



# Hunter Water Love Water grants 2020/21 Guidelines

The Love Water grants are one-off financial contributions up to the value of \$10,000 to help organisations deliver water education or conservation projects. The purpose of these grants is to promote water conservation through water education, community resilience building or conservation projects.

The Love Water grants aim to:

- Encourage community groups and organisations to identify and solve water conservation issues through practical solutions and projects
- Encourage local schools, community groups and other organisations to undertake activities which address local environmental issues that protect and enhance our natural environment
- Bring the community together and assist with customer hardship and promote economic stimulus after the impacts of COVID-19 in our region

Applications are open from 23 September until 24 October 2020. The date for the announcement of successful applicants will be communicated after the closing date, as it will depend on the number of applications received.

The type of projects that have previously been awarded grants include children's water education programs, water efficient restoration of sporting fields, beautification of public spaces with water related themes and water conscious community garden works.

Please read the Love Water grants Criteria and Eligibility to ensure your organisation and project is eligible prior to completing the application form.

## GRANTS CRITERIA

The projects must focus on initiatives that support water conservation, sustainability, liveability, diversity inclusion, innovation, or two new categories customer hardship and economic stimulus. The additional two categories are aimed at giving back to our community as a result of the impact of COVID-19.

Hunter Water will consider the following in assessing applications:

1. The aim of the project in relation to water conservation through education, efficiency improvements and/or awareness
2. Environmental and community benefits derived from the project
3. Customer hardship and economic stimulus benefits to our region as a result of the impacts of COVID-19
4. Opportunities to publicly acknowledge the partnership between Hunter Water and the project
5. Customer benefits from the project
6. Opportunities for Hunter Water employees to be involved with the project
7. Involvement, funding or any arrangements with other organisations to support the project

## ELIGIBILITY

Organisations eligible for grants are:

- Legally constituted community groups, industry related organisations, local government agencies, not-for-profit organisations or incorporated groups and businesses that operate within Hunter Water's area of operations
- All grants are for a one-off basis
- Applicants must have relevant public liability insurance and attach a Certificate of Currency to their application

Hunter Water will not consider:

- Requests that fall outside Hunter Water's area of operations
- Organisations that demonstrate political or socially divisive objectives
- Individuals or individual sports people
- Projects that include, or encourage, unlawful activities
- Projects that are not in keeping with Hunter Water's anti-discrimination policies and environmental policies
- Projects that do not have a demonstrated management/accountability framework
- Companies or organisations which are in legal conflict with Hunter Water
- Projects that may impose or imply conditions that would limit Hunter Water's ability to carry out its services and operations fully and impartially

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND REPORTING

All successful applicants are required to comply with Hunter Water 'Conditions of Use – Logo and Branding' and acknowledge Hunter Water's contribution in appropriate publicity items and reports.

Any items where the Hunter Water logo appears or a reference is made to Hunter Water's support, must be approved prior to print or distribution by Hunter Water's Public Affairs team.

A written report from successful applicants will be required on the outcomes of the project. Applicants have 30 days within completion of the project to submit their report.

## SUBMIT APPLICATIONS

Applications must be submitted by Saturday 24 October 2020. The date for the announcement of successful applicants will be communicated after the closing date, as it will depend on the number of applications received.