

## Living Green Schools – Quick Grants

Don't miss your chance to make sustainability a priority this year! As part of the Living Green Schools Fund, primary and secondary schools within the City of Stirling are eligible to apply for **up to two vouchers** to assist teachers and students in programs that support sustainability focused education that support education and practices on zero waste, energy reduction, waterwise practices or creating biodiversity and habitat. Applications open Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup> and close 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

## What support is available?

- \$500 vouchers from Natural Area Holdings for supply and delivery of South West Australian waterwise plants to increase biodiversity and habitat on school grounds
- \$500 vouchers from The Green Life Soil Company for supply and delivery of garden soil, mulch and consumables e.g. water saving native and vegetable garden soil, mulch, soil amendments, seedlings, seeds, fertilizers, worms for existing worm farms and kelp solutions
- \$730 vouchers from The Worm Shed to supply, delivery and installation of a recycled fridge worm farm with worms and accessories to assist schools with diverting organic waste away from landfill.
- \$500 vouchers from Bunnings for gardening tools and equipment, consumables, energy saving devices or waste and recycling. (Vouchers cannot be used to purchase environmentally harmful products i.e. chemical sprays, synthetic fertilisers)

*All vouchers are to be used for projects and activities as outlined in the eligibility criteria below.*

## Eligibility

- Primary and secondary schools located within the City of Stirling.
- Projects and activities should meet one or more sustainability outcomes below:
  - Reducing water use and/or protecting/improving water health;
  - Reducing energy use;
  - Valuing, protecting and increasing habitat for biodiversity (for example plants, animals and trees); and/or
  - Education and implementation of waste management initiatives.
- Minimum of 10 students to be involved in the delivery of the project
- Voucher to be expended prior to 1 December 2022

### The following will not be eligible for funding:

- Applicants that have not met the terms and conditions of previous grants, or have outstanding debts to the City;
- Applicants that have already been recipients of Living Green Schools funding in this calendar year;
- Organisations aligned to a political cause;
- Faith-based activities of religious organisations, however community-based activities and events of faith-based groups may be supported;
- Projects that do not align with the City's values and strategic priorities;
- Activities or projects that are already funded by the City of Stirling;
- Activities or projects that have been started and completed prior to the award of the grant; or
- Recurrent administration expenses such as utilities, photocopying, etc.

## Assessment criteria

Eligible applications will be assessed against the following:

### Sustainability outcomes

- The potential for the project to achieve the sustainability outcomes listed in the eligibility section.
- Potential for the sustainability outcomes to be measurable.

### Education outcomes

- Potential for the project to provide education on sustainability as listed in the eligibility section.
- Potential for the education outcomes to be measurable.

### Viability and sustainability of project

- The likelihood of proposed outcomes being met and ability of applicant to deliver the project with effective use of resources.
- Demonstrates support by other faculty and/or school community members
- The potential for the project to lead and/or support other opportunities or projects in the future.

## Timeline

Date	Program
27 July 2022	Applications Open
31 August 2022	Applications Close
14 September 2022	Successful and unsuccessful applicants notified
15 September 2022	Vouchers available for collection for successful applicants who have met the checklist of requirements to access funding
1 December 2022	Acquittal deadline

## Acknowledgement of grant funding

Successful grant recipients are required to acknowledge the City's contribution to funding by at least one or more of the following:

- Verbal and/or written acknowledgment of City of Stirling support
- Social media hashtags and @ mentions
- Logo on public project materials

## Assessment and funding

- Eligible applications will be assessed against the criteria and funding recommendations made by a designated panel of up to two City of Stirling Officers.
- Notification of outcomes will occur within two weeks of the deadline for applications.
- Officers may request further information in considering any application, as well as the right to reject any application that is not eligible or does not adequately satisfy the criteria.
- Successful applicants will receive formal notification along with a checklist of requirements to access the funding.
- Unsuccessful applicants will be notified within two weeks of the deadline for applications and the procedure for appealing a decision. Unsuccessful applicants can request to be provided with feedback as to the reasons the application was not successful

## Ready to apply but short on time and ideas?

There are lots of free resources available online from;

- [Cool Australia](#);
- [Australian Association for Environmental Education \(WA\), Sustainable Schools WA](#);
- [WasteSorted A Waste Authority Program](#);
- [Water Corporation - Education](#); and
- [Switch Your Thinking](#).

## Acquittal

Following completion of the project applicants are required to submit an acquittal, giving a brief overview of the project, whether expected outcomes were met, plus details and evidence of project expenditure and a short video clip of the project or a small collection of photos. A photo release form will be provided to schools requesting permission for use of photo's or media on the City's social media platforms.

## Canvassing of Elected Members

Please note that, if prior to the determination of a grant, an applicant (or any agent) canvasses any Elected Member of the City of Stirling, or attempts to provide additional information, either directly or indirectly, on any matter relating to the application to an Elected Member, the organisation may be disqualified and the grant application excluded from being considered for approval.

## Next Steps

- Complete the Living Green Schools Fund Application Form online via the City's [Smarty Grants portal](#) before the closing date. You should answer all the questions provided with as much detail as possible and submit your application.
- Once you have submitted your application you will receive an email acknowledging receipt. We aim to provide an outcome within two weeks of the closing date for applications, though in some circumstances this may not be possible.
- Applicants will be notified of funding decisions via email.

## Contact us

For more information or to discuss your funding application, contact the City of Stirling Sustainability Team on 9205 8555 or email [sustainability@stirling.wa.gov.au](mailto:sustainability@stirling.wa.gov.au).

The Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) is available on 13 14 50 and can contact the City on your behalf.

The National Relay Service (NRS) can contact the City on your behalf

TTY/voice calls 133 677

Speak & Listen 1300 555 727

SMS relay 0423 677 767.