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**Criteria and Application Form – 2016 Community Feral Control Grant**

**Cage Trap Loans will generally provide a maximum of 1 cage\* per property for up to 6 months**

**1080 Baiting for foxes and rabbits will be available up to a maximum of $1,500 for a 3 year program\***

**\* All applications will be considered on a case by case basis, and where appropriate some projects may receive more than $1,500 in funding and/or more than 1 cage trap**

**Background**

Foxes, cats and rabbits have been directly responsible for the decline or extinction of many native animals across Australia.By controlling cats, foxes and rabbits landholders can help to improve the populations of native animals and in turn improve the health of the bushland on and/or around their property.

**Application criteria**

**Eligibility**

* To be eligible to apply for funding you must be a landholder in the Avon River Basin with remnant vegetation and/or native fauna on or near your property that you wish to protect from the impacts of feral cats, foxes and rabbits. Funding will not be provided purely for the purposes of protecting livestock.

**General conditions**

* Cage traps will be loaned under the assumption that land managers will use the trap to protect remnant vegetation from feral cats and foxes for a minimum average of 7 nights a fortnight and provide Wheatbelt NRM with monthly capture data.
* It is expected that you will ensure pest management is carried out in accordance with all relevant Australian Government and Western Australian Government legislation. It is not legal to euthanase via drowning, starvation, dehydration, poisoning inside the trap or gassing with vehicle fumes. It is the responsibility of the landholder to ensure that they have the appropriate licences to be able to humanely euthanase the animal.
* There are two main baiting times in the year: Spring and autumn. The Fox baiting regime consists of two 6 week treatments per year
	+ Each 6 six week treatment will involve Burying baits at each bait location weekly
	+ The rabbit baiting regime consists of one 8 week program per year during late summer/autumn
* To minimise the risk to non-target animals we supply Rabbit bait stations.
* We will discuss bait station locations with you, how they fit with your farm management and how to avoid potential impact on domestic animals. We also ask for records of where you put out your rabbit and fox baits.
* If you are undertaking baiting, it is assumed that you are either permitted for the use of 1080 poison, or you are able to acquire a permit.

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**Assessment process**

The conservation value of your project will be assessed by a panel. You will be advised of the outcome.

**Closing date**

There is no closing date of the grant due to the ongoing nature of feral animal control.

**Submissions**

**Applications to be submitted via the online form, emailed to** **feral@wheatbeltnrm.org.au****, posted to PO Box 311, Northam or faxed to 96703140**

**Please note: If you require assistance with your application please contact Casey Skalski on**

 **9670 3102 or email** **feral@wheatbeltnrm.org.au****.**

**Application**

**Applicant details:**

**Contact Person**:

**Are you under 34 years old?**  Y/N

(*this is required for our reporting purposes only, and will not affect the success of the application*)

**Phone:** (H) (M) **Fax:**

**Email:**

**How would you like us to contact you?** Email Phone Post

**Postal Address:**

**Description of Bushland**

**Please provide a brief description of the area you would like to protect using the cage trap and 1080 subsidy:**

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**Is the patch of bush located on your property?** Yes / No

**If No, whose land is the bush on?**

**What are the main threats to this patch of bush?**

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**What is the location of your Project?**

**What is the actual address of the property where this project will take place (eg: 753 Green Rd, Greenhills, 6302)?**

**Have you been involved in a similar project in the past?** Yes / No

**Please note: Additional information in describing your bushland can be provided in the appendices section at the end of this application form.**

**How big is the patch of bushland? Hectares Acres Unsure**

**Please save this form to your desktop and attach in an email to** feral@wheatbeltnrm.org.au

**Alternatively please print the completed form and post or fax to:**

**Casey Skalski**

**Wheatbelt NRM**

**PO Box 311**

**Northam WA 6401**

**Fax: 08 9670 3140**

**Project Map**

Further information: Please attach or draw a project map showing where you intend to use the cage trap and/or bait with 1080: