herbarium has not been fully maintained and has not been used to its full potential. During this time, there has been a loss of accuracy and integrity of the flora and fungi specimens present in the Herbarium collection. The aim of this project is to reinvigorate the Herbarium, both in the accuracy of the collection and reinvigorate the community usage of it.	\$9,504
Goldfields Esperance, Great Southern	Fitzgerald Biosphere Group Inc as sponsor for the Fitzgerald Biosphere Community Collective	2024 FBCC Strategic Plan	The UNESCO Fitzgerald Biosphere (FB) is internationally recognised for its high biodiversity richness, species endemism and high level of threats. Located within the international Southwest Biodiversity Hotspot, the National Biodiversity Hotspot 'Fitzgerald River Ravensthorpe' and the Fitz-Stirling priority place within the Australian Governments' Threatened Species Action Plan. Activities and Governance for FB are supported by a collective of organisations and individuals - the Fitzgerald Biosphere Community Collective (FBCC). FBCC is seeking investment support for a strategic review with expert facilitated workshops alongside Noongar representatives to ensure the community has input.	\$28,827
Peel, Wheatbelt, Perth metropolitan	Perth NRM	Make your Hectare Count! Empowering Peri-Urban Landholders to Practice Regeneration	'Make your hectare count!' will facilitate on-farm workshops and field days focusing on regenerative natural resource management practices in Perth's important peri-urban region. Topics such as soil health and testing, pasture management, protection of remnant vegetation and composting will be covered. The key benefit of these events are the connections created between small landholders through peer-to-peer learning and engaging with local experts. In participating in these landscape restoration events, the project will provide small landholders with the opportunity to contribute to improving wildlife corridors and waterways, resulting in both public and private benefits.	\$42,757
Great Southern, South West	Shire of Plantagenet as sponsor for Lake Muir Denbarker Community Feral Pig Eradication Group	Feral Pig Control to Protect Environmental Assets: Warren Region WA	This project proposes completion of a landscape scale feral pig control program to protect the environment and agriculture. The project will bring together resources, knowledge and expertise from local government, industry and DBCA to deliver a collaborative, cross tenure program to reduce the impact feral pigs have on threatened and endangered fauna, flora and ecosystems while also protecting copping, livestock and horticultural farms, forestry and commercial piggeries. Experienced, accredited operators will undertake surveillance and control work aimed at eradicating pigs from private property and reducing population density in DBCA managed estate thereby preventing the spread of pigs into new areas.	\$38,560
Gascoyne, Great Southern, Kimberley, Mid West, Peel, South West, Perth metropolitan	WA Landcare Network as sponsor for WA Coastal and Marine Community Network	CoastACT: Activating a WA Network of Marine & Coastal Stewards	The project will develop a user-defined Needs Assessment and Action Plan for a connected, collaborative Coastal and Marine Community Network supporting coastal stewards across WA. It will address the current gap in coast-centric NRM guidance in the absence of Federal funding, particularly in regional areas, supporting coastal managers as they navigate a complex range of issues, including escalating impacts of climate change and associated hazards for ecosystems and people. Outcomes of the Project will set priorities for a regional Pilot Study demonstrating CMCN's role as a conduit for NRM capacity-building across the State in a 3-year program envisaged for 2025-2028.	\$48,840

