



Partnerships Against Pests Grant Program Round 3

AGRICULTURE VICTORIA

Webinar – 9 September 2024



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge and respect the Victorian Traditional Owners as the original custodians of Victoria's land and water, their unique ability to care for Country and deep spiritual connection to it.

We honour Elders past and present whose knowledge and wisdom has ensured the continuation of culture and traditional practices.

DEECA is committed to genuinely partnering with Victorian Traditional Owners and Victoria's community to progress their aspirations.



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Introduction & Overview of the Partnerships Against Pests Program

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Partnerships Against Pests Program

THE PARTNERSHIPS AGAINST PESTS PROGRAM IS AIMED AT EXPANDING COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS IN THE LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT OF ESTABLISHED WEEDS AND PEST ANIMALS IN VICTORIA.



Impacts of established weeds and pest animals on our landscapes and communities include:

- substantial farm production losses
- degradation of our ecosystems
- damage to culturally sensitive sites of Victoria's First Nations people
- risking access to international agriculture markets

A 2023 [ABARES study](#) estimated that the cost of management and lost production to Victoria's agricultural landowners due to established weeds and pest animals, is \$869 million per annum.



Partnerships Against Pests Program

THE PROGRAM FOCUSES ON SHARED RESPONSIBILITY AND A COMMUNITY-LED APPROACH TO MANAGING ESTABLISHED WEEDS AND PEST ANIMALS.

This aligns directly with Strategic Goal 4 in [Victoria's Biosecurity Strategy](#).

The Strategy highlights goals and actions across the three components of the biosecurity system – Prevention, Response and Management – as well as two key overarching functions – Partnerships and Enablers.

Goal 1 Partnerships

Strengthen ways of working together to protect what we value most.

PARTNERSHIPS

outlines how we can find better ways to decide together, set priorities together and work together to deliver better biosecurity outcomes.

Goal 2 Prevention

Make biosecurity everyone's business.

PREVENTION outlines the priorities for mobilising coordinated and sustained action and behavioural change across the system based on a better understanding of the key biosecurity risks and responsibilities.

Goal 3 Response

Broaden the base for preparedness and response.

RESPONSE outlines the priorities for building stronger partnerships with people and organisations ahead of emergencies for cohesive, coordinated action at the time of the emergency, when every minute counts.

Goal 4 Management

Reduce the impacts of established weeds and pests through local action.

MANAGEMENT outlines the priorities for supporting local collective action on established weeds and pests and bringing together all the participants to achieve sustainable, long-term, whole-of-landscape changes.

Goal 5 Enablers

Strengthen the enablers for system-wide action.

ENABLERS outlines the best ways government can support the wider system and all who operate in it to reduce biosecurity risks and their harmful consequences.



This program helps Agriculture Victoria to achieve Priority Action #13 from the Strategy: *Promote and support community led, place-based action on established weeds and pests.*

