



**CRDC 2020-21  
GRASSROOTS GRANTS**  
GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

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### Overview

The Cotton Research and Development Corporation (CRDC) Grassroots Grant program is designed to stimulate grower-led projects that build the capacity of industry members and improve the communities in which they operate.

The purpose of this funding is to help build and enhance skills and knowledge, and encourage sustainable financial, environmental and social growth across the cotton industry.

More specifically the grant program seeks projects that:

1. Increase networking between growers, consultants and researchers
2. Grow the skills and knowledge base of cotton growers and their communities
3. Grow the economic and/or social base of cotton grower groups and their communities
4. Support, upskill and engage with new growers to the industry
5. Strengthen collaboration across communities, across industries and regions
6. Help with ground truthing and testing of research and development findings
7. Help improve the levels of adoption of research and development outcomes
8. Help improve the levels of adoption of *myBMP*.

Projects that involve the broader community (such as partnering with schools etc) and those where growers learn from other growers are encouraged.

Projects providing training workshops for existing staff, where there is a regulatory requirement for this training, may be supported for the running costs of the training (venue, catering etc) but will not receive a subsidy for the training component.

Projects that have a financial (or in-kind) contribution from partners are looked upon favourably.

Since the Grassroots Grants program commenced in 2011, CRDC has invested over \$660,000 in 77 projects across the cotton growing valleys – from weather stations to crop nutrition workshops.

### Eligible applicants

Grassroots Grants funding is available to Cotton Grower Associations (CGAs). Cotton growers are unable to apply as individuals: instead, they are encouraged to discuss their idea with their local CGA.

### Eligible projects

A broad range of projects are encouraged and a list of previously successful projects can be found at the end of this document. This list is intended to provide an indication of the types of projects that are supported. You are encouraged to discuss your potential project with a CRDC R&D Manager prior to submitting your application.

### Funding levels

The maximum level of funding available is \$10,000, however projects that demonstrate collaboration with more than one partner or that cover a wider geographical area may be considered for higher levels of funding.

### GST

The GST on funding applications will be held as follows:

*If your CGA is registered for GST:*

If approved, funding will be provided from CRDC to cover costs but not to cover any GST.

How this works: the CGA pays the full amount on an invoice (including the GST). The CGA then claims the GST amount paid back from the ATO. Funds from CRDC will have covered the balance remaining on the invoice.

*If your CGA is NOT registered for GST:*

If approved, funding will be provided from CRDC for the full invoice value.

How this works: if an invoice is received with a GST amount included in the total, CRDC will have covered the full cost and CRDC will claim the GST amount back from the ATO.

### Timing

Applications for the 2020-21 financial year will be accepted between **1 July and 30 November 2020**. If approved, the projects are expected to be implemented during the second half of the financial year.

During the 2020-21 financial year there is a limited amount of funding available, so applicants are encouraged to apply as early in the funding period as possible. Projects may not be funded if: they do not meet the eligibility criteria; the funds have been exhausted for the year; or at the discretion of CRDC.

### Reporting

Below is a table indicating the standard reporting process:

<i>Action</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>
Submit grant application.	Between 1 July and 30 November 2020
CRDC reviews grant application and notifies applicant if successful.	Within three weeks of submitting the application.
CRDC provides successful applicants with the Grassroots Grant funding agreement. The agreement must be signed and returned to CRDC by the applicant, along with a tax invoice to CRDC for payment #1 (as outlined in contract).	Within three weeks of submitting the application.
Applicant receives funding agreed under payment #1.	Within three weeks of returning the agreement and tax invoice.
Project to be completed.	By 30 June 2021.
Applicant to provide a final report and financial report	On completion of the milestones agreed to in the contract (preferably before 30 June 2021). Please note: if you have any issue in meeting the reporting due date, please contact CRDC to request an extension.
Applicant to issue a final tax invoice to CRDC for the remaining agreed funding (payment #2, as outlined in contract).	On approval of the final report by CRDC.

