



2023-24 Feral Cat Management Grants

Successful projects

Total number of projects: 5

Total round value: \$500,000

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List of successful Feral Cat Management grant applications

Region	Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Grant Offered
Great Southern	Oyster Harbour Catchment Group Inc	"Perils of Ferals" Feral cat control education	<p>Since feral cats have gained declared pest status many councils and organisations are unaware of control methods which they can implement. The Oyster Harbour Catchment Group will assign Albany and Surrounds Feral Cat Working Group to implement workshops for those groups encouraging best practice management.</p> <p>Further, both organisations will raise awareness of feral cats in the region by designing two signs, one small 'LOGO' sign (similar to Bibblmun Track Wagul signs) and a larger educational sign, reminding citizens of the PERILS OF FERALS to native wildlife. We will seek permission from rural businesses, landholders, and appropriate shops, to display signs</p>	\$50,333
Gascoyne, Goldfields Esperance, Great Southern, Kimberley, Mid West, Peel, Pilbara, South West, Wheatbelt, Perth metropolitan	Peel-Harvey Catchment Council Inc (on behalf of the WA Feral Cat Working Group)	Western Australian Feral Cat Working Group	<p>This application seeks funding to continue the state-wide impact of the WA Feral Cat Working Group (the Working Group).</p> <p>This project will deliver effective communication of feral cat management, including a dedicated up-to-date website on feral cat management with key essential data; specialist symposium and other related community forums; and deliver ongoing support to the coordination of key players in feral cat management across the State, this includes Indigenous land managers. This project will also support the delivery of those actions identified for the Working Group in the recently released Feral Cat Strategy 2023-2028.</p>	\$61,560
Wheatbelt	Peel-Harvey Catchment Council Inc	Defending Dryandra - Feral Hotspots Project	<p>The project will implement evidence-based targeted feral cat activities that align with grant guidelines, WA Feral Cat Strategy 2023-2028, threatened species' plans, stakeholder co-design to manage feral cats on three large properties identified as feral cat hotspots, that surround the Dryandra Woodland National Park. Activities include 1. targeted feral cat control through cage trapping and ground shooting 2. fauna monitoring via 4G camera array to providing data on activity, the effectiveness of control efforts and native species and 3. capacity building for staff and Noongar people through an infield training event in Yornaning Nature Reserve.</p>	\$183,865

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Mid West, South West	Bush Heritage Australia	Improving feral cat management by using new technologies	<p>Bush Heritage Australia (BHA) is implementing landscape-scale integrated pest management in Midwest and Southwest WA, targeting feral cats, foxes and rabbits to enhance conservation of native species including malleefowl and chuditch. Established relationships with Traditional Owners, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and other stakeholders allow for broad impact beyond our reserve boundaries.</p> <p>This grant will extend grooming trap trials and initiate landscape-scale trials of a trap-activation alert system. Combining traditional control methods with new technology has potential to improve animal welfare outcomes and significantly increase trapping effort to enhance capacity for effective feral cat control.</p>	\$123,162
Pilbara	Desert Support Services	Aerial Poison baiting Kiwirrkurra IPA to protect bilby	<p>This project, run by the Kiwirrkurra Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) Rangers will protect and increase the local populations of Greater Bilby across Kiwirrkurra IPA from predation by feral cats and foxes. The project will enable the Rangers to begin aerial poison baiting using Eradicat baits around remote Bilby sites, targeting cats and foxes in these areas. These activities will protect and grow local Bilby populations by reducing predation by feral animals.</p>	\$81,080