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Guidelines - NWC Wildlife Rehabilitation Enclosure or Equipment Grants – 2025-2026

This document sets out the guidelines for the NSW Wildlife Council (NWC) Wildlife Rehabilitation Grant. These guidelines describe the objective of the NWC Wildlife Rehabilitation Grant and the eligibility requirements for participation. They provide guidance on how potential applicants can apply for funding, and outline the assessment and decision-making processes.

Overview

The NSW Wildlife Council is the peak representative organisation for wildlife groups and individual rehabilitators licensed by the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service).

The objective of the Grants Program is to increase the capacity of groups to purchase materials to build animal enclosures or equipment needed to rehabilitate native Australian wildlife within the state of NSW. Applications for grants need to be submitted to the Grants Committee of the NSW Wildlife Council between 1 July and 31 July 2025

Applications for grants need to be in writing on the approved NWC Wildlife Rehabilitation Grant Application Form.

Applications for grants will be evaluated based on 3 criteria: Need; Excellence and Value for Money. The grant decision will be made in a manner determined by the NSW Wildlife Council Management Committee..

Grants of amounts from \$500 to \$5000 will be provided to the applications voted most worthy. Applications are open to NWC groups and any NWC Group may be awarded a maximum of 2 grants; an independent general licensee may be awarded 1 grant.

The 2025 Grant Budget is \$50,000. Applications are restricted to NWC groups in NSW and NSW independent general licensees (IGLs).

Eligibility Criteria

- Independently licensed applicants must contact secretary@nwc.org.au first to discuss eligibility
- Applications for grants must be in writing on the approved NWC Wildlife Rehabilitation Grant Application Form
- Applications must be received by the NWC Grants Committee on or before 31 July 2025 at 5 p.m. No exceptions will be made to the closing date and time; it is recommended that you get your application in as soon as possible. Internet connection problems on closing day are not an accepted excuse for late lodgement.
- Applications should be emailed to grants@nwc.org.au. Allow 7 days for post.
- Applicants will need to provide a description and/or images relating to the project
- Applicants agree that the photos provided and details of the project or equipment will be published on the NWC website or may be provided to relevant government agencies or other animal welfare organisations specifically to promote the good work of wildlife rehabilitation in NSW.
- The project must be started within 3 months of the date of the Grant Agreement

- The project must be completed within 9 months of the date of the Grant Agreement unless an approval for extension of time to complete the project has been sought and approved in writing from the NSW Wildlife Council.
- Enclosures that are partially built may be given preference over enclosure projects that have not commenced.
- Equipment that has already been purchased may be eligible for a grant if receipts are provided and no other funding has been received for that equipment.
- Ownership of equipment and enclosures funded by a NWC grant should remain with the group, unless it is not possible for built-in and fixed enclosure assets.
- Applications must be signed and certified by a nominee of the Group committee. (If locations make signatures difficult, applications may be separately endorsed by signature on the group letterhead and emailed with the application).

Evaluation of applications

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of *Need, Excellence and Value for Money*.

It is expected the decision to award grants for 2025-26 will be made by the end of August 2025. The decision will be final and no appeals will be accepted. If the standard of applications is not considered to be acceptable, grant funding may not be provided, or not provided to the full budget.

All applicants will be notified the result of their application/s by early September and successful applicants will be required to sign a grant agreement which explains the terms and conditions and provides banking details for direct credit to the applicant group's bank account by Electronic Funds Transfer.

How to apply

Complete the form *NWC Wildlife Rehabilitation Equipment and Enclosure Grant Application Form* and email it to grants@nwc.org.au ensuring all sections are completed and the form is signed. Receipt of all applications will be acknowledged to the email address of the applicant.

Privacy Notice:

Applicants acknowledge that information regarding any successful application, including personal information, may be provided to relevant government agencies or other animal welfare organisations to promote the good work of wildlife rehabilitation in NSW, and may be used for NWC publicity purposes.

End of guidelines

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