

2024 Corella Management Grant Program

Guidelines



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Two Little Corellas on branch grooming each other
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We acknowledge and respect Victorian Traditional Owners as the original custodians of Victoria's land and waters, their unique ability to care for Country and deep spiritual connection to it. We honour Elders past and present whose knowledge and wisdom has ensured the continuation of culture and traditional practices.

We are committed to genuinely partner, and meaningfully engage, with Victoria's Traditional Owners and Aboriginal communities to support the protection of Country, the maintenance of spiritual and cultural practices and their broader aspirations in the 21st century and beyond.



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1. What is the Corella Management Grant Program?

The Corella Management Grant Program (CMGP) supports community, industry, and local government who are being adversely impacted by Long-billed Corella and Little Corella populations.

The Victorian Government is funding these grants to address agricultural, infrastructural, environmental, and social impacts of corella on community and to achieve the following specific outcomes:

- Aid mitigation in managing corella impacts on community.
- Evaluate effectiveness of management options, with a focus on utilising non-lethal control techniques and trialling or researching new methods.
- Better evaluation of the financial impacts of corella damage and associated management costs.
- Review of the social, economic and environmental implications of management practices.

The Corella Management Grants Program guidelines align with the [Victorian Corella Strategy 2022-2032](#).

The strategy promotes a 'living with wildlife' approach to encourage positive attitudes to corellas, as part of a broader strategy for management of human/wildlife conflict in Victoria.

It aims to achieve long-term outcomes for wildlife and for the community through:

- Protection of animal welfare
- Healthy and sustainable wildlife populations and habitat
- Reduced impact of wildlife on environmental, social, cultural and economic assets and values
- Community valuing wildlife and contributing to managing wildlife impacts

2. Who can apply?

The following organisations and individuals can apply for funding:

- individuals experiencing impacts on their land
- Committees of management
- local government authorities
- private sector businesses and agencies
- agricultural industry
- Traditional Owner organisations
- other land managers (e.g. schools, sporting organisations, recreation reserves)
- research institutes
- not for profit organisations.

In addition, to be eligible for funding applicants must:

- be the designated land manager of the project site or have permission of the project sites land manager to undertake the project.

3. Who cannot apply?

The following organisations and individuals cannot apply for funding:

- Commonwealth government
- State government

4. What might be funded?

Priorities for funding

Project designs that promote one or more of the following principles will be given priority:

- Integrated community-based approaches to manage corellas that are informed by community perspective.
- Cross tenure projects that seek to manage the issue at the landscape level and across multiple problem sites.
- Are well designed to evaluate and compare the effectiveness of management interventions and collect informative data.
- Promote the use of non-lethal control measures.
- Trial and evaluate the use of novel management approaches.
- Where possible, reduce the level of ongoing management required e.g. protecting key assets from damage long-term or reducing site suitability for corellas.
- Projects where the impact is well evidenced or those that seek to improve understanding of impact as part of project design.
- Factors in the propensity of corellas to habituate to deterrents and seeks to either test the extent of this behaviour (and therefore limitations of deterrents) or counters this through continually varying deterrent method/techniques, measuring effectiveness of each.
- Explore aboriginal procurement opportunities for delivering Natural Resource Management projects on Country (e.g. vegetation projects) or explore partnerships with local Traditional Owners

** Although agricultural netting can be applied for, please note that large scale netting projects are not a priority for these grants and project designs that primarily rely on this means of management may not be supported.

Example management options

The following are examples of management strategies that land managers may wish to explore and enact in combination:

- Planting projects that minimise corella suitability at problem sites.
 - E.g. Native planting that increases understorey vegetation to reduce corella suitability and access as they can't see approach of potential predators.
 - Researching corella preference for roosting trees to inform a planting guide that deters corella presence at unwanted sites.
- Scaring programs. The integrated, strategic and varied use of deterrent measures such as;
 - Noise deterrence (gas guns, whip cracking, recorded alarm/distress calls). *[please refer to resources (section 15) at the end of the guidelines for guidance on permit requirements]*
 - Pyrotechnics *[please refer to section 15 for guidance on permit requirements]*
 - UAV (drones) *[please refer to section 15 for guidance on permit requirements]*
 - Eagle Eye bird control systems
 - Bird of prey kites or balloons with large predator eyes
 - Basic visual deterrents (e.g. reflective/humming/ holographic tape, bunting or flags, kites)
- Agricultural solutions (decoy food/crop sites, grain treatment and management)

- Corella exclusion or proofing projects that protect at-risk assets e.g. perch deterrents (bird spikes, shock perches, rolling perches), protective cages surrounding valuable infrastructure (e.g. split systems), sheathing on cables, changing to corella proof materials in infrastructure design.
- Installation of visual screens that reduce corella suitability and access as they can't see approach of potential predators (suitable for tennis courts, bowling greens, golf greens but can be applied more broadly).

