

Narrow-leaved Mallee On-ground Works Funding

2021-2022 Guidelines for applicants

The Kangaroo Island Landscape Board is pleased to offer funding to assist with on-ground works projects. The current round of funding targets fencing and revegetation projects that help protect or enhance KI Narrow-leaved Mallee Woodland (NLM). Projects directly benefiting NLM will be prioritised, however funding is also available for projects indirectly benefiting NLM, such as connecting vegetation corridors. Additional funding is available for fire affected NLM habitat. Eligible projects include:

Fencing

- **fencing remnant native vegetation** in patches and along watercourses to protect it from livestock
- **fencing to protect pollarded or burnt patches** of NLM
- **fencing to protect revegetation** from livestock and native browsers

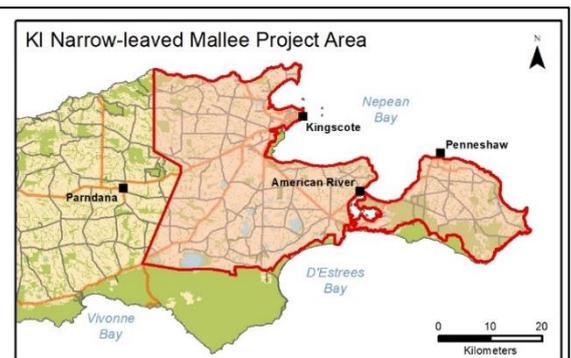
Revegetation

- **Planting native trees and shrubs** to extend existing vegetation or to create or strengthen vegetation corridors.
- **Direct seeding of native vegetation** to extend or improve the structure of existing vegetation or to create or strengthen vegetation corridors.

Applications open on 12 July 2021 and close at 5pm on 6 August 2021.

Please note that due to the funding agreement with the Australian Government, only projects benefitting the KI Narrow-leaved Mallee Woodland Threatened Ecological Community, either directly or indirectly, are eligible to apply. Please don't hesitate to contact the Project Officer if you are unsure whether or not your project is eligible.

This project is funded through the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme.



Fencing remnant native vegetation

Guidelines

- Canopy width of vegetation to be fenced should average at least 20 metres.
- Narrow shelterbelts or areas containing threatened species may be assessed individually.
- If fencing a creek line, both sides of the creek need to be protected, either by an existing fence or a new fence.
- Fence designs must be stock-proof (see Minimum Fencing Standards below) and maintained in that condition for a minimum of 10 years.
- Fences should be placed 5 metres from the edge of vegetation to reduce maintenance needs and damage to fences (i.e. from falling tree branches).
- Boundary fences, including along roadsides, that protect vegetation will be assessed individually (boundary fencing for the sole purpose of property fencing and/or stock management is not eligible for funding).
- It is your responsibility to insure these fences.

Funding available

Fencing of existing native vegetation in patches and along watercourses:

- \$2,200 per km for plain wire
- \$3,200 per km for stocklock
- \$4,700 per km for exclusion

For **fire affected** areas:

- \$2,800 per km for plain wire
- \$4,100 per km for stocklock
- \$6,000 per km for exclusion

Fencing of roadside vegetation (up to 30 m in from property boundary):

- 10 m in - \$1,100 to \$1,550 per km
- 20 m in - \$2,150 to \$3,150 per km
- 30 m in - \$3,200 to \$4,700 per km

(Conditions apply - refer to *Minimum Fencing Standards* below.)

Revegetation (planting native trees and shrubs)

Revegetation can be undertaken using tubestock or direct seeding techniques. Tubestock can be purchased from the KI Native Plant Nursery or other local suppliers. You can also choose to collect your own seed and grow your own plants.

Guidelines

- For biosecurity and provenance reasons, all tubestock and seed must be sourced from local native species and tubestock must be grown on Kangaroo Island.
- A mixture of species and plant heights (trees, shrubs and groundcovers) should be planted. Advice can be obtained from the KI Native Plant Nursery Manager.
- Try to replicate what was originally on the site.
- A weed control program must be implemented to minimize competition from weeds and remnant pasture.
- Protecting plants from livestock and native browsers is essential. Funding is available for tree guards and fencing.
- Fenced areas should be a minimum width of 30 metres, with planting areas a minimum of 20 metres in width.
- A minimum of 800 plants per hectare is required.

