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Environmental Studies Budget grant scheme 2022

The Environmental Studies Budget grant scheme 2022 aims to help Falkland Islanders promote, conserve and protect our globally-significant biodiversity. Grants will support awareness-raising, research or conservation/ management activities that benefit the Falklands' environment.

These grants run annually. The grant is open to individuals as well as organisations located within the Falkland Islands.

KEY DATES

The 2022 round of ESB grants open on **Friday 8 July 2022**

The deadline for the 2022 round of ESB grant applications is **Monday 8 August 2022**

Applications will be decided by Environmental Committee on **Wednesday 31 August 2022**

All applicants will be notified in writing in **early September 2022**

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please apply using a simple application form available on our website or by contacting the Environment Department on +500 28449 or environment@sec.gov.fk or in person at the Secretariat, Stanley. We are here to help and applicants are welcome to discuss their application with us.

PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2022

- 1. Biodiversity Protection:** Projects under this topic should seek to enhance, or provide insights that can help with the protection of biodiversity. This could include such things as: fencing or setting aside an area for long-term biodiversity protection (demonstrating how this tackles threats to biodiversity); studies that provide updated information on the status of uninhabited islands, threats they are experiencing, and other information that has demonstrable significance for management to protect biodiversity; information or action that directly benefits environmental management to protect or enhance poorly studied or vulnerable sites or species.

2. **Habitat Restoration:** Projects under this topic should seek to enhance or restore the ecological integrity of a site. Restoration can include physical interventions that restore vulnerable habitats (eg. tussac planting), providing physical protection (e.g. fencing) for restored vulnerable species and/or their habitats. We would also consider funding the production of native plants or organisms for restoration purposes, provided that organisms are to be used for restoration.
3. **Invasive Species and Biosecurity:** Projects under this topic should seek to manage or control invasive species in the Falkland Islands. Where funding for research is sought, it should have direct relevance to control of invasive species.
4. **Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation:** Projects under this topic should have a focus on helping native species or habitats adapt to the impacts of climate change or using native species or habitats to mitigate climate change. Please note that projects related to renewable energy will not be considered. Projects must demonstrate positive outcomes for biodiversity.
5. **Knowledge for Biodiversity Management:** Projects under this topic should highlight why a particular knowledge gap is important, how they will meaningfully fill this knowledge gap, and convincingly demonstrate how this will directly assist with management for positive biodiversity outcomes.
6. **Innovation:** Proposals under this theme can be any innovative, environmentally-driven project with demonstrable links to positive biodiversity outcomes. Projects in this category need to be led by a Falkland Islands' organisation.

Please note:

- The six priority areas apply to all Falkland Islands biodiversity: marine, terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems.
- Projects must include either environmental research, on-ground conservation or management action, and / or education or awareness raising.
- Applications will be expected to demonstrate that their project will make a positive difference, change or benefit to Falkland Islands biodiversity. Applicants will also be expected to share their project outcomes with the Environment Department.

ELIGIBILITY

- Grants are open to individuals as well as organisations; however, applications must demonstrate strong links with Falkland Islands' organisations or practitioners.
- Funds for any reasonable costs arising from the activities will be covered.

- We reserve the right to make partial awards.
- The activity should be completed within one year. Consideration will be given to multi-year projects if justified.
- Applicants are advised that funding for multi-year projects cannot be guaranteed for all years and the amount made available in each year may vary.
- There is no limit to how many grants an applicant can apply for.
- There is no minimum or maximum value that can be requested; however, the majority of previously successful grants have been in the range of £3,000 to £10,000.
- Grantees are required to complete a short report at the end of their project, which may be used for future media and promotion of the ESB grant scheme.

DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

Applications will be decided by the Environmental Committee based on:

- Relevance to the priority areas,
- Relevance to managing and protecting biodiversity and/or the natural environment,
- Links to local organisations or practitioners,
- Long-term benefit and impact for the Falkland Islands,
- Capacity of the project, the applicant and budget to meet their objective.