

Caring For Our Country: Reef Rescue Water Quality Grants

Purpose

Reef Rescue's aim is to improve the water quality of the Great Barrier Reef lagoon by increasing the uptake of land management practices that reduce the run-off of nutrients, pesticides and sediments from agricultural land.

Grants will be available for:

- On-farm devolved grants of between \$2,000 and \$40,000 for individual farm enterprises.
- Cross-farm devolved grants of between \$2,000 and \$150,000 for groups of two or more farmers.

The limit of \$40,000 for "on-farm" devolved grants may be exceeded for outstanding projects including those which might be considered "cutting edge" in which case funding of up to \$150,000 may apply. "Cutting Edge" includes scientifically sound innovative farm management practices with the potential, if successful, to be applied broadly across the farming sector to achieve improvements in water quality for the benefit of the Reef.

General Eligibility

Industry sectors are strongly encouraged to apply, including Cane; Dairy; Grazing and Fruit and Vegetable growers.

Eligible farms must be located within the Daintree/Mossman, Bloomfield, Barron, Russell/Mulgrave, and Johnstone, Tully/Murray or Herbert river catchments.

Activities eligible for funding include (but are not limited to):

- Nutrient management.
- Soil management (including ground cover, soil health and erosion management).
- Riparian management.
- Water management (including water quality and increasing efficiency).
- Pesticide usage.
- Training and Farm Action Plan development.

Closing Date

Funding for 2008/09 has now closed. Further funding will be available in following years.

Assistance Provided

Between \$2,000 and \$150,000 is available.

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