2.3 Great Southern Development Commission Region (5 projects)

Region	Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Grant offered
Great Southern	Bibbulmun Track Foundation	Lake William Steps Renewal	This project is to replace a substantial set of steps on a steep section of sand dune on the Bibbulmun Track located in West Cape Howe National Park. After 25 years, the steps have become dilapidated causing walkers to walk up the sides resulting in the widening of the Track and loss of vegetation which results in accelerated erosion. The objective is to construct new steps to keep walkers on the defined trail and stabilise the sides with coir mesh to prevent further erosion and allow the vegetation to regrow.	\$27,871
Great Southern	Fitzgerald Biosphere Group Inc	Sharing the Wellstead Estuary: community action to protect shorebirds	This project will address the issue of human disturbance to resident breeding and migratory shorebirds on the Wellstead Estuary, in partnership with the Shire of Jerramungup. Increasing visitor numbers lead to impacts by unleashed dogs, walkers, bike riders and motorised vehicles. The main project activities are a survey to gather data on visitor attitudes, hands-on workshops, training of a shorebird monitoring team, and management activities to uphold positive behaviour on the estuary. Outcomes include: a greater understanding of visitor attitudes to shorebirds; a monitoring team gathering biannual bird data, reduced human disturbance on estuary leading to increased shorebird breeding success.	\$46,284
Great Southern	Gillamii Centre	SALTdeck - Native Revegetation Guide for Saline Areas in WA	Funded through previous State NRM funding, the Saltland Genie WebApp contains a set of interactive tools designed to assist land managers understand salinity and utilise plant-based systems to remediate salt affected land. One of the resources integrated into the Genie is the SALTdeck, containing information on salt-tolerant pasture species and their potential uses. Since the Genie's launch, areas for further development have been identified, one being the development of a SALTdeck for native revegetation species. Current resources lack critical information to support land managers in establishing successful native systems. A SALTdeck of saltland revegetation species for SW WA is essential for continued, large-scale saltland remediation.	\$34,046
Great Southern	North Stirlings Pallinup Natural Resources Inc	The Bilya Classroom Project	With the waterways in the North Stirlings-Pallinup sub region currently experiencing severe degradation and a notable lack of local understanding and connection, The Bilya Classroom Project will provide students with an immersive learning experience and a responsibility to look after their schools' adopted river site. Local students will be exposed to hands-on learning, active monitoring and restoration, and with a strong collaboration with the Goreng community, students will understand and respect the local cultural connections. The Bilya Classroom Project will inspire and empower students take ownership of their local rivers now and into the future.	\$33,100
Great Southern	Wilson Inlet Catchment Committee Inc	Wilson Inlet Winter Active Dung Beetle Program: Phase 2	Year-round dung beetle activity can improve productivity, reduce nutrient export to waterways, improve stock health and reduce bush flies to the benefit of tourism and mental health. This program will extend upon the success of a previous State NRM program (CSGL 21058 aka Phase 1, 2022-2023), where we established 29 dung beetle nurseries of 3 species. We expect a ten-fold increase in beetle numbers in the nurseries: 100 beetles can reproduce to 1000 beetles the following year. Emerging beetles will be moved to farms where gaps were identified in Phase 1, to establish new dung beetle nurseries for future distribution.	\$47,886

2.4 Kimberley Development Commission Region (1 project)

Region	Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Grant offered
Kimberley	Louise Beames	Seeding Success: engaging communities in seed collection and social enterprise	Environs Kimberley will work with Karajarri rangers, Karajarri Traditional Lands Association, Nyangumarta rangers, Nyangumarta Warrarn Aboriginal Corporation to build skills and capacity in identifying native plant species, understanding seed ripeness and viability, documenting Traditional and local knowledge about the seasonality of seeding and growing, mapping local wattleseed wild harvest zones, and advancing technical skills in seed collection, seed cleaning and the preparation of seed for the restoration, propagation and food industries. Wattleseed and other native seed will be collected and support the engagement of these groups in emerging social enterprises; Wattleseed Collective and Kimberley Seeds; that benefit the community.	\$42,351

2.5 Peel Development Commission Region (1 project)

Region	Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Grant offered
Peel	Landcare SJ Inc.	Restoration of Gooralong Brook, Jarrahdale - Stage 3	Gooralong Brook in Jarrahdale is a valuable natural asset severely damaged through historical use, resulting in dense invasive woody weed growth. To conserve and restore biodiversity, a licenced tree contractor will remove an additional two hectare section of woody weeds (targeting black wattle), and one hectare will be replanted with local native species through community planting events. The project will increase forage and habitat opportunities for Mainland Quokka and Black Cockatoos, enhance skills capacity and involve volunteers, community groups and Aboriginal Ranger working together on Country. Removing woody biomass will improve and maintain recreational pathways while assisting in fire mitigation.	\$46,570

