

2021-24 Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program

Frequently Asked Questions
January 2021

Purpose

Applications for the 2021-24 Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program (VLFP) are now open.

The 2021-24 Victorian Landcare Facilitator Program Guidelines (the guidelines) provide comprehensive information about the application process and requirements and are the primary source of information about the 2021-24 VLFP.

The guidelines can be found at: environment.vic.gov.au/grants/vlfp

Please ensure you have read the guidelines before reading these Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

These FAQs answer specific questions and will be updated as required during the application process to provide further clarification about the 2021-24 VLFP.

Our organisation already employs a Landcare facilitator. Do we need to apply again?

Yes. Funding for the current VLFP will end on 30 June 2021 and the 2021-24 VLFP will start 1 July 2021.

Existing organisations who currently employ a VLFP-funded Landcare facilitator must re-apply under the requirements of the 2021-24 VLFP.

Some aspects of the 2021-24 VLFP including the Key Work Areas and employment requirements will change to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the VLFP.

Our organisation already employs a Landcare facilitator. If we are a successful applicant, will we need to re-advertise our Landcare facilitator position?

No. Successful applicant organisations under the 2021-24 VLFP can employ a Landcare facilitator of their choice, provided that the candidate meets the requirements of the position and has the right skills to deliver on the Key Work Areas.

Our group would like to be supported by a Landcare facilitator but does not want to be responsible for employing a Landcare facilitator or is not eligible to be an employer. Can we apply?

A group that does not want to employ a Landcare facilitator or is not eligible to be an employer, but would like to be supported by a Landcare facilitator will need to either:

- Be part of an application being prepared by another group/network that is willing to be the applicant and employ a Landcare facilitator in accordance with the 2021-24 VLFP Guidelines; or
- Work with a partner organisation such as a Catchment Management Authority (CMA), local government or not-for-profit organisation that is willing to apply for and employ a Landcare facilitator to support your group and other groups/networks in the area.

In either of the above scenarios your group will need to complete a Letter of Endorsement (using the template provided) confirming your inclusion in the application and your willingness to provide input into the development



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and delivery of the work program for the Landcare facilitator. You will need to provide this Letter of Endorsement to the applicant to submit as part of their application.

Can we apply for a Landcare facilitator one day per week?

Yes. Applications can be submitted for **up to 0.5 FTE** full-time equivalent (2.5 days per week) employment of a Landcare facilitator with maximum funding of \$57,985 per year.

The expected number of groups/networks to be supported will be reduced on a pro-rata basis for applications that are for less than the maximum funding/FTE.

Can we engage a Landcare facilitator as a contractor?

Yes. It is preferred that Landcare facilitators are employees but they can also be engaged as a contractors. It is important to understand the difference between an employee and a contractor especially for tax and superannuation purposes. You will also need to ensure that a contractor has the required insurance.

For more information see [www.ato.gov.au/Calculators-and-tools/Employee-or-contractor/?page=1#Difference between employee and contractor](http://www.ato.gov.au/Calculators-and-tools/Employee-or-contractor/?page=1#Difference%20between%20employee%20and%20contractor)

How many Landcare facilitator positions are available in the 2021-24 VLFP?

The number of positions funded and the term of funding provided will depend on a range of factors including total program budget and the amount of funding requested for each position through the 2021-24 VLFP application process.

There is no guarantee all successful applications will be provided funding for the full 2021-24 period.

What is the total program funding available?

The total program budget will be confirmed following delivery of the 2021-22 State Budget which is expected in May 2021.

How many years of funding can we apply for?

Applications can be submitted for up to three years of funding.

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Who can I contact for more information?

DELWP Victorian Landcare Program

Please contact us via email at landcare@delwp.vic.gov.au or phone John Robinson (Project Officer) on 0429 565 070 or Julie Edwards (Senior Project Officer) on 0429 001 565, Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.

CMA Regional Landcare Coordinators

The Regional Landcare Coordinator in your area can help your group/network to achieve the most suitable application arrangements to suit your needs and capacity by identifying potential partner organisations; providing regional oversight; and coordinating between groups/networks and partner organisations in your region.

CMA Region	Website	RLC	Contacts
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