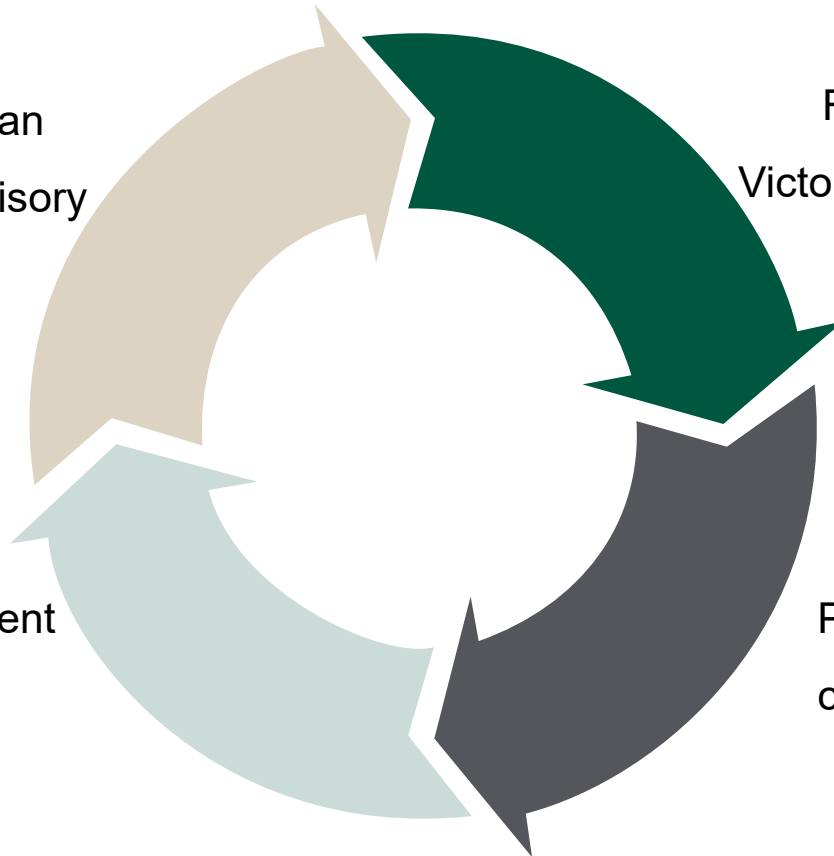


Partnerships Against Pests Program

THE FOCUS OF THE PARTNERSHIPS AGAINST PESTS PROGRAM IS ON IMPROVING AND STRENGTHENING
THE CURRENT SYSTEM BY:

Forming the Victorian
Invasive Pests Advisory
Board (VIPA)

Funding engagement
officers to support
community groups



Funding and supporting
Victoria's 4 Community Pest
Management Groups

Providing grants to
community groups

The 4 Victorian Community Pest Management Groups (CPMGs) are:



Partnerships Against Pests Grants

THE PRIMARY AIMS OF THE PARTNERSHIPS AGAINST PESTS GRANTS PROGRAM ARE TO BOOST COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND IMPROVE THE CAPACITY OF LAND MANAGERS TO MANAGE ESTABLISHED WEEDS AND PEST ANIMALS ON THEIR LAND.

The grants aim to ensure that people most affected by the problem of established weeds and pest animals are central in the process of defining the problem and co-creating strategies and new community-based projects to build community capacity and support on-ground action.

The Victorian Government funds the program via:

- \$500,000 from the 'Collective Biosecurity' budget initiative.
- \$5 million from the 'Backing Victoria's Producers' budget initiative.

Both funds support community action to manage established weeds and pests.

AGRICULTURE VICTORIA WILL ADMINISTER MULTIPLE ROUNDS OF THE PARTNERSHIPS AGAINST PESTS GRANTS PROGRAM UNTIL JUNE 2027.



Grants Funding Streams

\$1.03 MILLION AVAILABLE ACROSS THE 3 STREAMS IN 2024-25 FOR PROJECTS FOCUSING ON COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES.

- This webinar focuses on Stream 2.
- Each stream has different objectives and is open to the following groups:



Stream	Eligible Organisations	Funding Objectives	Grant amount	Total funding
Stream 1a	CPMGs	Annual, operational funding for the CPMGs.	\$82,500	\$330,000
Stream 1b	CPMGs	A competitive application process for the CPMGs.	From \$10,000 up to uncapped (ex. GST)	\$250,000
Stream 2	Regional and Local Level Organisations	A competitive application process for community-based organisations operating at a local or regional level with an interest in established invasive species management.	From \$10,000 up to \$50,000 (ex. GST)	\$780,000

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Program Objectives

Capacity Building

Educational events boost community awareness and technical knowledge of best practice management options.

Raising Awareness

Communication tools and products boost community awareness and technical knowledge of best practice management options.

Strategic Planning

Strategies guide self-sustained and accountable future action. Landscape management plans and set goals deliver positive progress beyond the tenure of the program.