Funding available

Revegetation:

- Tubestock - \$1.70 per tube (\$2.20 per tube for **fire affected** areas)
- Direct seeding - \$300 per ha

Protection of plantings with guards:

- Green corflute guard + 1 stake - \$1.60 per unit (\$2.00 per unit for **fire affected** areas)
- Black mesh guard + 2 stakes - \$5.50 per unit (\$6.90 per unit for **fire affected** areas)

Revegetation fencing (Kangaroo Island native plants only):

- \$2,200 to \$4,700 per km depending on fence type

(Conditions apply - refer to *Minimum Fencing Standards* below.)

Minimum fencing specifications (for both remnant vegetation and revegetation)

Plain wire fencing

- minimum of 7 plain wires
- maximum of 20 metre spaces between posts
- minimum of 3 wire spacers between posts

Stocklock type fencing

- 7/90/30 stocklock (or equivalent)
- maximum 10 metre spaces between posts
- minimum of 1 plain top wire

Exclusion type fencing

- 11/90/15 stocksafe-T with apron (or equivalent)
- maximum 10 metre spaces between posts
- minimum of 1 plain top wire

Minimum fencing specifications can be varied. Please discuss individual requirements with the Project Officer.

Funding is for NEW fencing materials only.

| Purpose | Minimum fence specification | | | | Funding per km | Funding per km – Fire affected NLM |
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| Block vegetation and Revegetation | Plain Wire | 7x plain wire | 3x wirespacers | Creo or CCA posts @ 20m | \$ 2,200 | \$ 2,800 |
| | Stocklock Type | 7/90/30 | 1x plain top wire | Creo or CCA posts @ 10m | \$ 3,200 | \$ 4,100 |
| | Exclusion Type | 11/90/15 w. apron | 1x plain top wire | Creo or CCA posts @ 10m | \$ 4,700 | \$ 6,000 |
| Roadside vegetation | >10m in from boundary | Stocklock 7/90/30 + 1x plain top wire Creo or CCA green posts @ 10m | | | \$ 1,100 | \$1,350 |
| | >20m in from boundary | | | | \$ 2,150 | \$2,750 |
| | >30m in from boundary | | | | \$ 3,200 | \$4,100 |
| | >10m in from boundary | Stocksafe-T w. apron 11/90/15 + 1x plain top wire Creo or CCA green posts @ 10m | | | \$ 1,550 | \$ 2,000 |
| | >20m in from boundary | | | | \$ 3,150 | \$ 4,000 |
| | >30m in from boundary | | | | \$ 4,700 | \$ 6,000 |

Funding conditions

On-ground Works funding is allocated based on a co-contribution model. All funds are distributed at the discretion of the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board. Funding is limited and will be awarded to projects on a competitive basis. Applications are evaluated against standard eligibility and assessment criteria. Eligibility and funding depend on whether the works have largely on-site benefits to the landholder or benefits to the environment, particularly the KI Narrow-leaved Mallee Woodland community. Grant funding may vary from that set out.

Payment for approved funding is conditional on:

- completion of works by the date specified
- final site inspection made by the Project Officer
- submission of a complying tax invoice
- return of a signed land management agreement
- landholder commitment to insure and maintain fences/revegetation areas for at least 10 years
- proof of provenance for all tubestock and/or seed and purchase of protection measures

Once approved for funding, all works will need to be completed by:

- all fencing: **27 May 2022**
- revegetation: **24 June 2022**

Applying for funding

Applications must be submitted via **SmartyGrants** online. See address:

<https://landscape.smartygrants.com.au/Narrow-leavedMalleeOGW>

All grant funding will be managed through this system. If you require assistance with lodging an application online please contact the Narrow-leaved Mallee Project Officer on 8553 4426 during business hours or email: kym.lashmar@sa.gov.au

Applications open on 12 July 2021 and close at 5pm on 6 August 2021. Funding may still be available after the closing date. Please contact the Narrow-leaved Mallee Project Officer to request a late application.

Projects will be evaluated against a set of pre-determined criteria by an assessment panel comprising of Kangaroo Island Landscape Board staff. A site assessment will also be conducted as part of the assessment process. The Narrow-leaved Mallee Project Officer will contact applicants to organise this assessment.

Successful applicants will be notified at the earliest convenience following final approval by the Landscape Board. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by letter. Successful applicants will be sent a formal offer of funding outlining the details of their project and value of the funding offer. This offer must be accepted and signed by both parties before the commencement of any work.

Project variations

If the project cannot be completed, or applicants wish to change the activities they are funded for, they will need to request a formal variation to the project by contacting the Narrow-leaved Mallee Project Officer. A project variation form will need to be completed for review by the assessment panel. If successful, an amended offer of funding will require re-signing.

For further information contact:

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