2.6 South West Development Commission Region (6 projects)

Region	Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Grant offered
South West	FAWNA Inc.	Improving Diagnostic Imaging Capabilities for Wildlife Injury Management	The Southwest region is one of the World's Biodiversity Hotspots. All too often our incredible endemic species become sick or are injured, particularly with increasing human development and interaction. This project aims to improve diagnostic imaging available to our consultant Veterinarians in our Mobile Rescue Unit, providing accurate diagnosis and appropriate management of wildlife needing aid. FAWNA will purchase a Mobile Field Xray Generator and an Ultrasound machine to provide point of care, rapid high-definition imaging. We will improve initial diagnosis and monitoring of wildlife to increase the numbers successfully returned to the wild.	\$39,500
South West	Leschenault Catchment Council Inc	Upper Collie River Aquatic Habitat Restoration	Learning from the successes and lessons learnt in the Harvey River Restoration Project, and with the technical support of the DWER Healthy Rivers Program, this multi-stakeholder restoration project will establish two aquatic habitat enhancement demonstration sites on the south branch of the Upper Collie River. The project will focus on enhancing aquatic habitats in two river pools, improving their long-term resilience as key refugia for native fish and crustacean communities in a drying climate. The Collie community will have opportunities to learn about the natural and cultural values of the river and engage in restorative action.	\$49,750

Region	Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Grant offered
South West	Lower Blackwood Land Conservation District Committee	Continuing to engage with Scott River farmers for Catchment Health	Significantly high phosphorus loads from the Scott River Catchment are responsible for serious water quality issues in the Hardy Inlet. Blooms of macroalgae have become regular during the past decade at the confluence of the Scott River and the Blackwood River. This project builds upon an ongoing effort by the Lower Blackwood LCDC to work collaboratively with Scott River farmers, with a focus on high priority sub-catchments, to optimise nutrient use efficiency and increase the uptake of sustainable agricultural practices. This will be achieved through site demonstrations, expert presentations and a workshop to gather feedback and review management recommendations.	\$28,808
South West	Lower Blackwood Land Conservation District Committee	Integrated Management of the Blackwood Catchment: Scoping	Since the 90's community-based groups and local government authorities have tackled environmental issues that impact on the health of the Blackwood Catchment through community-based projects within their own 'management zone'. Despite these efforts the existing approach has proven to be fragmented and short-term in focus whilst pressing environmental issues remain. The aim of this project is to carry out, through a collaborative process, a scoping exercise to support the long term and integrated management of Blackwood Catchment. The scoping document will summarise initial planning discussions and outline the key steps in preparing an Integrated Management Plan for the Blackwood Catchment.	\$32,775
South West	Nature Conservation Margaret River Region as sponsor for Educational Marine Areas Australia	Igniting Youth-led conservation through the Waatu Kaatijin EMA program	The Waatu Kaatijin EMA project is a novel initiative that promotes youth leadership for marine and coastal conservation. It aims to address coastal and marine issues through youth-led activities that empower children to protect a portion of their local coastline. Activities are completed in collaboration with local stakeholders including Traditional Custodians, conservation groups, scientists, and policymakers, providing an opportunity to share knowledge and co-develop solutions. By promoting youth education and engagement in marine conservation efforts, the Waatu Kaatijin EMA project plays a crucial role in ensuring the sustainability and health of the marine ecosystem for future generations.	\$49,865
South West	Shire of West Arthur	Sustainable Agriculture Leading to Adoption for Shire of West Arthur	The Shire of West Arthur is a local government area in the Wheatbelt region of Western Australia. Farmers are mostly broad acre farmers and agriculture is the life blood of the community. However, some of those practices have led to environmental issues with evidence of land degradation occurring. This project aims to address those issues and barriers to adoption through the development of a Sustainable Agriculture Plan for the Shire of West Arthur. This is a staged project, Stage 1 is this project which will identify the barriers to adoption, stage 2 (following this project) will lead to adoption.	\$20,400

2.7 Wheatbelt Development Commission Region (1 project)

Region	Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Grant offered
Wheatbelt	Wheatbelt NRM	Talkin' Soil Health 2024 Leading Regenerative Agriculture Across the State	This project will inspire and captivate farmers looking for new and better ways to farm. We will bring an international leader of the regenerative farming movement to centre stage in WA. The Soil Guy, Ray Archuleta, featured in the film 'Kiss the Ground', will set the scene at Australia's largest biennial Soil Health event aimed at the farming community, Talkin' Soil Health. The project will further drive adoption by showcasing our own most successful regenerative farmers, telling their stories, sharing their learnings, face to face and via video case studies. These are the Regional Soil Health Champions 2024.	\$31,050