Capability Building

Training and educational opportunities for community leaders and advocates to boost knowledge and skills in areas including:

- Leadership
- Governance
- Strategic thinking
- Risk management
- Project management
- Communications and engagement
- Monitoring and evaluation

Partnership & Collaboration

Communities work collaboratively to sustain long term established invasive species management benefits.

Regional and localised place-based initiatives connect agencies and community members to act on established invasive species issues.

Partnership & Collaboration

Community-based organisations build partnerships and work collaboratively with Traditional Owner Corporations (TOCs) and Aboriginal Victorians to deliver established invasive species management capacity and capability building projects that align with Whole-of-Country plans, respect Traditional Owner expertise, and recognise and implement decisions that Traditional Owners make over traditional lands and resources.

Assessment Criteria and Weighting

STREAM 2 APPLICANTS MUST ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING 5 ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

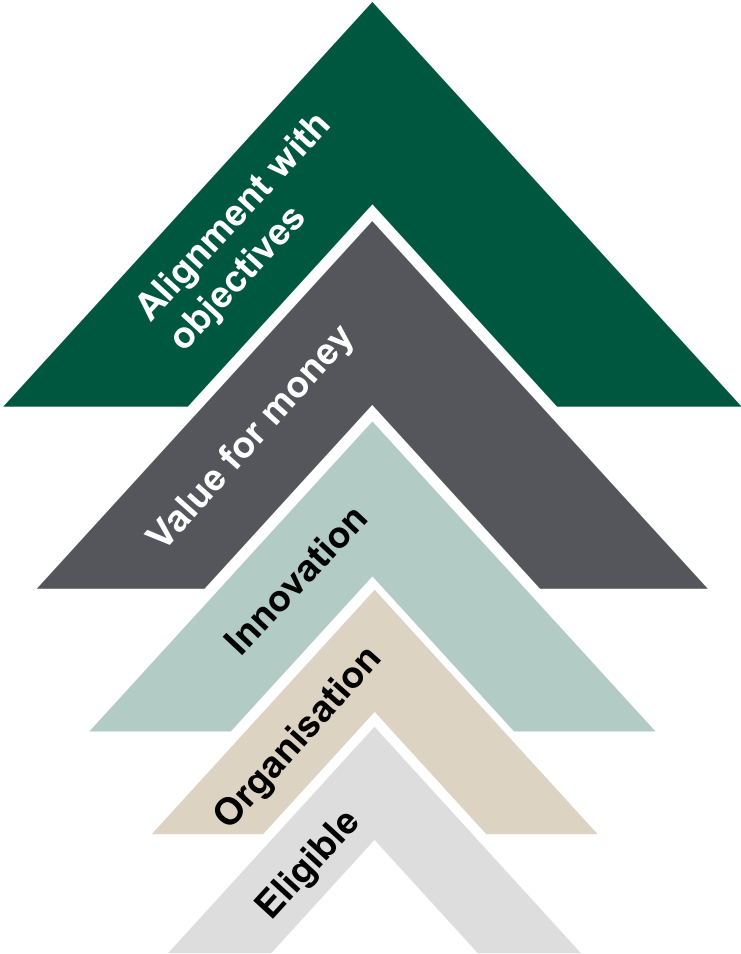
50% Aligning to and achieving Program objectives

20% Overall Value for Money

20% Innovation

10% Organisational Capability and Capacity to deliver

Yes/No Meets requirements and contains appropriate documentation



Group Eligibility

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR STREAM 2 , APPLICANTS MUST BE EITHER:

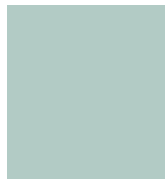


An incorporated association registered through Consumer Affairs Victoria.



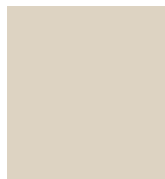
A registered company with the Australian Securities Investment Commission (ASIC).

OR



An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporation registered with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006.

AND



Hold sufficient insurance to safeguard volunteers and participants involved in the funded activities, including public liability insurance of at least \$10 million and personal accident insurance, or have an auspice arrangement with a partner who meets the above requirements.

