



Sydney Coastal Councils Group Natural Resource Management Grants Summary 2006



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General				
Expressions of Interest called on 14 May 2006 Closes 10 June	Environmental Research Program Environmental Trust (DEC)	Local Govt. State Govt. ROC's Universities Incorporated associations Comm. groups Limited companies Cooperatives	Expression of interest process precedes applications Grants up to \$250,000 (major) or \$100,000 (minor) for projects that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • generate new knowledge or information to facilitate local solutions to environmental problems • discover new methods of operation for NSW industries that are less harmful to the environment • provide knowledge about general environmental problems • assess environmental degradation. Each year has a particular focus – see website.	Tel: 8837 6093 http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/grants/research.htm
EOI's for Round 2 close on 24 Mar 2006	Forging Partnerships Program (Natural Resources Advisory Council and NSW Govt)		Funding for projects that involve a wide range of stakeholders throughout development and delivery and provide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstration and innovative projects • development of joint partnerships • educational activities and forums • hands-on learning experiences and • capacity building to improve natural resource management (NRM). 	http://www.nrac.nsw.gov.au/projects.html Tel: 9228 6533
Feb 2005 Expected approx same time next year.	Tourism and Conservation Partnerships Aust Govt Dept of Industry Tourism and Resources	Private sector Industry Assoc's Regional development or tourism org's Non-profit org's Indigenous org's Local Govt where there is a clear partnership with commercial tourism sector	(Based on previous round) The Tourism and Conservation Partnerships are intended to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase nature-based tourism commercial ventures by developing products that involve native flora, fauna or landscapes; and • increase the tourism industry's direct contribution to biodiversity and conservation. Two streams of funding; Around \$20,000-\$70,000 for feasibility studies Up to \$300,000 for implementation of pilot projects	http://www.industry.gov.au/content/itrinternet/cmcontent.cfm?objectid=86473DF7-65BF-4956-B6D70E9AC47F782D&indexPages=/content/azindex.cfm,/content/azindex.cfm?keyword=environment info.tourism@industry.gov.au 6213 7029

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Expected after June 2006	Urban sustainability Grants Environmental Trust (DEC)	Local Govt.	\$80 million over five years for local government to work in partnership with business and the community to address priority urban environmental issues and harvest stormwater. No further details yet – see website.	Tel: 8837 6093 http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/education/ccerp.htm
Round 8 applications due 28 April 2006	Envirofund Natural Heritage Trust (Community Funding)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An incorporated association • A body corporate • A company • A trust • A partnership • An individual Unincorporated groups will need an incorporated “sponsor” Local Govt can develop projects with eligible candidates	Funding up to \$50,000 for projects such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native veg planting • Fencing and stock control • Weed control on public land (if strong biodiversity conservation benefit) • Feral animal control to protect threatened species and ecological communities (within a TAP framework) • Awareness raising that leads directly to on-round conservation benefits • Demonstrations/trails of new resource use methods (i.e. farming, fishing and forestry) • Monitoring of WQ, species, habitats etc. for clear biodiversity and NRM benefits • Education and training for NRM objectives • Building capacity to engage indigenous communities • Protecting indigenous cultural heritage if there is significant biodiversity conservation benefits 	www.nht.gov.au/envirofund/index.html
Expected to open mid March 2006 Closes 1-2 months after	Restoration and Rehabilitation Program Environmental Trust (DEC)	Local Govt. State Govt. ROC's Universities Incorporated associations Comm. groups Limited companies Cooperatives	Grants between \$5,000 and \$100,000 for projects that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • restore degraded environmental resources, including rare and endangered ecosystems • protect important ecosystems and habitats of rare and endangered flora and fauna • prevent or minimise future environmental damage • enhance the quality of specific environmental resources. 	http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/grants/restoration.htm

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Contact for more info	Tide to Table OceanWatch Australia and National Landcare Program	Comm. Groups Local Govt.	Small projects to improve fish habitat and water quality primarily in the Sydney Metropolitan region. Extension in 2006 to Hunter Central Rivers CMA, Hawksbury Nepean CMA and other coastal locations. Projects that address problems with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetlands • Fish passage and water quality • River vegetation and in-stream structures 	Tel: 9660 2262 Tide to Table- program manager.
Round 2 EOI's (1,000 words) due by 31 March 2006	The National Market Based Instruments Pilot Program National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP)	Anyone in a NAP region, see http://napswq.gov.au/priority-regions.html	Selection Criteria (a) Address salinity, water quality and/or biodiversity issues and focus on NAP regions. (b) Address priority knowledge gaps in the design and application of MBIs revealed through the operation of Round 1, as identified in the Independent Evaluation Report and the Overview Report of the MBI Working Group; (c) Be conceptually robust – well-grounded in economic principles and supported by good quality biophysical information; (d) Engage relevant agents, such as regional groups, Catchment Management Authorities and landholders; (e) Involve partners with the experience, skills and knowledge necessary to undertake the project; (f) Incorporate appropriate strategies for evaluation; and (g) Learnings should be relevant to all Australian jurisdictions	http://napswq.gov.au/mbi/round2/index.html
Call for Round 9 applications expected in April 2006	Threatened Species Network (TSN) Community Grants Natural Heritage Trust (Community Funding) and WWF-Australia	Incorporated community-based organisations (unincorporated groups need State or Local Govt sponsorship) Local Govt can develop projects with eligible candidates.	Funding up to \$50,000. Project work may include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing, restoring or establishing key habitat • Mitigating threats where long-term maintenance is likely • Establishing population monitoring programs • Managing visitor access • Sign posting • Establishing conservation management agreements for key sites on private land • Propagating and planting threatened plant species • Managing for fire • Fencing or other management techniques to protect habitat Project applications must be discussed with state TSN Coordinator before being lodged.	Alison Colyer Phone: 02 8202 1222 tsnsw@wwf.org.au

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Any time Proposals submitted to NHT Advisory C'tee	National Competitive Component Natural Heritage Trust (National Funding)	Private sector research org's Environmental NGO's Community groups Industry bodies; Universities and CRC's	Around \$3 million per year nationally with priority given to projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • generate and apply better science and/or methodologies to achieve regional NRM targets • enhance the NRM decision making tools used at a regional level • increase community involvement • develop tools that enable regional bodies to more effectively report outcomes to Governments. 	www.nht.gov.au/ncc
Any time Proposals submitted to NSW Joint Steering C'tee	State-wide Funding Natural Heritage Trust (National Funding)	CMA's NGO's State Agencies	Funding for projects has ranged between \$33,000 and \$290,000. Priority will be given to projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are efficiently and effectively implemented at a state/territory level • incorporate a high level of co-ordination and joint investment across a number of regions within • the state/territory • are too broad to be effectively managed by an individual region • are related to institutional reform, particularly land use and planning • will benefit all participating regions. 	Contact your Catchment Management Authority www.cma.nsw.gov.au/
Late 2006	Regional Competitive Component Natural Heritage Trust (Regional Funding) and NAP	CMA's only All stakeholders are able to work with the CMA to direct investment	Around \$20 million nationally until 2007-08 Intended to support higher-cost, larger scale, multi-regional or cross-jurisdictional, multi-year projects, eg. bitou TAP implementation. Projects should address one of the following priority areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • threatened species (individual species or collective) • coastal zone and the marine environment • Ramsar wetlands and their catchments • feral pests • sustainable production • Indigenous engagement. 	www.nht.gov.au/rcc Contact your Catchment Management Authority www.cma.nsw.gov.au

