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FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS HIT HARD BY FLOODS

NRM North's latest round of small grants is targeting community groups impacted by recent flooding.

The Community Grants Flood Round program opens tomorrow and is supported by the Australian Government's Caring for our Country Program.

It is the sixth round of community grants offered by NRM North since April 2009.

NRM North Chief Executive Officer, James McKee, said grants of up to \$5000 were available.

"Some community groups have spent considerable time, effort and money on environmental projects only to have that hard work washed away by flood waters.

"That is a huge blow to those volunteers who play a key role in protecting and rehabilitating our important natural assets.

"These grants will enable care groups to rebuild some of the work that has been impacted by floods so the community can once again enjoy these special places." Mr McKee said.

Eligible projects include stream bank, gully and wetland restoration and reconstruction of wildlife corridors.

"The funding can also be used to restore fencing to exclude stock, removing debris spread by flood waters or high winds and restoring off-stream stock watering points which are designed to protect stream banks and water quality." Mr McKee said.

Applicants must be incorporated, not-for-profit organisations or volunteer care groups (encompassing landcare, bushcare, rivercare, coastcare and 'friends of' groups) or be supported by an organisation that is incorporated. Individuals are not eligible.

An information kit including grant application forms and guidelines is available on the NRM North website at www.nrmnorth.org.au

Kits can also be requested by contacting NRM North administration on 6333 7777.

Groups needing assistance with the application process should also call NRM North administration or send an email to: admin@nrmnorth.org.au

Applications close Thursday, June 30th.

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