GROUPS AND NETWORKS THAT DO NOT MEET THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS MAY STILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING IF THEY OPERATE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF A SPONSOR ORGANISATION THAT MEETS THESE REQUIREMENTS.

Funding Eligibility

FUNDING CAN ONLY BE USED FOR ITEMS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE DELIVERY OF THE PROJECT

What may be funded?

Including but not limited to:

- Consultants, facilitators and/or presenters.
- Project officer engaged for tangible and quantifiable project deliverables.
- Training and / or educational course fees.
- Publicity, communications, and marketing costs.
- Advertising, printing, design, and postage.
- Web and/or app development.
- Photography and videography and/or video production.
- Hire of equipment and venues for events.
- Resource materials and consumable items.
- Transport / travel.
- Food and non-alcoholic beverages within reason.
- Total cost of capital items and equipment that do not exceed \$3,000. You will need to demonstrate a clear need and community benefit for any capital items included in your budget.
- Project management and administration costs that do not exceed 15% of the total funding requested.

What may not be funded?

- On-ground works and equipment related to:
 - weed management, e.g. spray equipment, mulchers or chemicals
 - pest animal management, e.g. baits, warren ripping, shooting, traps or fumigation.
- Research activities where the only product for the community is an interpretation of results.
- Activities (or components) funded through another organisation, program, or fund source. Your project can build on the success of past or existing projects but must be new work.
- Purchasing of goods for competitions, raffles and/or prizes.
- Alcohol.
- Projects that are unlikely to deliver practical outcomes within the grant timeframes.
- Purchase of capital items over \$3,000.
- Insurance.
- Positions such as facilitators, staff or project managers that are already funded through other investment.
- Project management or administration costs that collectively total more than 15% of total funding requested.

Preparing an Application

APPLICATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE:



ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Information addressing the objectives and outcomes of the Program



TARGET SPECIES

A list of [Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994](#) declared species



PARTNERSHIPS

A list of your partners and collaborators including those from CPMGs and Traditional Owner Corporations



