

FISHWISE COMMUNITY GRANTS

Guidelines and Application Form 2010

Wild Fisheries Management Branch
Department of Primary Industries,
Parks, Water and Environment



Fishwise Community Grants provide funding for individuals and community groups to conduct projects that improve the management of marine resources or improve the awareness and knowledge of our fisheries. The revenue is raised from the sale of recreational sea fishing licences.

Who can apply?

Anyone can apply for a **Fishwise Community Grant**, including fishing clubs and organisations, councils, community groups, individuals, students, and research organisations. Collaborative and partnership projects are encouraged. Projects can be up to three years in duration before having to reapply for further funding.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for a **Fishwise Community Grant**, projects must be relevant to recreational sea fishing in one or more of the following areas:

- improved resource management;
- education and awareness;
- training that aids better fishing practices.

Some examples of projects that have been supported include:

- school education programs about recreational sea fishing;
- biological, social and economic research of recreational sea fisheries;
- fishing clinics and fishing days for children and disabled people.

The grant program favours projects that:

- have wide benefits (the project has outcomes that impact on a broad range of Tasmanian recreational sea fishers);
- are supported by funds or indirect contributions from the applicants and/or funds from other funding bodies;
- have considered how their outcomes will be picked up and developed (for example, taking into account council regulations and other relevant projects).

What will not be considered for funding?

The grant program does not generally support projects that are:

- commercial ventures or products developed primarily for a commercial purpose;
- financial support for the business operations of an organisation or club;
- construction of access and facilities; and
- are of benefit to only a small group or very local area.

How much funding is available?

Around \$380,000 is available for allocation through the 2010 **Fishwise Community Grants** program. The 2010 funding round will open late August 2010.

Conditions of grants

Successful applicants will be invited to enter into a contract outlining the project and the reporting requirements of the grant scheme.

The contract (Project Funding Agreement) outlines the funding conditions:

- written progress reports every six months;
- written final report and acquittal report within 30 days of completing the project;
- need for notification and approval of any proposed variations or extensions to the project objectives, timetable, work plan or budget;
- need for Tax Invoice for payment of the funding allocation; and
- arrangements for inspection of project by Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment staff.

Applicants receiving funding from **Fishwise** will be required to:

- prominently acknowledge financial assistance from **Fishwise Community Grants** for the project through reports, media releases, posters, newsletters, brochures, advertisements, catalogues and other material;
- acknowledge that acceptance of the grant does not commit **Fishwise Community Grants** to future funding;
- satisfy **Fishwise Community Grants** of their financial viability to meet the contractual obligations;
- give access to the Auditor-General for Tasmania or his nominee to all financial records relating to the grant; and
- complete the project within the timeframe as stated in the application.

Twenty five per cent of the total grant amount will be withheld until the final report and acquittal report are accepted.

How to apply?

This application form provides the outlines of information required about the project. The Department may seek further information to assist in the assessment of the applications. Following assessment, the Minister will determine the successful applications. All applicants will be advised of the outcomes of their applications.

Complete, sign and date the application form. Email, fax or post your completed application form to:

Recreational Fisheries Section
Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment
GPO Box 44
HOBART TAS 7001

Fax: (03) 6223 1539

Email: fishwise@dpipwe.tas.gov.au

When does the program close?

Applications must be received no later than 5:00 pm, **30 September 2010**.

Further Information

For further information about this grant program or if you require assistance in completing your application, please do not hesitate to contact the Recreational Fisheries Section on:

Phone: 1300 368 550 or (03) 6233 7042
Website: www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/fishwise

Need help developing your idea?

Contact either

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