**Criteria for Seed Funding**

The objectives of the *Our Place – Western Sydney* project are:

* To develop local visions that incorporate environmental dimensions in a range of issues that matter to people;
* To increase knowledge and understanding of participants about the local environment. In particular, soil, air quality, biodiversity etc. and the quality of life in the place where they live;
* To establish and/or strengthen local networks and partnerships between local groups/ community organisations and OEH/ other government agencies; and,
* To identify, promote and increase ways that community members can be involved in local sustainability activities, projects, clubs and community groups. This includes involvement of CALD communities, new arrivals, businesses, Aboriginal communities and schools.

Through the community forums the project will provide interest groups with the opportunity to apply for seed funding, and support to establish projects. Each group will be required to complete the project proposal form, supplied at the community forum they attended.

The criteria for applying for the funding are outlined here. The proposed project must adhere to the following points:

1. Proven environmental and educational needs and tangible environmental, social and/or cultural benefits;
2. Provision of activities which will encourage community enjoyment, and appreciation of the natural or human environment;
3. Must be consistent with the Our Place – Western Sydney objectives (outlined above);
4. Efficiency (value for money) and effectiveness; and,
5. Appropriateness of project to address the stated environmental and educational needs

Each proposed project will be evaluated by a panel of 4 individuals. The panel will review each application using the project objectives as well as the funding criteria.

Preference for collaborative projects.

Apply by 4th December 2012 with a response by the 20th December

**Our Place Greater Western Sydney**

**Seed Funding Proposal Form**

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| **NOTE: Applications must be submitted by COB Tuesday 4th November with a response by 20th December 2012. Funds must be dispersed by February 2013 with a brief final report to UWS on achievements/progress by March 2013.** | | | | | |
| **SECTION B** | **OFFICE ADMINISTRATION** | | | | |
| **PROJECT PANEL REVIEW COMMENTS**  YES NO  Signatures | | | | | |