FOCUS AREA

Details or a map outlining the project focus area



LETTERS OF SUPPORT

To demonstrate confirmed support and level of investment from partners



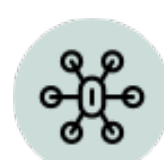
OUTPUTS

Estimate the type and quantity of activities to be delivered in the project



BUDGET

Costs involved in delivering the project

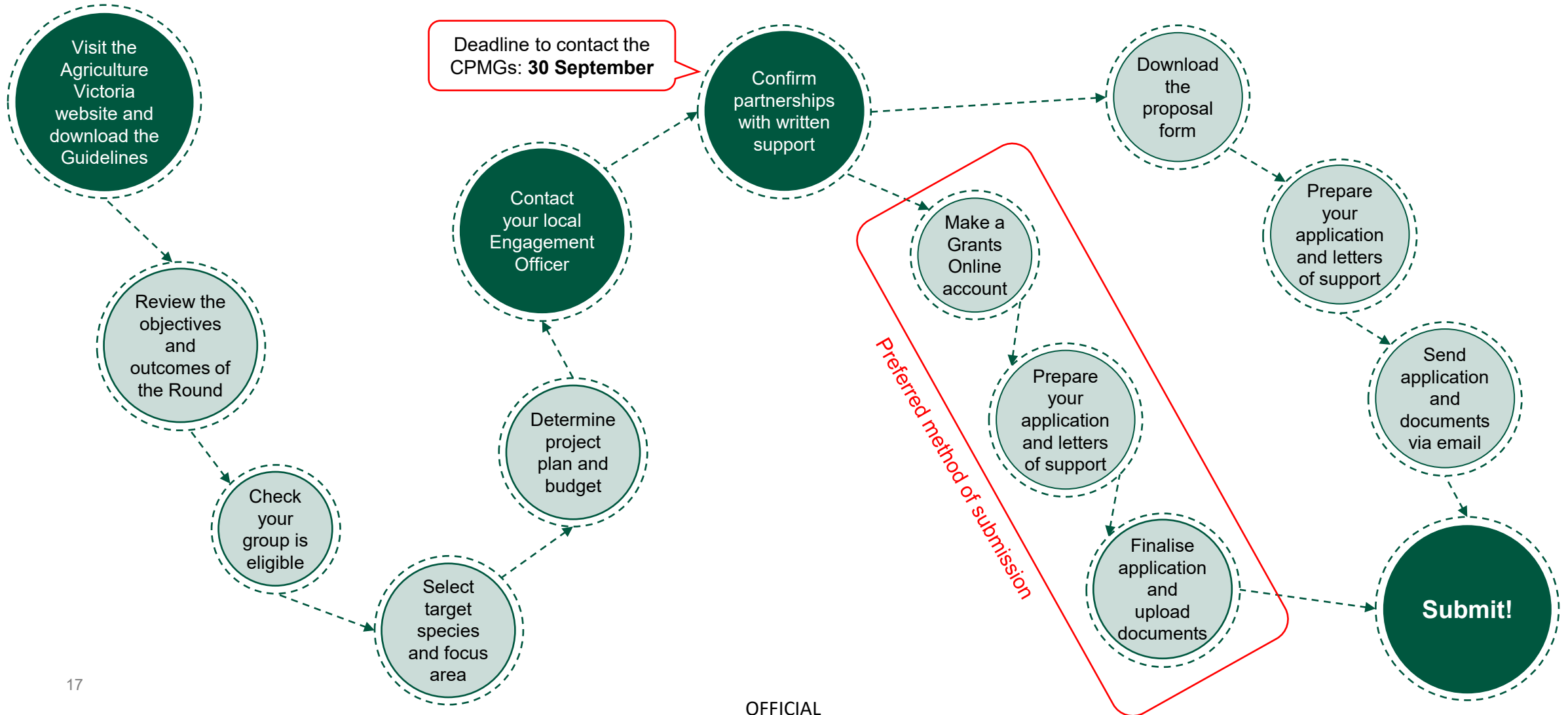


IN KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

In kind contributions such as financial or resource support and volunteer time

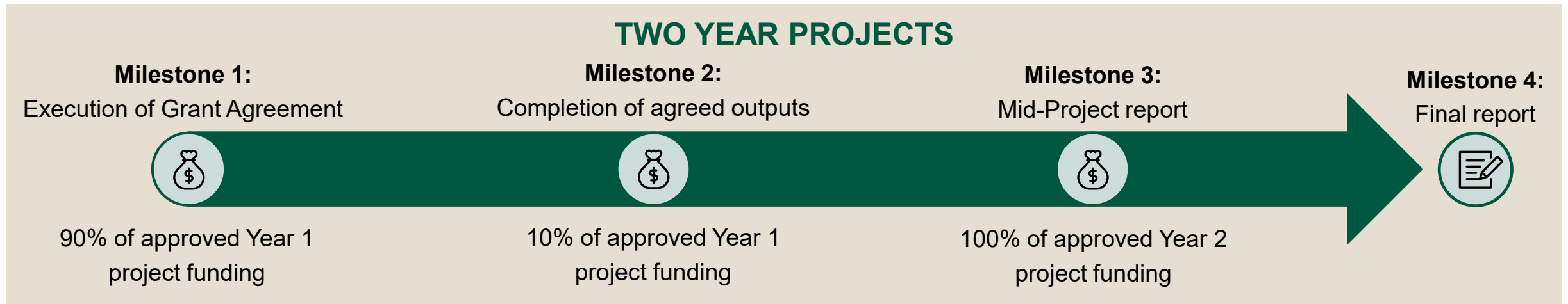
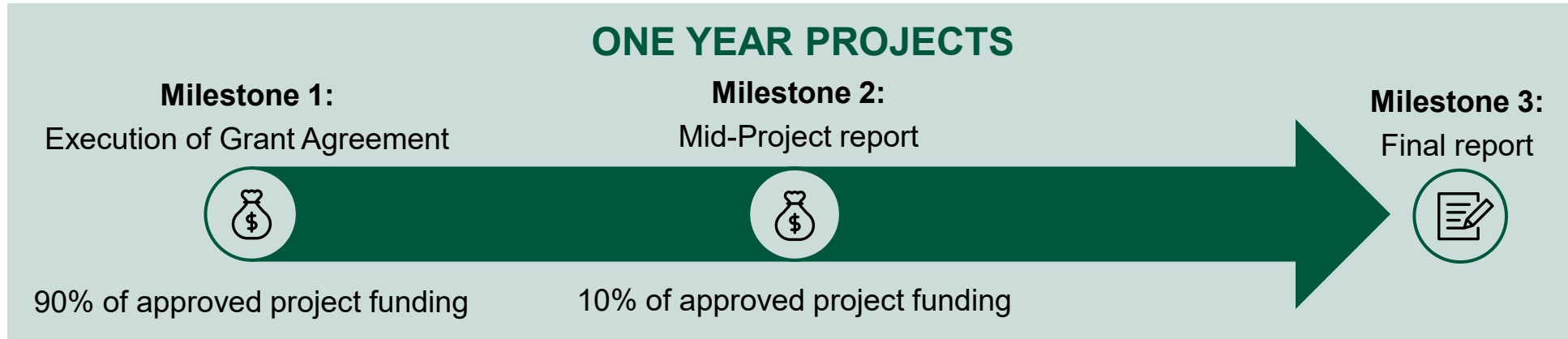
How to Apply