* * Methods such as scaring programs or decoy cropping/food sources can be reinforced by the use of lethal control as a threat at control sites and to encourage bird dispersal to other sites. *[please refer to resources (section 15) at the end of the guidelines for guidance on permit requirements]*

The program will support the following categories of expenditure:

- Management materials (see above deterrence systems and management examples)
- Costs to retrofit infrastructure with Corella proof materials (e.g. unpalatable metal or plastic), including installation expenses where appropriate
- Engaging and partnering with the local community and effected groups
- Technical specialists and advisers to assist in project design, research, project delivery and evaluation

5. What will not be funded?

The following are deterrent measures that are known to be ineffective and projects should avoid:

- Ultrasonic noise systems
- Bird of prey calls
- Motionless visual deterrents (fake owls, snakes etc.)

The CMGP will not fund the following activities:

- Financial compensation for damage caused by corellas
- Projects that utilise lethal control as the primary method of management
- Activities located outside the State of Victoria.
- Routine operation or running costs. These are the costs of resources used by an organisation just to maintain its existence (e.g. rent)
- Costs and activities that are already funded through another organisation, program or fund source.
- Activities that were intended to be your in-kind contribution to another funded project
- Actions or costs associated with native vegetation offset sites or activities. For example, meeting a condition of a planning permit, contract or investment program, Section 173 agreement for offset covenant
- Any activity involving clearing of native vegetation, unless it is a declared environmental weed in your area. In this instance, a permit for removal of vegetation may still be required
- Any illegal activity
- Computers, laptops, tablets and smartphones
- Insurance
- Interstate or international travel & accommodation, conference registration
- Political campaigning or advocacy activities for political parties

- Any other item, action or activity determined by the Panel through the assessment process to be an inappropriate or unsuitable use of the funds.

6. What are the funding details?

The Victorian Government has \$250,000 available through competitive grants delivering on the CMGP objectives.

Category	
Amount	There is no cap on funds that applicants can apply for. All applications must however be proportional to the scale of corella impact and scale of proposed management and associated costs. For applications greater than \$50,000, it is expected that organisations provide in-kind support.
Project duration	Small scale projects should be complete within 12 months from the start of agreement. Timelines for completion of larger scale projects are negotiable depending on project design.
Application process	Standard application via online process.
Number of applications	Applications are unlimited

What are the additional project eligibility requirements?

- All projects must comply with government policies and relevant legislation.
- Applicants should familiarise themselves with requirements of the Wildlife Act 1975. Please refer to links in the resources section for further information.
- When required, applications must show proof of application for permits (e.g. ATCW) as part of their application and acquire permits before beginning project works.

7. What are the assessment criteria?

First, applications will be checked for eligibility to make sure that the applicant and their activity are eligible for funding. After that, eligible applications will be assessed using the criteria listed below. Each criterion is given a percentage weighting to indicate its relative importance in the assessment process. Applications should address all relevant criteria.

Assessment criteria	Weight	Description – how to meet each criterion
Project Need	15%	Demonstrate the need for the project by detailing one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The impact of the corella management issue and how this project addresses the issue - The research knowledge gap the project addresses
How does the project achieve the CMGP objectives?	45%	Describe how the project will meet objectives of the CMGP and help deliver on principles and outcomes of the Victorian Corella Strategy 2022-2032. Please also refer to section 4 for details on CMGP priorities.

Capacity and risk	30%	<p>Demonstrate the applicant’s or organisation’s ability to successfully deliver the project including evidence of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A clear, detailed, and reasonable timeframe to deliver the activities - An appropriate project risk table, completed and attached to the application - Provision of permits or approvals, or proof of application - Any suitable skills and resources available to deliver the project - A plan for the project deliverables beyond the life of the project
Value for money	10%	<p>Demonstrate the project is good value for money, as represented by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relevant and appropriate budget items, necessary to the successful completion of the project. Quotes for expenses above \$1,000 are provided. - The scale of the project and activities versus the funding sought. - For applications >\$50,000, a contribution of in-kind support (e.g., financial support from businesses, volunteer or staff time) is expected from organisations. Applicants will need to provide details of proposed in-kind contributions in their applications.

8. What supporting documents will need to be provided?

Please submit the following documents with your application:

1. Written consent from the relevant public land manager or private landowner to undertake the activity.
2. Approval for appropriate works permit/s from councils or other authorities.
3. Budget & risk template.
4. Quotes for expenditure items \$1,000 and above.
5. Proof of application for any required permits under the Wildlife Act 1975 required for the wilful disturbance, lethal control or research of Long-billed and/or Little Corellas.