### Previously funded projects

A list of all previously funded projects is available over the page.

### For more information:

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### CRDC Grassroots Grants

2011-2012 Grassroots Grants (TOTAL \$90,000)					
Reference	Project Title	Contact	CGA	Completion Date	Amount
CGA1201	Capacity Building via small projects for St George CGA members and community	Ed Willis	St George	30/06/2013	\$10,000
CGA1202	Pushing the boundaries	Nigel Corish	Macintyre Valley	30/06/2012	\$10,000
CGA1203	Biomass burner at Tandou	David McClure	Menindee and Lower Darling	30/06/2012	\$10,000
CGA1204	Gwydir growers	Zara Farrell	Gwydir	30/06/2012	\$10,000
CGA1206	Macquarie welcome back	Sharanne Turnbull	Macquarie Valley	28/02/2012	\$10,000
CGA1207	Walgett Measurement tools	Lori Nemece	Walgett	31/12/2011	\$10,000
CGA1208	Upskilling growers in chem use and nurture teens	Marie Louise Offner	Darling Downs	31/01/2013	\$10,000
CGA1209	Engaging growers in My BMP	Marie Louise Offner	Darling Downs	30/06/2013	\$10,000
CGA1210	Extension officer for Upper Namoi CGA and Agvance	Rod Smith	Upper Namoi	1/09/2012	\$10,000
2012-2013 Grassroots Grants (TOTAL \$57,570)					
Reference	Project Title	Contact	CGA	Completion Date	Amount
CGA1302	Macquarie Cotton Growers Momentum Continues	Claire Jenkins	Macquarie Valley	31/05/2013	\$9,400
CGA1303	Field to Fabric Course Sponsorship	Bron Christensen	Dawson	30/06/2013	\$6,600
CGA1304	Capacity Building at the Cotton Fibre Expo	Mel Elms	Lower Namoi	30/06/2013	\$2,500
CGA1305	Irrigation History Book	Tracey Geddes	Emerald	31/08/2014	\$10,000
CGA1306	An Afternoon Of Cotton	Kieran O'Keeffe	Lachlan Murrumbidgee	30/11/2013	\$9,650
CGA1307	Travel: To attend and present at the Australasian Pacific Extension Network (APEN) International Conference in NZ	Mike and Debbie Austin	Dawson	28/09/2013	\$3,870
CGA1308	Future Leaders Industry Excursion	Geoff Hunter	Lower Namoi & Walgett	30/06/2014	\$15,550
2013-2014 Grassroots Grants (TOTAL \$61,650)					
Reference	Project Title	Contact	CGA	Completion Date	Amount
CGA1404	Building the relationship with the local high school to better the future cotton industry workforce	Alex Roughley	Menindee and Lower Darling	31/12/2014	\$10,000
CGA1402	Celebrating the Season	Claire Jenkins	Macquarie Valley	31/12/2013	\$3,000
CGA1403	Cotton Picking Women's Picnic	Chantal Corish	Macintyre Valley	30/06/2014	\$10,000
CGA1405	Understanding soil and plant nutrition for cotton growers	Nigel Corish	Macintyre Valley	30/06/2014	\$6,250