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL 11:59PM FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER 2024



Funding Distribution

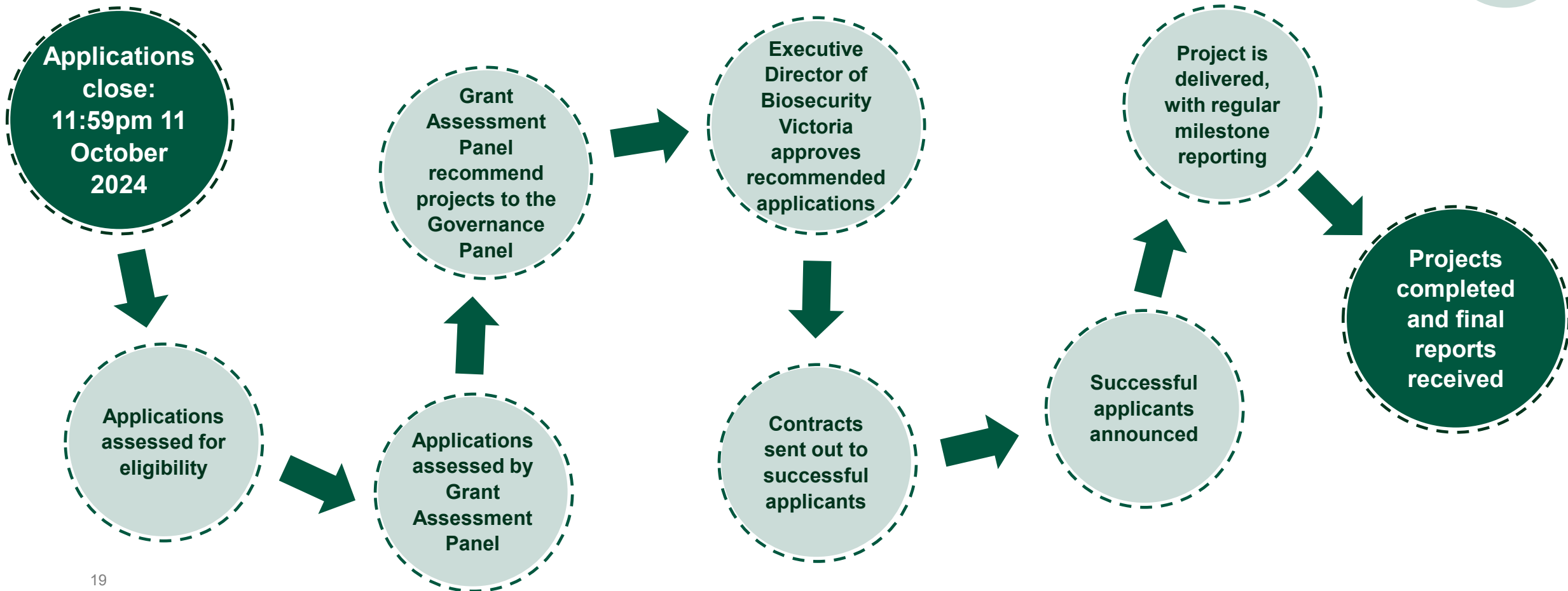
FUNDING DISTRIBUTION IS DEPENDENT ON THE PROJECT DURATION AND MILESTONE COMPLETION