9. What are the funding conditions?

Funding agreements

Successful applicants must enter into a funding agreement with Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA). The Victorian Common Funding Agreement is used for funding agreements with not for profit organisations and Local Government Authorities.

It is recommended that applicants review the terms and conditions before applying. Information about the Victorian Common Funding Agreement is available on <https://www.vic.gov.au/victorian-common-funding-agreement>

The activity does not include using the Funding for political campaigning or advocacy activities for political parties.

Legislative and regulatory requirements

In delivering the activity grant recipients are required to comply with all relevant Commonwealth and state/territory legislations and regulations, including but not limited to:

- *The Privacy Act 1988 (Commonwealth)*
- *The Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Vic)*

- *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004*
- *Wildlife Act 1975*
- *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986*

Tax implications

Applicants should consult the Australian Taxation Office or seek professional advice on any taxation implications that may arise from this grant funding.

Successful applicants without an ABN will need to provide a completed Australian Taxation Office form ‘Statement by a Supplier’ so that no withholding tax is required from the grant payment.

Acknowledging the Victorian Government’s support

Successful applicants are expected to acknowledge the Victorian Government’s support and promotional guidelines (<https://www2.delwp.vic.gov.au/grants>) will form part of the funding agreement. Successful applicants must liaise with the departmental program area to coordinate any public events or announcements related to the project.

Payments

Payments will be made as long as:

- the funding agreement has been signed by both parties;
- grant recipients provide reports as required, or otherwise demonstrate that the activity is progressing as expected;
- other terms and conditions of funding continue to be met.

Monitoring

Grant recipients are required to comply with project monitoring and reporting requirements as outlined in the funding agreement. This may include progress reports, site inspections, completion reports and acquittal documentation.

Privacy

Any personal information about you or a third party in your application will be collected by the department for the purposes of administering your grant application and informing Members of Parliament of successful applications. Personal information may also be disclosed to external experts, such as members of assessment panels, or other Government Departments for assessment, reporting, advice, comment or for discussions regarding alternative or collaborative grant funding opportunities. If you intend to include personal information about third parties in your application, please ensure that they are aware of the contents of this privacy statement.

Any personal information about you or a third party in your correspondence will be collected, held, managed, used, disclosed or transferred in accordance with the provisions of the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* and other applicable laws.

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Requests for access to information about you held by DEECA should be sent to the Manager Privacy, P.O. Box 500 East Melbourne 8002 or contact by emailing Foi.unit@delwp.vic.gov.au.

10. What is the application process?

Applications are submitted online using the Grants Online portal.

To apply, go to the grant program web page <https://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/grants/corella-management-grants-program> and click on the 'Start New Application' button. To return to a saved draft application, click on the 'Access Saved Application' button.

Attaching required documents:

Supporting documents must be in an acceptable file type, such as Word, Excel, PDF, or JPEG. The maximum file size for each file is 10MB.

You will receive an application number when you submit an application online. Please quote this number in all communications with the department relating to your application.

If you have documents to submit that cannot be attached to your online application you can email them to wildlife@delwp.vic.gov.au quoting your application number. Attach all documents to one email, zipping the files if required.

Make sure your application is submitted by **1:00 pm on Monday June 3rd 2024**.

Note: No hard copy applications will be accepted. Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.

11. Additional information

Additional information is available at the program web page <https://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/grants/corella-management-grants-program>

If you require assistance submitting your application online, email grantsinfo@delwp.vic.gov.au.

12. What is the notification process?

Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing after the assessment process is completed. All decisions are final and are not subject to further review. Unsuccessful applicants can ask for feedback on their application.

13. Key dates

Applications open	8 May 2024
Applications close	3 June 2024, 1pm (AEDT)
Applicants notified	As soon as application is assessed and deemed eligible

14. Checklist

Read these guidelines and the information about this grant program at <https://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/grants/corella-management-grants-program>

before applying and complete the following checklist.

Have you:

* read these guidelines carefully?

- * checked if you are, or your organisation is, eligible for this grant funding?
- * checked if your activity is eligible for this grant funding?
- * checked that you would be able to comply with all relevant laws and regulations in delivery of your activity?
- * prepared the appropriate supporting documents and evidence?

15. Resources to inform project design and legal requirements

Please refer to the following resources for information on management methods for guidance in designing your project and to understand legal requirements for restricted management methods and research:

[Victorian Corella Strategy 2022-2032](#)

[Managing wildlife, including cockatoos](#)

[Wildlife management and control authorisations](#)

[Research Permits](#)

