

## Expression of Interest EOI

### Part 1 – General Details

<b>EOI ID</b>	221		
<b>EOI Title:</b> (max 80 char)	Grassroot Grants		
<b>Type of Research</b>	Knowledge creation		
<b>Proposed Start Date:</b>	1/07/2023	<b>Proposed End Date:</b>	30/06/2024
<b>CRDC Pillar</b>	2. People		
<b>CRDC Theme</b>	2.3 Adoption and impact		
<b>CRDC Sub-Theme</b>	2.3.1 Adoption		
<b>FRP Due Date</b>	31/03/2024		

### 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.

Since the Grassroots Grants program commenced in 2011, it has provided over \$790,347 in support to 91 projects across the cotton growing valleys. [Click here for a full list of Grassroots Grant projects to date](#), or [here to watch a video on one of the projects that has received Grassroots Grant funding](#) : the purchase of weather stations to help growers in the Walgett area better predict weather events.

Applications open annually on 1 July, and close on 31 December. **The 2023-24 funding round has been extended to 31 March 2024.** 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 Applicants](#). 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:

A brief description of project objectives.

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:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Indicative budget (up to)	\$10,000			\$10,000

For information on how to apply, please refer to: [www.crdc.com.au/for-researchers](http://www.crdc.com.au/for-researchers)

If you have any queries, please contact the CRDC Project Administration team via 02 6792 4088 or [research@crdc.com.au](mailto:research@crdc.com.au).

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