

Crown Reserves Improvement Fund (CRIF) grants in 24-25

This document provides responses to frequently asked questions about the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund (CRIF) grants program for 2024-25. For the latest information and further guidance documentation please refer to the [Reserve Manager website](#).

When will the annual CRIF funding round be open for applications?

The funding round will open at **9am Monday 21 October 2024** and will close at **4.59pm sharp on Friday 22 November 2024**. Please aim to submit early as the system automatically shuts off and no extension of time can be given.

How much funding is available?

\$10.0 million is available in this funding round across three different application types:

- 1) General grants – approximately \$7.4 million
- 2) Weed management grants – approximately \$2.4million
- 3) Pest control grants – approximately \$0.2 million

What is the assessment criteria for the general grants program?

This year's general grants program is deliberately targeting a small number of highly utilised reserves with projects that will have a significant community impact. Assessment criteria are:

- a) **Reserve usage criteria** – the higher the visitation the higher the score (score out of 40)
- b) **Project criteria** – assessment of the “community impact” of the project (score out of 40)
- c) **Deliverability criteria** – assessment of the capability to deliver the project (score out of 20)

Please note: the criteria has significantly changed from past years. Only high usage reserves will be able to submit competitive grant applications in the general grants program for 2024-25.

What other changes have been made to CRIF grant eligibility and assessment?

- Freehold Showgrounds and Commons Trusts are no longer eligible for these grants
- Loans will no longer be available via the funding round
- The funding round objective is simplified to better target “community impact”
- **Minimum grant amount is now \$100,000 (inc GST)** up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 for general grants
- The assessment process has been simplified to two levels of review rather than three.

What land is eligible for CRIF grants?

All Crown land is eligible for CRIF grants. This includes land managed by a Crown Land Manager or department managed land. Tenure holders and user groups can apply with permission from the land manager. If unsure about eligibility, please contact the Funding team to discuss.

Who is not eligible for CRIF grants?

- Freehold Showgrounds
- Common Trusts
- Local Land Services (unless applying for land managed by someone else)
- Freehold Schools of Art

What about Crown land that has urgent needs but does not have high visitation rates?

As many reserves will not be able to prepare a competitive general grant application for this funding round, further CRIF funds have been reserved and will be made available for strategic emergency grants.

Further information on strategic emergency grants will be published on the [Reserve Manager website](#) once they have been finalised.

Where do I get more information?

All details including guidance documents regarding the CRIF funding round will be published on the [Reserve Manager website](#) by 21 October 2024.

For further questions please contact the Funding Team on 1300 886 235 (Option 2, option 5) or via email reservefunding@crowmland.nsw.gov.au

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