

Local Environment of Australia Funding (LEAF) Criteria

Eligibility

LEAF funding is open to Australian residents and organisations based in Australia.

Project impacts must be specifically focused on the Sutherland Shire and/or adjacent bioregions.

Proposed projects are expected to demonstrate:

1. Clear aims and objectives, with identifiable environmental benefits
2. A sound plan to achieve project objectives
3. The capacity of the applicant to undertake the project
4. Measurable indicators of project outcomes
5. A realistic budget and timeframe

Assessment

Decisions on the awarding of LEAF funds are made by the SSEC Board based on the above criteria. Applicants can expect to be advised of the outcome of their application within 6 weeks of submission.

Project Materials

Materials produced by funded projects, including intellectual property rights, remain the property of the applicant. However, successful applicants are expected to grant the SSEC licence to freely use those materials (with due acknowledgement) for publicity or educational purposes.

The SSEC is to be acknowledged as a project sponsor in any published or publicly viewable materials, using the SSEC logo and an agreed form of words similar to the example below:

With the support of:



Media

The SSEC is to be invited to have input to any media releases related to a funded project.

Acquittal

At the end of the project, successful applicants are expected to provide:

1. a brief written report on the outcomes of the project
2. evidence (in the form of receipts, where applicable) of how LEAF funds were expended, and
3. copies of any materials produced by the project.

Payment

Grant funds for approved projects will usually be disbursed as follows:

1. 60% up front
2. 40% following project acquittal and on receipt of copies of project materials

An initial payment of up to 100% of the funded amount will be considered where this is warranted.