NOTE – FAILURE TO SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT WILL RENDER A GROUP **INELIGIBLE** FOR FURTHER FUNDING UNTIL ANY OUTSTANDING COMPONENTS OF A GRANT AGREEMENT ARE COMPLETED.

Next Steps

**SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED 6 DECEMBER 2024
WITH FINAL REPORTS DUE EITHER 30 JANUARY 2026 OR 29 JANUARY 2027**



Partnerships Against Pests

Previous Investments

- Round 2 funded project - example
- Example initiatives
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Round 2 Funded Project

COMMUNITY LED ACTION FOR PEST AND WEED CONTROL IN SOUTH GIPPSLAND



Aims

- Build community capacity and partnerships by providing opportunity for landowners to speak directly with contractors and stakeholders
- Build capability by engaging experts in invasive species management and providing continuous encouragement, support and cohesion
- Facilitate partnerships through connecting landholders for collaborative management
- Facilitate collaboration with agency and stakeholders across the district
- Deliver on objectives in the SGLN Strategic Plan

Partners

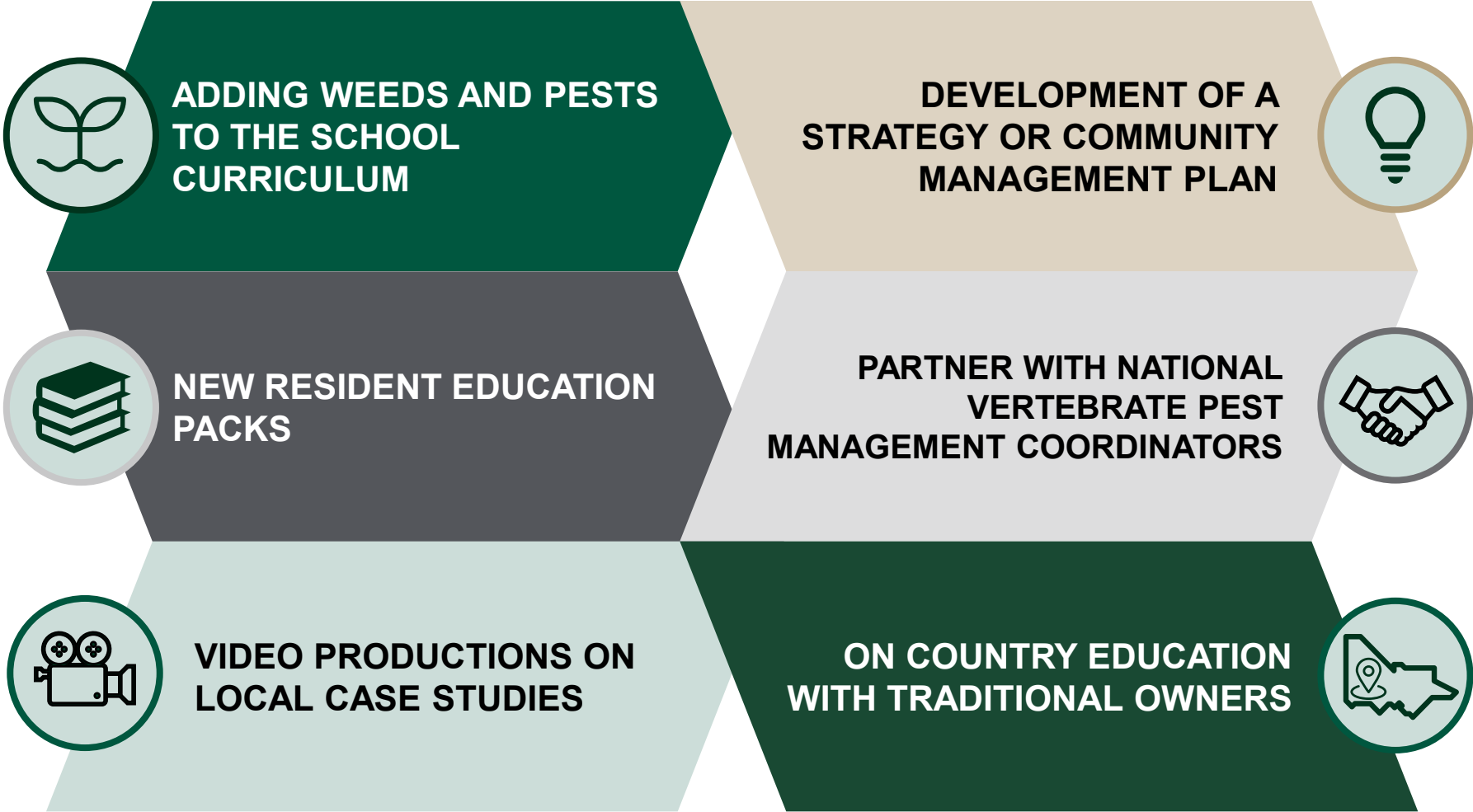
- South Gippsland Shire Council
- Baw Baw Shire Council
- West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
- 15 community Landcare Groups
- Agriculture Victoria
- Traditional Owners

