

GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA



Gallagher Landcare Electric Fencing Grants 2024



About the Gallagher Landcare Electric Fencing Grants

Gallagher, in partnership with Landcare Australia invite applications from community groups and individuals across Australia to apply for electric fencing projects which support conservation and biodiversity activities. Now entering the fifth grant round, the Gallagher Landcare Electric Fencing Grants provide support for conservation and biodiversity protection projects aligned with the priority areas of **Conservation Exclusion/Inclusion Fencing** and **Riparian Protection and Farm Dam Restoration** on Australian landscapes.

\$176,000 worth of **Gallagher permanent electric fencing product** will be offered in the 2024 Grant round, with up to 22 grants valued at \$8,000 each are available.

Application Process

The application will be a two-stage process.

- Stage One: The initial interest is lodged via an **Expression of Interest** form; and shortlisted projects will be invited to complete a full Application Form. You must submit an Expression of Interest in order to complete the full application.
- Stage Two: Those applicants selected to submit a full application will be assigned a relevant Gallagher Territory Manager to determine the most suitable combination of fencing products for the project.

Once the final applications are submitted, a panel of Gallagher and Landcare Australia personnel will critique and award the successful applicants.

Key Dates

Expression of interest form open	Monday 11 th March 2024 (9am AEST)
Expression of interest form closes (*may close early if demand is high)	Monday 15 th April 2024 (4pm AEST)
Applicants notified of the outcome of their expression on interest submission.	Monday 6 th May 2024
Full application form will open for shortlisted applicants	
Shortlisted applicants to liaise with local Gallagher Territory Manager	Wednesday 8 th May – Friday 7 th June 2024
Applications close	Friday 14 th June 2024 (4pm AEST)
Successful applicants notified	Week commencing 8 th July 2024
Progress report due	Friday 20 th December 2024
Final reports due and fencing installation complete	Friday 16 th May 2025

Eligibility

The Gallagher Landcare Fencing Grants 2024 are a national grant round, open to:

- Landcare groups or networks, community-based environmental groups
- Individual landholders, farmers, agriculturalists and graziers that are members or pending members of community/sustainable agricultural groups.

Ineligible Organisations

The following organisations are ineligible to apply for the Gallagher Landcare Fencing Grants 2024, but are encouraged to participate as co-contributors with eligible applicants:

- Commonwealth statutory authorities;
- State, Territory or Local Governments;
- Commonwealth statutory authorities;
- NRM organisations;
- Not for Profit organisations operating at a nationwide level; and/or
- Universities

Eligible Activities

Projects must utilise **Gallagher Permanent Electric Fencing** products to implement projects that align with one or both of the following two priority areas:

1. Conservation Exclusion/Inclusion Fencing

Installing permanent conservation fencing can help exclude threats to valuable native plants and animals, including:

- Preventing browsing or trampling by herbivores, such as domesticated livestock, pest animals, e.g. wild deer/pigs.
- Preventing damage from people unwittingly accessing sensitive environments;
- Land Managers with responsibilities to protect endangered species and enhance natural habitats from invasive species incursions.

2. Riparian Protection and Farm Dam Restoration

Enhancing the quality of water through restricting the access of animals to embankments of waterways and dams.

- Reducing trampling and protecting the flora within the riparian margins, reducing sediment entering the waterways and protecting the habitats of many native endangered animal and bird species.
- Restoring degraded farm dams into ecological assets by excluding or restricting livestock access. This can have significant benefits, including livestock health, improved drought resilience, water quality, biodiversity and ecological benefits by allowing native vegetation to establish and regenerate, reducing sedimentation and acting as a natural filter.

What is not supported

- Temporary electric fencing solutions
- Rotational grazing.
- Hinge joint/mesh/netting or barbed wire.

Assessment criteria

Successful projects will be chosen based on the following criteria:

Criteria	Weighting	How to meet the criteria
Environmental and sustainable agricultural outcomes via conservation exclusion/inclusion fencing; and/or riparian protection and farm dam restoration.	30%	Demonstrate that the project improves and protects the natural environmental assets on the property or adjoining boundary by protecting and enhancing water assets and environmental assets; protecting and enhancing native vegetation to support biodiversity.
Community engagement and knowledge-sharing outcomes	30%	Provide knowledge-sharing opportunities (e.g. through field days, site visits) with local community group or landholders to demonstrate Gallagher Electric Fencing solutions. Engage and collaborate with local Landcare or environment group(s), and/or local Landcare facilitators, coordinators, researchers, councils or catchment/NRM organisations to increase awareness and understanding the need for protection/management of environmental assets.
Feasible and technically-sound activities and realistic timeline	30%	Demonstrate the project activities are well planned (timing, location); adhere to relevant planning approvals or farming guidelines (e.g. regional plans, Best Practice info sheet, etc.); and demonstrate an adequate level of technical expertise to support the project (e.g. provide Gallagher Electric Fencing Materials Product List from Gallagher Territory Manager; suitable fencing experience or quote from a fencing contractor, letters of support from a local Landcare group and/or NRM, etc.)
In-kind support and commitment to project	10%	Demonstrate commitment to implementing and maintaining the abovementioned outcomes and goals. Capacity to cover additional fencing costs as required (see Gallagher Fencing Product links below); and ensure fencing installation is completed within project reporting dates. Permission from the adjoining landholder(s) to install any boundary fencing if applicable fencing.

