

The Green Army Programme

Community Information Sessions

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The Green Army

The Green Army is a six-month programme for 17-24 year olds to train and work in the environment.

Green Army projects include restoring native vegetation, heritage restoration, protecting animal habitats and regenerating wetlands in urban, rural and remote areas.



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Applicant / Project Host



Department of the Environment



Minister for the Environment



Service Providers



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Service Providers

- Campbell Page Limited together with Skillset Limited (ACT, NSW and Qld)
- CoAct Limited (ACT, NSW, NT, Vic and WA)
- Conservation Volunteers Australia (ACT, NSW, NT, Qld, SA, Tas, Vic, WA)
- Manpower together with Landcare Australia Limited (ACT, NSW, Qld, SA, Tas, Vic, WA)
- Workskil Australia Incorporated (SA)



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Participants

Who can join?

- Young Australians aged 17-24 years
- School leavers, gap year students, graduates, and job seekers

What do Participants get?

- Hands-on, practical skills and experience in environmental and conservation fields
- Training in first aid, work health and safety as well as units towards Certificate I or II qualifications
- An allowance which ranges from \$10.24-\$16.61 per hour



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Who can get involved?

- Community organisations, Landcare groups, natural resource management organisations, environment groups, Indigenous groups and local councils
- Projects can take place across urban, regional and remote Australia
- Projects can be on public land, Indigenous-held lands, or private land where there is a clear community and environmental and/or national or Indigenous heritage benefit



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Project Hosts

What is covered?

- Costs associated with a team of up to nine participants and a team supervisor for 20-26 weeks
- Basic materials (such as hand tools and wheelbarrows)
- Project consumables (such as seedlings, herbicide, mulch) and non-basic materials (such as brush-cutters and chemical spray packs), to an average of \$10,000 per project
- The Green Army is not a grants programme. Cash funding is not provided to Project Hosts



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Projects

International obligations

- UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
- Convention on Biological Diversity
- Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat
- Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
- Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage.



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National priorities

- Matters of National Environmental Significance under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act)
 - ❖ e.g. threatened species and communities, migratory species, Ramsar wetlands, World Heritage properties, National Heritage places
- Australia's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy 2010-2030



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Projects

What can projects involve?

- Propagating and planting native seedlings
- Weed control
- Revegetation and regeneration of local parks
- Habitat protection and restoration
- Improving water quality by cleaning up waterways
- Revegetation of sand dunes and mangroves
- Creek bank regeneration
- Foreshore and beach restoration
- Constructing boardwalks and walking tracks to protect local wildlife
- Cultural heritage conservation



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What makes a good project?

Selection criteria for projects:

- Have a clear environment or heritage conservation focus and contribute to Australia's national and international environmental priorities and obligations
- Have a clear public benefit and the support of the local community
- Offer participants a valuable, varied and practical experience
- Have clearly defined and feasible activities that represent value for money and can be delivered by Green Army teams
- Comprehensively and appropriately address risk, including work health and safety risks.



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What's changed in Round 4?

Round 4 will consist of two streams:

- Stream One: Heritage projects starting from 1 January 2016
- Stream Two: Projects starting from 1 July 2016 that address other environmental matters
 - ❖ especially projects that address threats to threatened species or the Great Barrier Reef and projects that deliver outcomes for remote areas and Indigenous communities
- All projects must be completed by 30 June 2017



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What's changed in Round 4?

Some Programme language has changed based on feedback from applicants and the community:

- 'Project Sponsor' has been changed to 'Project Host'
- 'Project Specific Materials' are now called 'Project Consumables' (e.g. seedlings, fencing materials, herbicide, mulch and tree guards)
- 'Non-basic Materials' are other eligible materials, which are retained by Service Providers for use on multiple Projects (e.g. brush cutters, chemical spray packs and power tools)



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What's changed in Round 4?

Improvements have been made to the Application Form:

- Applicants are requested to describe their level of engagement with their preferred Service Provider.
- Applicants are required to provide polygons using a mapping tool to describe their project location.



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Round 4

All supporting information is available on our website:

www.australia.gov.au/greenarmy

- Round Four Project Guidelines
- Application Form
- Fact Sheets



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20 Million Trees Programme

Objectives

- Establish 20 million trees by 2020
- Environmental conservation
- Community engagement
- Carbon reduction

Programme elements

- Grants: Round One Projects are underway
- Service Provider/s: Three Service Providers have been engaged – CO2 Australia, Greening Australia and Landcare Australia



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20 Million Trees Programme

Grant Round Two

- Round Two applications are now open and close on 16 September 2015
- Apply at the same time for up to three Green Army teams
- Eligible activities include: site preparation, weeding, plant propagation, direct seeding, planting and maintenance
- Priority for projects benefiting nationally listed threatened species and threatened ecological communities
- \$20,000-\$59,999 projects to finish by 30 June 2017
- \$60,000-\$100,000 projects to finish by 30 June 2018

www.nrm.gov.au/20-million-trees/competitive-grants-round-two



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