Activities

- Stakeholder seminar
- Engage Traditional Owners for shared knowledge and management
- Establish regional control groups with management plans
- Hold workshops with technical experts including in field components

Round 2 Funded Initiatives

SOME INSPIRATION FROM SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS



Potential Outputs

YOU WILL BE ASKED TO SPECIFY THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF OUTPUT YOUR GROUP INTENDS TO COMPLETE AS PART OF YOUR PROJECT.

Output Type	Example	Output Type	Example
Field day	Farm walk/discussion	Assessment/Survey	Post activity evaluation
Presentation	Session led by subject matter expert	Plan/Strategy	Group plan or strategy for 1 or more species
Training event	Formal training e.g. VRAN bootcamp, AgVet Chemical Course	Research	Research activity with direct community involvement
Workshop	Discussion and practical demonstrations	Communications	Social media posts, newsletter
Meeting	Planning/partnership meeting	Publications	Fact sheets, resource documents
Seminar	Full day stakeholder forum	Advertising	Road signs, print or online promotion of events
Farmer groups	Coordinated farmer group	Mapping	Weed mapping
Cultural Heritage activities	Training, workshop or on country learning	Video/Audio production	YouTube video or podcast
Online event	Webinar	Event Stand	Stand/stall at field day e.g. Elmore Field days, local market
Conference/Expo	Formal gathering to deliver research findings	Other	

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Questions

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Further information is available on the Agriculture Victoria website, particularly the following pages:



[Partnerships Against Pests Program](#)



[The Grants Program](#)



[Round 3 Stream 2 Guidelines](#)



[Contacts](#) – including Regional Engagement Officers and Grants Online support

Summary of Key Dates for Stream 2

CPMG Contact Deadline	30 September 2024	
Applications Close	11:59pm Friday 11 October 2024	
Successful Projects Announced	6 December 2024	
	12 Month Projects	24 Month Projects
Project Activities Completed	19 December 2025	18 December 2026
Final Reports Submitted	30 January 2026	29 January 2027



Thank you



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