CGA1406	Cotton Communities Heath Empowerment	Kelly Foran	Dirranbandi	30/06/2014	\$9,800
CGA1407	Great Northern Bus Tour	Claire Jenkins	Macquarie Valley	30/06/2014	\$6,100
CGA1408	Understanding the Weather	Geoff Hunter	Walgett	30/06/2014	\$10,000
CGA1409	Grower Workplace H&S Capacity Building	Mary O'Brien	Darling Downs	30/09/2014	\$6,500
<b>2014-2015 Grassroots Grants (TOTAL \$74,560)</b>					
<b>Reference</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>CGA</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
CGA1501	Cotton Planter Development	Geoff Hunter	Lower Namoi	31/12/2014	\$10,000
CGA1503	Weather Station project	Emma McCullough	Central Highlands	7/05/2015	\$10,000
CGA1502	Teachers Feild to Fabric	Bron Christensen	Dawson Valley	24/09/2014	\$2,200
CGA1505	Grower investigation of tools to manage soil compaction in irrigated cotton soils in the Gwydir Valley	Lou Gall	Gwydir Valley	30/06/2015	\$10,000
CGA1506	Addressing the burning questions – giving growers the info they're asking for	Amanda Thomas	Macquarie Valley	30/06/2015	\$12,900
CGA1508	Cotton Nutrition Workshop	Kate O'Callaghan	Southern Valleys	30/06/2015	\$9,460
CGA1507	Education and development of the cotton industry	Emma Ayliffe	Menindee and Lower Darling	30/06/2015	\$10,000
CGA1509	Upgrade to local weather station network and Darling Downs grower of the year field day	Mary O'Brien	Darling Downs	30/06/2015	\$10,000
<b>2015-16 Grassroots Grants (TOTAL \$91,600)</b>					
<b>Reference</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>CGA</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
CGA1601	In field research trial comparing dryland cotton to dryland sorghum on various row configurations	Jo Weier	Mungindi	30/06/2016	\$10,000
CGA1602	Gwydir Valley dryland planting date row configuration trial	Ben Dawson	Gwydir Valley	31/12/2016	\$10,000
CGA1603	Optimised irrigation row configuration	Jake Cutcliffe	Gwydir Valley	30/06/2016	\$10,000
CGA1604	Local Weather Data Access	Damien Erbacher	Dawson Valley	30/06/2016	\$10,000
CGA1605	Binnia Valley Growers Group: In-field trials to address local barriers to cotton growing and exposure to the cotton industry	Jon Welsh	Upper Namoi	30/01/2017	\$10,000
CGA1606	Upgrade to Darling Downs weather station network and Chemical Application Days	Chris Bary	Darling Downs	30/09/2016	\$10,000
CGA1607	Irrigation scheduling training using canopy sensors	Geoff Hunter & Steve Madden	Lower Namoi	30/06/2016	\$5,000
CGA1608	Strengthening CGA Policy and Procedures	Emma McCullagh	CHCGIA	30/06/2016	\$10,000
CGA1609	Seasonal Benchmarking with Canopy Temperature Sensors	Amanda Thomas	Macquarie Valley	01/08/2015	\$6,400
CGA1611	SVCGA Weigh Trailer for Southern NSW cotton trials	Kate O'Callaghan	Southern Valley	30/06/2016	\$10,000
CGA1610	Sponsorship for Dawson Valley CGA Inc - Stickybeak Farm Tour	Bronwyn Christensen	Dawson Valley	29/02/2016	\$200
<b>2016-17 Grassroots Grants (TOTAL \$85,000)</b>					
<b>Reference</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>CGA</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>