Additional Criteria

Geographic locations - Where applicants achieve the primary targeted outcomes above, we also seek a spread of recipients across the country through our 19 [Gallagher Territory Manager regions](#).

Generally, higher scoring projects will be funded. The projects that are funded will also take into consideration the overall mix of project types and geographic locations.

How to apply

Eligible applicants can submit an Expression of Interest for the Gallagher Landcare Electric Fencing Grant 2024 via the Landcare Australia Grants site powered by SmartyGrants until 5pm (AEST) 15th April 2024.

1. Submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) form on the [Landcare Australia Grant Site](#). You can view and download the application form before you begin. An EOI **must** be submitted in order to be considered for a full application.
2. You must log in or register with SmartyGrants to be able to complete the application.
3. If you wish to save a partially completed EOI form, press 'Save and close' and log out. You can log back in and continue to edit your application until you are ready to submit.
4. To submit your EOI, click the 'Review and Submit' button at the bottom of the Navigation Panel. You need to review your form before you can submit it. Once you have submitted your EOI, the EOI form's status will change to 'Form completed', and no further editing of the EOI or uploading of support materials will be possible.
5. You will receive a confirmation email from SmartyGrants to the email address used to log in when your application has been successfully submitted. Please ensure you check your spam/junk mail folder if you do not receive the confirmation email.
6. If your EOI is shortlisted, you will be invited to complete a full application form. The application will require you to discuss your project requirements, (via phone/MS Teams appointment with a Territory Manager providing clear supporting images) and/or mutually arrange a site visit with the Gallagher Territory Manager.
7. Your Gallagher Territory Manager will determine the best Gallagher Electric Fencing solution for your project goals, and they will provide you with a Product List that needs to be uploaded in your final application.

For specific questions about your project that are not answered in the guidelines, please email grants@landcareaustralia.com.au

Example projects and resources

You can read about some of our past projects [here](#)

Reporting Requirements

As a condition of receiving a Gallagher Landcare Electric Fencing Grant, you will be required to complete a Progress and a Final Report for your project. The report must include a measure of improvement achieved (as described in the original application), as well as progress photos. Reporting is undertaken online, and Landcare Australia will send you the link shortly after you have received your grant. See key dates above.

About Gallagher Australia

Gallagher offers a range of permanent electric fencing solutions for long term protection of natural assets. The continued offering of the Gallagher Landcare Fencing Grants represents a treasured expansion of Gallagher's partnership with Landcare Australia, to support Landcare's vision and increase the company's efforts in demonstrating both partners commitment to local communities and the environment.

About Gallagher Electric Fencing Products

For 85 years Gallagher has proudly designed and manufactured a range of animal management solutions including permanent electric fencing, and market-leading weighing & EID products including Weigh Scales, EID Tag Readers and blue tooth operated Load Bars, with Cloud stored and transmitted data capability between multiple devices.

Gallagher's relentless innovation is to provide intelligent electric fence energisers with cost effective environmentally friendly fence solutions offers great options for land and animal managers.

The Gallagher range of Electric Fencing includes Suspension Fencing, Insulated Line Posts and Electric Fence Droppers as well as Energizers, WiFi gateways (cellular and Satellite capability) for 24/7 monitoring of fences to a mobile phone, Gallagher Mega Anchor Post, Stay & Gate Kits and other components required to complete a fence line.

A combination of items above can form a raft of fence solutions and with adaptation form the new Gallagher Sanctuary fence. To learn more about how Gallagher Electric Fencing solutions can help you achieve your management of invasive and/or domesticated animals and conservation fencing goals, seek a regional agricultural field day.

PLEASE [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD SAMPLE GALLAGHER ELECTRIC FENCING SOLUTIONS](#). THIS PROVIDES AN OVERVIEW OF DIFFERENT FENCING SOLUTIONS, WITH ESTIMATED FENCING LENGTH, REQUIRED PRODUCTS, COSTS AND IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED TO INSTALL A COMPLETE FENCING SYSTEM WI

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Click [here](#) to find an event near you

No events? View a recording of the event [here](#)

Click [here](#) to view Gallagher Fencing instructional videos

About Landcare Australia

Landcare Australia is a national not-for-profit organisation established more than 30 years ago, that supports the landcare community with funding, capacity-building, on-ground projects, information, networking and promotion of landcare achievements. Landcare Australia also delivers major land restoration projects.

Across Australia, our partnerships support thousands of people involved in landcare who are working to protect local ecosystems that contribute to the sustainability and productivity of our land and water assets. Together with the landcare community, our efforts improve biodiversity, build resilience in Australia's food and farming systems, and create stronger communities. We are focused on supporting and working with First Nations, youth, women and engaging farmers and landholders in the emerging environmental markets.

Landcare enables people to actively care for the natural environment in their community through sustainable land management and conservation activities.

For more information, please visit landcareaustralia.org.au.

Terms and Conditions

This grant program will be administered by Landcare Australia. Prior to receiving funding you will be required to agree to the standard [terms and conditions](#).

All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application in writing after the assessment process is completed. All decisions are final and are not subject to further review.

Enquiries

If you have any questions after reading these Guidelines, please contact Landcare Australia's Grants Team at grants@landcareaustralia.com.au



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