

PERMAFUND GRANT 2015 - GUIDELINES

Permaculture International Public Fund

Please read grant guidelines carefully before completing attached application form

1. Amount thresholds and due by dates

Permafund grants are available for amounts up to AUD \$2,000 to community based organisations in Australia or overseas to support their work restoring and improving the environment and building sustainable communities.

Grant applications over AUD \$2000 will be considered on the basis of their cost-effectiveness in comparison to smaller-scale projects. Reporting requirements might be more strict for larger projects.

Applications can be submitted up to **midnight on Friday 9th October 2015** and successful applicants will be notified before **December 10th 2015**.

2. Who can apply

Applications can only be received from community-based organisations with elected office bearers. Applications can be in Australia or overseas. Any groups unsure of their eligibility should contact the Grant coordinator (details below).

3. Purpose

Grants are for activities which demonstrate the principles of Permaculture and support the building of sustainable communities. Projects must meet the objectives of the Australian Government's Registrar of Environmental Organisations:

"The protection and enhancement of the natural environment, or of a significant aspect of the natural environment; or the provision of information or education, or the carrying on of research, about the natural environment or a significant aspect of the natural environment."

Make sure your project will, in the end, protect or improve the natural environment.

4. Our judging criteria

Grants are for activities which demonstrate the principles of Permaculture and support the building of sustainable communities. Preference will be given to applications that show:

- the applicant is able to complete the work (viability)
- an effective use of funds and other resources (value)
- the project is responding to an identified need e.g. where people are in poverty (social justice)
- the project can carry on after the grant money runs out (endurance)
- there will be recording of the lessons learnt (education)
- there will be clear results that can be measured (evaluation)
- the possibility of ongoing communication with Permafund (relationship)

Examples of activities and groups that Permafund grants have supported in the past:

- For soil conservation and improved land use for food security and sustainable development:
 - Planting 1500 seedlings of paper trees – Ockenden, Cambodia
 - Biodynamic preparation education – Madurai, India
 - Solar water pump for rice cultivation – Odisha, India
- For project-based training using locals to improve land and produce food using permaculture principles
 - Expert mentor for a team to make swales, edible forest, cowshed and irrigation - Umoja Orphanage, Kenya
- For mentor support and professional development for community leaders
 - PDC and village plan for La Gonave Island, Haiti

4. Additional information we prefer you to submit with your application

- Letters of support from other partner organisations, people, government officers (if we think we will fund your project you will have to provide these at some stage)
- Contacts for referees – we like to speak with you and others about your organisation
- Map of the project location
- A recent annual report for the organisation or other materials from the organisation



5. Learning, sharing and reporting

Recipients are expected to report on their project outcome. This can include brief notes, photos, comments from people involved, copies of receipts, comments from other local organisations. The important things are: were the funds well used and what has been learnt from the work? It does not need to be a long formal report. The learning and sharing of learning is a major hope for Permafund's work and where it is appropriate information from grant reports will be used on the PA website to support others considering similar projects.

6. Enquiries

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