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ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

NRM North and Landcare Tasmania are combining efforts to assist community groups to protect and rehabilitate their local areas.

Both organisations have launched separate small grants programs with a focus on education, coastal sites and community projects that aim to manage and improve environmental values.

NRM North's Community Grants program opens tomorrow and offers funding from between one hundred and five thousand dollars to community groups and volunteers. This program is funded through the Australian Government.

NRM North's Coastal Coordinator, Emma Williams, said it was great to be able to offer volunteers options when it came to applying for funding support.

"NRM North has a number of key areas we would particularly like to help groups with, such as coastal projects, but have the capacity to consider a range of project ideas," Ms Williams said.

"Landcare Tasmania also has a funding round open at the moment with a focus on education, so that broadens the support available for groups at this time."

Landcare Tasmania's Executive Officer, Mark Ritchie, encouraged applicants to look at the current funding options available.

"Thanks to the Tasmanian Landcare Fund (TLF), which is funded purely through donations, groups have the opportunity to apply for up to seven thousand dollars for practical landcare projects that protect, restore and better manage Tasmania's water, soil, plants and animals.

"This is a great opportunity for community groups to develop project ideas that meet the funding guidelines." Mr Ritchie said.

Submissions for both grant programs close on June 27th.

Visit www.nrmnorth.org.au and www.landcaretas.org.au for application forms, guidelines and more information. Applicants needing assistance with the submission process should contact NRM North 6333 7777 or Landcare Tasmania 6234 7117.

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