

Crown Reserves

2019–20 Crown Reserves Improvement Fund

31 January 2019

Get ready!

Applications for funding under the 2019–20 Crown Reserves Improvement Fund Program (CRIFP) will open **11 February 2019** and close at 5 pm **22 March 2019**.

Key information

How many rounds will there be?

There will be only **one** round this year.

Who can apply?

Managers of Crown parks and reserves, Crown caravan and state parks, commons and showgrounds (including freehold) and schools of arts (excluding freehold) can apply.

Third-party organisations can also apply for funding, but must obtain a letter of authority from the Crown land manager supporting their application.

Funding for all successful applications is paid to the Crown land manager.

What can we apply for?

The CRIFP funds a diverse range of activities each year in the following categories:

- General development, maintenance and protection activities on any eligible reserve
- Pest and weed projects on Crown lands

How much can we get?

Successful applications to the CRIFP in recent years have received from \$500 to \$2,000,000.

Can we get a loan?

Applications for low interest loans are strongly encouraged for amounts greater than \$100,000. High cost projects are more likely to be funded if it is through a loan or a combination of loan and grant funding.

What do we do now?

To make sure you have plenty of time to complete your application, here are some things you can prepare before the opening date:

1. Ensure that you have submitted a final report for all previous CRIFP funded projects.
2. Ensure you have access to the Crown land manager financial details for the past, current and next financial year (i.e. income, operating expenses

and surplus/deficit).

3. Gather quotes or develop detailed cost estimates (as appropriate) as follows:
 - Activity elements (distinct parts of a project) less than or equal to \$30,000 require at least one quote
 - Activity elements between \$30,001 and \$150,000 require at least three quotes
 - Activity elements greater than \$150,000 require an acceptable cost estimate and a commitment (i.e. a strategy) to procurement via public tender.

Where do I get more information?

Detailed application instructions are now available on the [CRIFP webpage](#). You will be able to access the online application portal from **11 February 2019**. We will make a follow-up announcement at that time.

Our yearly reports are available on the fund's [webpage](#). These reports give an overview of projects that have been successful in previous rounds.

PREPARE YOUR APPLICATION

For general enquiries or assistance contact the funding team at reservefunding@crowland.nsw.gov.au or 1300 886 235—option 4.

You can also contact your local Crown lands office to discuss your reserve's particular circumstances and/or project ideas through the 1300 886 235 number—option 5.

Kind Regards

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Local Crown lands offices

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