**Native Plant Study Group Grant Application**

**Moralea Milne Memorial Environment Fund**

In 2014, at the June Planning Meeting, the Executive Committee decided to formalize the process to allocate donations and funds to groups and projects. This decision was born out of requests for, or suggestions to donate to, various causes.

In 2018, the members of the Native Plant Study Group decided to rename our small grant to the “**Moralea Milne Memorial Environment Fund”** in honour of long-time member and restoration enthusiast Moralea. This grant is available for members in good standing (at least one year of membership with NPSG at the time of application) or a member can nominate a project or organization. Eligible projects include any initiative that supports the restoration of native plants in the region with little access to other funds. It is typically used for the purchase of plants, tools, or expert advice on a restoration project.

**Process**

Each year-end meeting (currently June) the treasure determines the balance of the books after all revenues and expenses are accounted for. If there is a positive balance, half of the funds are deposited in the NPSG’s contingency account and the other half is available for member grants. Available funds will be announced in mid-July, but granting dates will fluctuate.

**Process to apply for NPSG member grants**

Applications are available through the NPSG website, co-chair, treasurer and membership coordinator. Applications are accepted all year round, but will be adjudicated by the grant committee in summer.

**Criteria to be eligible for NPSG member grants:**

* Applicant must be a NPSG member for a minimum of one year, or a member can nominate a project or organization
* Projects or programs must relate to conserving and/or educating about native plants and their habitats
* Project is authorized and supported by the land owner or agency responsible for that area
* Little or no other funds are available, or the grant acts as seed money to leverage further capacity
* Must be able to provide a before/after photo, or photo of the completed project or planting to demonstrate how funds were used within 12 months of receiving the funds

**How member grants are allocated**

Grants are available in increments of a minimum of $50, and up to the total amount of the available funds.

Depending on how many applications are submitted the grant funds will be distributed as equitably as possible, however the grant committee may reach consensus to allocate funds according to merit of the application and project. The grant committee may also decide to return some of the available funds to the contingency account and /or make a donation to a mutually agreed upon non-for-profit organization.

**Grant Fund Availability for 2019: $900.00**

**Member Name:**

**Contact Phone:**

**Contact Email:**

**Project Name:**

**Amount requested:**

**Project description:**

(200 words or less)

**Purpose of funding:**

(100 words or less)