

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 22  
**Hearing:** Supplementary Budget Estimates  
**Outcome:** Outcome 1.1  
**Programme:** Biodiversity Conservation Division (BCD)  
**Topic:** Open Grant Rounds under the NLP  
**Hansard Page:** N/A  
**Question Date:** 21 October 2015  
**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Urquhart asked:**

1. Are there any grants rounds open under the National Landcare Program? If so, what are these?

**Answer:**

Under the regional stream of the National Landcare Programme, regional natural resource management organisations are required to invest a minimum of 20 per cent of their Government funding towards community engagement, including local projects and activities undertaken by community groups, such as Landcare as well as individual landholders.

All organisations have embraced this requirement, with expected investment in this component of the National Landcare Programme to exceed \$120 million over four years from 2014-15.

NRM organisations are determining the most appropriate and efficient mix of in-house delivery and partnerships to ensure that farmers, Landcare and other community groups can access funding to undertake important on-ground work in local communities. NRM organisations have a range of grant rounds open across the country. Further details can be found at [nrm.gov.au](http://nrm.gov.au) along with contact details for the 56 regional NRM organisations.

In addition, on 5 November 2015, the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources opened the National Landcare Programme Sustainable Agriculture Small Grants Round 2015-16. Grants between \$5,500 and \$55,000 (GST inclusive) are being made available for the purposes of increasing industry capacity and supporting the adoption of productive management practices.