

Rain Garden 500

Expression of interest

This expression of interest should be completed after reading the *Rain Garden 500 application guide* and speaking with relevant people within local government and/or the EPA for guidance.

Eligibility

Proposed rain gardens must represent current best practice in respect to their planning, community engagement, design, documentation, construction, establishment and ongoing management, monitoring and maintenance. For general information about Rain Garden 500, refer to the application guide, available on the EPA website.

Projects eligible for Rain Garden 500 funding are to be located in the Adelaide region within catchments that discharge to the coast. Please refer to Figure 1 in the application guide. The rain garden must be designed as a bio-filtration (bio-retention) system. It must incorporate a saturated zone and use plants native to the Adelaide region and suited to nutrient removal. Technical considerations are further detailed in Section 3 of the application guide.

The rain garden may be a single garden bed or a series of rain gardens. These may also be part of a larger project with other components. If part of a larger project, only the bio-filtration component will be considered eligible for funding. Funding may be applied to design planning work, construction materials and construction, including filter media and the cost of plants.

The range of funds available for any one project is from \$3,000 to \$50,000. If the cost of your project is greater than this amount please contact the EPA to discuss options. You may be able to stage project works over a few years or split it up into separate, smaller projects. Only projects that contribute an equivalent financial and/or in-kind commitment to the amount of funding being sought in the application will be considered.

Projects must be developed in partnership with the landholder and/or community, and the council responsible for the area in which the project is located. See Section 5 of the application guide for further details. Also, projects must be able to demonstrate that they have a capacity to deliver the project in the financial year in which they have applied to receive the funds.

All projects must be able to demonstrate that the rain garden structure can be maintained for 10–15 years after completion. It must be registered on a relevant asset register, and commitments must be made to ensure it becomes part of an asset maintenance program.

Expression of interest for funding for FY 2017–18 may be submitted at any time. **Full applications will be due 21 June 2017.**

Paper copies should be submitted to:

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Rain Garden 500 Expressions of Interest

Environment Protection Authority

GPO 2607

Adelaide SA 5001

Electronic copies may be submitted to: <epainfo@epa.sa.gov.au>.

Project title

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Applicant details

Entity:					
Postal address:					
Contact person:					
Telephone:		Mobile		Email	

Proposed site details

Street address				
GPS coordinates	Latitude		Longitude	
Catchment and subcatchment details, eg Patawalonga				
Subcatchment area m ² (that directly feeds into rain garden)				
Subcatchment land use, eg main road, industrial, residential				
Rain garden surface area				

Partner details (if applicable)

Entity:					
Postal address:					
Contact person:					
Telephone:		Mobile		Email	

Project outline – provide a detailed outline including:

<p>Objectives – please include multiple aims, eg for water quality improvement, enhancing biodiversity, amenity and aesthetic values, educational etc.</p> <p>Note: water quality improvement must be part of the objectives</p>	
<p>Expected outcomes – link to objectives and outline public benefit of project to local community and environment</p>	
<p>Links to other components of the project including those that may not be eligible for funding</p>	
<p>Links to local plans, policies and strategies that support this work being done (include specific references to these documents if relevant)</p>	
<p>Any other additional information about how project will benefit the local community and/or the local environment</p>	

Budget summary

Please provide details of funding sought (only the bio-filtration component of larger projects will be considered eligible for funding)

	\$	Other contributions (in kind). Include a breakdown of how this is determined, eg estimate volunteer or staff time
Applicant contribution		
Partner contribution (if applicable)		
Rain Garden 500 contribution (funding amount likely to be sought)		
Total project value		

Checklist for completion of Expression of Interest form

1	Have you read the <i>Rain Garden 500 application guide</i> ?	
2	Have you completed all sections of the Expression of Interest form?	
3	Have you attached any additional relevant information?	
4	Have you spoken with the EPA about the intended development of this proposed project?	
5	Have you spoken with your relevant local government contacts or land managers about this proposed project?	
6	Have you sought sign off on this Expression of Interest form from relevant partner groups?	
7	Have you signed the Expression of Interest form?	

Applicant signature

Signature (person authorised to sign):	
Date:	
Print name:	
Entity:	

Partner 1 signature (if applicable)

Signature (person authorised to sign):	
Date:	
Print name :	
Entity:	

Partner 2 signature (if applicable)

Signature (person authorised to sign):	
Date:	
Print name:	
Entity:	