



**Local Land
Services**



**National
Landcare
Program**



2022/23 Climate Ready Aquaculture Incentives Program

Guidelines for Applicants

Program Information	
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The “Climate Ready Aquaculture” project is supported by Hunter LLS, through funding from the Australian Government’s National Landcare Program. Maximum funding amount per grower \$5,000
Applications open	1 st July 2022
Closing date for applications	31 st August 2022 (Note: this is the final funding round, projects must be completed within the 2022-23 financial year)
Final date to sign contracts	Within 14 days of letter of offer
Final date for completion of approved projects	31 st March 2023
Eligibility	Oyster growers who have completed (or commenced) Oyster Farm Profiles with Hunter Local Land Services (LLS).
Eligible activities	Works involving the adoption of practices that improve adaptation to climate change. Projects with both an environmental and productivity benefit are encouraged.
Minimum outputs to be delivered by the Program	10 growers applying sustainable practices
Target Areas	Wallis Lake, Manning River and Port Stephens including Karuah River
Lodging applications	Electronically: incentives.program@lls.nsw.gov.au Written: PO Box 440 Taree NSW 2430 or in person at 26 Muldoon Street Taree NSW 2430
Conditions of Funding	Standard LLS Grant funding terms and conditions apply
How will projects be assessed?	Applications will be assessed by a panel against the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cash contribution from applicant at least matches amount requested from LLS (up to \$5,000) Works involve adopting practices that improve adaptation to climate change Works improve future viability of a business e.g. by reducing future waste management costs or using an improved production method.
Where to get assistance?	Phone: Brian Hughes 0428 293 021 Phone: Chloe Baker 0432 568 185 Email: admin@hunter.lls.nsw.gov.au Office: 26 Muldoon Street (PO Box 440) Taree NSW 2430



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Contracts

All Hunter LLS Grants will be delivered through an Agreement. A copy of the standard agreement letter is available to all applicants to review prior to submitting the application. Please contact the LLS office to access a copy of the standard agreement template.

The Agreement letter will need to be signed by the applicant and the lessee (if different). The lessee on the application should match the lessee that will sign the contract and this should also match lessee that will receive the Grant funds.

How will you be paid?

A payment schedule will be determined as part of funding agreement negotiations. Funds will generally be paid 80% on contract signing and baseline photographs. The remainder of funds will be paid on completion of agreed milestones with 20% being withheld for the submission and approval of the final report.

All Grant payments from the LLS will be made during the 2022-23 financial year provided milestones are achieved. Milestone payments may require a site inspection by the LLS to verify completion of the milestone. A final report on the project outcomes will be required to receive the final payment.

Payment will be made on receipt of a signed ATO compliant tax invoice on completion of agreement milestones. GST registered Grantees will be paid 10% GST on top of the approved Grant amount. Applicants should discuss the implications of receiving funding from the LLS with a financial adviser prior to applying.

Monitoring and Reporting

All on-ground projects funded by the LLS will be required to provide before and after photographs and in some cases regular Photo-point monitoring. The LLS has a guideline for photo monitoring available on the website.

A final report on the project outcomes will be required to receive a final payment.

Further details of monitoring requirements and templates for reports are available from an LLS contact officer and will be made available to successful applicants.

Maintenance

All funded activities will require maintenance to ensure the outcomes are maintained. On-ground projects will generally be required to be maintained for 5 years, but exceptions may apply for community groups.

Public Liability Insurance

All funded projects must be prepared to maintain current Public Liability Insurance (\$10 million) for the duration of the agreement. A copy of your certificate of currency should be provided with your project application. The LLS will not enter into an agreement with a proponent until a copy of your certificate of currency is supplied.

Disclosure of Information

The LLS has requirements with the Australian and NSW Government to provide spatial information and details of funded works. The LLS will be required report spatially and on activities to these funding bodies, which may in turn be published on public websites. The LLS aims to provide information to the public spatially on achievements associated with public funds. Your project may be represented spatially e.g. point or polygon on catchment scale map in publicly released documents but no detailed information will be released.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

The LLS recommends that Aboriginal consultation be undertaken during the planning stage of all projects. The LLS has Aboriginal staff that can assist you in contacting the appropriate person(s) or organisation.

Workplace Health and Safety

You must undertake your own identification and analysis of all WHS risks associated with the Project.

You must ensure the health and safety of all people whom your activities may affect under this Agreement, in compliance with WHS laws.

You warrant and represent that you have (and will ensure that your contractors have) the necessary resources in place to comply with WHS laws and have taken all necessary measures to assess and eliminate or control risks arising from hazards associated with the Project.