CGA1701	Weather station project	Brent Scott	Dirranbandi	31/10/2016	\$10,000
CGA1702	In field research trial comparing dryland cotton to dryland sorghum on various row configurations	Jo Weier	Mungindi	30/06/2017	\$10,000
CGA1703	Capital Item: Planter bar and trailer	Ian Gourley	Dryland Cotton Research Association	30/06/2017	\$20,000
CGA1704	Weather station access to minimise the spray drift in the Macquarie	Amanda Thomas	Macquarie Valley	01/05/2017	\$9,000
CGA1705	Weather station project	Jack Harris	Walgett	31/05/2017	\$10,000
CGA1706	Counteract high sodium uptake and nitrogen efficiency by stimulating soil health	Craig Estens	Gwydir Valley	01/05/2017	\$10,000
CGA1707	Assessing the benefits to growers by transitioning to controlled traffic farming for compaction management in a cotton rotation system.	Emma Ayliffe	Southern Valley	30/06/2017	\$6,000
CGA1708	Upgrade to Darling Downs weather station network	Adam McVeigh	Darling Downs	01/09/2017	\$10,000
<b>2017-18 Grassroots Grants (TOTAL \$82,232)</b>					
<b>Reference</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>CGA</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
CGA1801	Weather stations network	Jeff Hamblin	Lower Namoi	30/06/2018	\$8,000
CGA1802	In field research trials comparing dryland cotton to dryland sorghum on various row configurations (3rd year)	Joanna Weier	Mungindi	30/06/2018	\$10,000
CGA1803	Implementing innovative irrigation - Central QLD style	Aaron Kiely	Central Highlands	09/11/2017	\$2,716
CGA1804	Implementing Innovative Irrigation - Central QLD style and 2018 Sticky Beak Tour	Simon Green	Dawson Valley	30/01/2018	\$3,500
CGA1805	Spreader Workshop	Andrew Watson	Upper Namoi	30/06/2018	\$7,800
CGA1806	Silverleaf whitefly and mealybug meetings	Janelle Montgomery	Gwydir Valley	01/03/2018	\$20,000
CGA1807	Grower development and extension programs	Emma Ayliffe	Southern Valley	28/02/2018	\$10,000
CGA1808	Local weather data access	Bron Christensen	Dawson Valley	30/03/2018	\$6,000
CGA1809	Weather station network and upgrades	Cate Wild	MacIntyre Valley	24/06/2018	\$7,496
CGA1810	Improving skills and capacity of Darling Downs growers	Adam McVeigh	Darling Downs	30/06/2018	\$6,720
<b>2018-19 Grassroots Grants (TOTAL \$93,755)</b>					
<b>Reference</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>CGA</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
CGA1901	Assist growers to investigate efficiency and productivity of on-farm irrigation water use and management	Alexandra Dalton	Upper Namoi	29/03/19	\$5,000
CGA1902	Field assessment of the impact of late season thrip infestations	Lou Gall	Gwydir Valley	31/05/19	\$10,000
CGA1903	Grower development and extension programs and off-target spray drift mitigation	John Durham	Southern Valley	30/09/19	\$10,000

CGA1904	Assessing black root rot treatments in the Lachlan and Murrumbidgee Valleys	John Durham	Southern Valley	31/08/19	\$8,800
CGA1905	Development tour for Northern Australian cotton	Andrew Phillip	NT Farmers Association	3/03/19	\$10,000
CGA1906	Weather station network	Aaron Kiely	Central Highlands	1/06/19	\$10,000
CGA1907	Improving drought resilience	Bernie Bierhoff	Walgett	30/04/19	\$10,000
CGA1908	Improving skills and capacity of growers	Georgie Krieg	Darling Downs	30/06/19	\$7,220
CGA1909	Spray drift workshops	Richard Avendano	Upper Namoi	11/12/18	\$1,000
CGA1910	On-farm evaluation of the IoT technologies	Amanda Thomas	Macquarie Valley	15/06/19	\$11,735
CGA1911	Additional Support - Fullbright Scholarship to study Verticillium wilt	Karen Kirkby/ Jeff Hamblin	Lower Namoi	30/6/20	\$10,000

**2019-20 Grassroots Grants (TOTAL \$35,580)**

Reference	Project Title	Contact	CGA	Completion Date	Amount
CGA2001	Weather Stations	Jeff Hamblin	Lower Namoi	30/06/20	\$5,980
CGA2002	On-farm evaluation of pumping telemetry	AmandaThomas	Maquarie	30/06/20	\$7,000
CGA2003	Climate change: Planting times, pests and spray drift	Alex Macintosh	Walgett	30/06/20	\$6,000
CGA2004	Demonstration farm of loTR and LoRaWAN technology	Andrew McKay	St George	15/06/20	\$6,600
CGA2005	Fostering crop RD&E collaboration and leadership in Northern Australia	Debra Pearce	Northern Australia Crop Alliance	30/04/20	\$10,000

Total:	Number of projects	77
	Investment	\$671,947