

Expression of Interest EOI

Part 1 – General Details

EOI ID	1084
EOI Title	26-27 Grassroots Grants
Type of Research	Knowledge Creation
Expected Start Date	01/07/2026
Expected End Date	30/06/2027
CRDC Pillar	2. People
CRDC Theme	2.3 Adoption and Impact
CRDC Outcome	2.3.1 By 2026, research outcomes are integrated into on-farm practice change at a faster rate
EOI Close Date	31/12/2026

Part 2 – Expression of Interest Requirements

Issue to be addressed and project description:

The CRDC Grassroots Grants program encourages Cotton Grower Associations (CGAs) to apply for funding to support capacity building projects in their region.

Up to \$10,000 in funding is available for CGAs to help fund a project aimed at increasing the engagement of growers in the industry, solving specific regional issues and improving their skills, knowledge base and networks.

CRDC particularly welcomes applications that support the integration and uptake of research at a regional level. This may include addressing local production challenges, evaluating issues or opportunities that could inform future CRDC investment priorities, or testing and adapting research, technologies or practices from other regions to assess their applicability under local conditions.

Since the Grassroots Grants program commenced in 2011, it has provided over \$890,237 in support to 102 projects across the cotton growing valleys.

Applications close on 31 December. Applications are reviewed on a first-come first-serve basis during this period and once the funds have been fully allocated, no further projects will be approved.

The Grassroots Grant program is managed by CRDC. Interested applicants must read the program's [Guidelines for Applications](#). Applications should include a timeline, accurate costings, the likely learning outcomes, and the overall benefits of the project for the industry.

Expected project outputs and outcomes:

A report is to be provided to CRDC on completion of your CGA's project.

- The project report needs to cover the following aspects:
 1. A brief description of project objectives.
 2. What were the:
 - a) major finding or outcomes under each objective

b) other highlights

3. Are there any potential areas worth following up as a result of this project?

4. How do you intend to share the knowledge you have gained with other people in the cotton industry? *(CRDC can assist with this)*

Project Investment:

Year	2026/27			TOTAL
Indicative budget (up to)	\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00

Additional guidance:

To apply, [follow this process](#). For further information, contact the CRDC Innovation Administration team on 02 6792 4088 or via research@crdc.com.au.

This EOI is not a guarantee of funding.