

# Wildlife Rehabilitator Grants 2022-23

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the Wildlife Rehabilitator Grants program?

The Victorian Government's Wildlife Rehabilitator Grants program provides funding to support authorised wildlife shelter operators and foster carers to improve the standard of wildlife care they provide, improve their facilities to treat, house and rehabilitate wildlife for release and increase their knowledge and skills in the care of wildlife.

### How to apply?

Apply at [wildlife.vic.gov.au/grants/wildlife-rehabilitator-grants](https://wildlife.vic.gov.au/grants/wildlife-rehabilitator-grants). From this web page, click on the **Start a new application** button.

Please see the *Wildlife Rehabilitator Grants 2022-23 Guidelines* for further information on how to apply.

### When do applications close?

**Applications close at 1:00 pm on Tuesday 6 September 2022.**

Late applications will not be accepted.

### Can I decide how to use funding?

You can decide what items (equipment, infrastructure, and training) to apply for in the application form. Ensure you only choose eligible items, as detailed in the guidelines.

If your grant is approved, then grant funds can only be used on the approved budget items and activities. This will be specified in your Letter of Offer and the signed Victorian Common Funding Agreement (contract) for the grant.

### Can I apply for one item category only?

Yes. However, funding for consumable items such as feed, petrol and medical supplies is limited to \$1,500.

### Can I apply for an item or training course that is not listed in the guidelines?

Yes, providing it's not listed as an ineligible item. The Assessment Panel has the discretion to approve any action or activity determined to be an appropriate or suitable use of the funds. Any item or training not specifically stated as ineligible, will be assessed on merit. This will be determined by how relevant the item or training is to wildlife rehabilitation.

Please note that if the item you apply for is deemed ineligible, this will not affect the rest of your application if you separately list any other items or courses on your application.

If you are unsure about an item, please contact the Wildlife Rehabilitator Grants program team at [enviro.grants@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:enviro.grants@delwp.vic.gov.au).

### How long do I have to complete the project?

You will need to complete your project and all approved purchases and activities by 30 September 2023. A completion report and evidence will be due 31 October 2023.

### Why do I need to have two years minimum experience to be eligible to apply for a grant?

Rehabilitation of animals can be time consuming and resource intensive. The two years minimum requirement is to ensure that you are committed to being a rehabilitator, have done some training, and have the support around you to be successful.

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### Why do I need the property owner's consent for my project?

You will need to demonstrate that the property owner supports your activities as infrastructure including enclosures and aviaries are significant items to install on someone else's property.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) would like to see long term benefit from the infrastructure funding we provide.

Written approval to install infrastructure on someone else's property is required at the application stage and is an eligibility requirement.

### If I need to make a change to my application form, what do I do?

Please ensure that you carefully read and check your application form before submitting. Use the **Preview** button to check you have completed all relevant sections, that all the information is true and correct and that you have attached required supporting documents.

In the unlikely event that you do need to make a change after you have pressed submit:

If more than one day before the end date - email [grantsinfo@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:grantsinfo@delwp.vic.gov.au).

If less than one day before the closing time - submit a new application form by going to [wildlife.vic.gov.au/grants/wildlife-rehabilitator-grants](http://wildlife.vic.gov.au/grants/wildlife-rehabilitator-grants) and click on the Start a new application button. Please make a note in the feedback section that it is a corrected version, so that we can disregard your previous/incorrect application.

### Will receipt of my application form be acknowledged?

Receipt of your application will be acknowledged via a Grants Online system generated email to your registered email address.

You can also login to [delwp1.force.com](http://delwp1.force.com) to access your draft and submitted applications.

### I have submitted my application form, now what happens?

Applications will be assessed against the funding criteria by an Assessment Panel. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application once assessment is completed and projects are approved by the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Action.

Please note that:

*"As the Victorian State election will be held on Saturday 26 November 2022, the Victorian Government will assume a caretaker role from 6.00pm on 1 November 2022 until such time that either it becomes clear that the incumbent government will be returned, or when a new government is commissioned.*

*In line with the caretaker conventions, the incoming government will determine whether to proceed with this grant process and enter into funding agreement/award the grants after the caretaker period.*

*Applicants should be aware that:*

*all information about this grant process represents the position of the current government only, and is subject to change; and the incoming government may decide to not proceed with this grant process."*

### Where can I find more information?

More information can be found in the guidelines for the Wildlife Rehabilitator Grants available at [wildlife.vic.gov.au/grants/wildlife-rehabilitator-grants](http://wildlife.vic.gov.au/grants/wildlife-rehabilitator-grants).

### Who can I contact for more help?

You can contact the DELWP Customer Contact Centre on 138 186.

The Wildlife Rehabilitator Grants program team can be contacted at [enviro.grants@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:enviro.grants@delwp.vic.gov.au).

For technical issues with Grants Online, email [grantsinfo@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:grantsinfo@delwp.vic.gov.au).