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Dear Dr Somerset

We are pleased to advise that your organisation, South East Region Conservation Alliance Inc, has been successful in the application for funding to assist your volunteers under Volunteer Grants 2010.

The Australian Government recognises that community organisations and their volunteers play a vital role in our local communities, donating their time, skills and understanding to our most vulnerable and disadvantaged Australians, helping out in times of crisis, preserving our environment and enriching our cultural life.

The \$21 million Volunteer Grants are a way for the Government to recognise and value the hard work of Australian volunteers who make a real and lasting difference in our local communities. This grant funding is also a way the Government can help ease the financial pressure for non-profit organisations, assist their volunteers and encourage more people to get involved in their community.

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs will send you a Letter of Offer shortly about your organisation's grant payment. Please accept the Letter of Offer as soon as possible to enable the Department to process your payment quickly and efficiently. If you have any queries relating to the Letter of Offer or need assistance in completing the documentation, please ring the toll-free hotline on 1800 183 374 or email vg2010funding@fahcsia.gov.au.

Once again, congratulations on your organisation's success under Volunteer Grants 2010. We are pleased to support South East Region Conservation Alliance Inc and hope that this funding will make a difference to your organisation and help your volunteers. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success in your future endeavours.

Yours sincerely

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