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Investment strategy reviewed by CMA each year	Regional Allocations (i.e. funding for Three Year Investment Strategy) Natural Heritage Trust (Regional Funding) and NAP	CMA's only All stakeholders are able to work with the CMA to direct investment	Funding for the implementation of Catchment Action Plans. The 3YIS is "rolling" in that it is developed each year with 100% of the year 1 budget contracted to projects, 70% for year 2, and 50% for year 3. This round, however, the commonwealth has requested that the Sydney Metro CMA fully allocate year 2. C'wealth funding matched by State Govt. in cash or in-kind.	Contact your Catchment Management Authority www.cma.nsw.gov.au		
Not clear. Next round possibly near end of financial year 05-06.	Strategic Reserve Component Natural Heritage Trust (Regional Funding)	All stakeholders are able to propose a project via CMA's	Individual projects should be around \$400,000. Annual budget allocated as a proportion of Regional Funding (05/06 budget likely to be around 15% or \$6 million). Allocation process unclear, although it appears that CMA's develop proposals for projects that are then selected by Commonwealth Govt. Projects may be approved if they <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet State/C'wealth priorities that CMA's are unable to meet under standard funding • Address emergency priorities • Are high cost and big return ventures 	Contact your Catchment Management Authority www.cma.nsw.gov.au		
Adverse events						
Expected April 2006	Floodplain Management Program Dept of Nat Resources	Local Govt.	The State Government provides around \$8 million in funding to match Regional Flood Mitigation Program funding (also listed in this document) and through the State Assisted Flood program. The State Assisted flood program provides funding on a 2:1 (State: Local) basis for the development and implementation of floodplain risk management plans. Grants are annual on a financial year basis. This program is focussed on managing flood risk.	Harry Panagopoulos Tel: 9895 5045		
Next round expected to open Oct 2006 and close Feb 2007	Regional Flood Mitigation Program Dept. of Transport and Regional Services	Local Govt State agencies CMA's River trusts Comm. groups <i>Inner metropolitan areas are not eligible for this funding</i>	A range of funding arrangements for cost sharing between Aust Govt, State Govt and proponents. Maximum share from Aust Govt is one third of project. Projects can include <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> Flood modification measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • flood control dams • retarding basins • levees • bypass floodways • channel improvements </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> Property modification measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • voluntary purchase • house raising • flood proofing buildings • flood access provisions Response modification measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community awareness • flood warning systems </td> </tr> </table>	Flood modification measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • flood control dams • retarding basins • levees • bypass floodways • channel improvements 	Property modification measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • voluntary purchase • house raising • flood proofing buildings • flood access provisions Response modification measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community awareness • flood warning systems 	http://www.dotars.gov.au/regional/rfmp/guidelines/index.htm Brian Dooley Phone: 4224 9605 brian.dooley@dipnr.nsw.gov.au
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Next round expected to open Oct 2006 and close Feb 2007	Natural Disaster Mitigation Program Dept. of Transport and Regional Services	Local Govt Indigenous Community Councils Remote communities State services	A range of funding arrangements for cost sharing between Aust Govt, State Govt and proponents. Maximum share from Aust Govt is one third of project. Projects can include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • natural disaster risk management studies; • disaster mitigation strategies; • investment in disaster resilient public infrastructure; • structural works to protect against damage; • disaster warning systems; • community awareness and readiness measures; • audits of levees and warning systems; • disaster and mitigation related research of public benefits; • development of nationally consistent data collection and analysis; • development of nationally consistent post-disaster evaluations; • Geographic Information Systems (GIS) based hazard and flood data for disaster mitigation purposes; and • land and building purchase schemes in high-risk areas. 	http://www.dotars.gov.au/localgovt/naturaldisasters/index.aspx Andrew Fraser Phone: 8247 5911 Fax: 9252 9168 andrew.fraser@oes.nsw.gov.au
Expected to open March 2006 and close Aug 2006	Bushfire Mitigation Program Dept. of Transport and Regional Services	Local Govt. Indigenous community councils Unincorporated remote communities; State Government agencies, where that agency is the relevant responsible agency	Eligible projects may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • construction of a fire trail in an area identified as needing to be accessible for fire suppression and/or mitigation purposes; • maintenance of existing fire trails where there is a demonstrated need for access for fire suppression and/or mitigation purposes; • construction and maintenance activities may include upgrading the road surface and/or vehicle carrying capacity of existing trails, the restoration of damaged/degraded trails to a more utilisable condition, works on turn-out bays on fire trails and provision and upgrade of water points on trails; and • associated accessibility measures such as erection of signage to identify fire trails, mapping, access fencing and gates. 	http://www.dotars.gov.au/localgovt/bmp/index.aspx#3 NSW Rural Fire Service 8741 5436
As needed	Environmental Trust Emergency Pollution Clean-up Program	Body conducting clean-up	Up to \$250,000 for emergency clean-up when unclear responsibility means immediate action unable to be taken and will lead to environmental damage. Grant must be repaid upon establishing responsibility.	Tel: 8837 6093 http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/grants/cleanup.htm

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Energy conservation and greenhouse				
Ongoing	Alternative Fuels Conversion Program Aust Greenhouse Office	Local Govt State Govt Industry	<p>The AFCP provides grants of up to 50% of the eligible costs to vehicle owners to purchase LPG or NG vehicles or convert or upgrade existing vehicles.</p> <p>Eligible vehicles include buses or other commercial vehicles with a gross vehicle mass greater than 3.5 tonnes. They must operate on NG or LPG, or on a combination of either of these with conventional fuel. The AFCP provides funds of up to 50 per cent of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the difference between the purchase price of new NG or LPG fuelled vehicles and their conventionally fuelled equivalents; or • the cost of converting conventionally fuelled vehicles to operate fully or partly on NG or LPG; or • the cost of upgrading the fuel systems of vehicles already operating on NG or LPG. <p>In all cases a minimum of 5% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (principally CO₂, N₂O and CH₄) needs to be demonstrated and the engine must continue to meet noxious emission limits under the relevant Australian Design Rule.</p>	<p>http://www.greenhouse.gov.au/transport/afcp/index.html</p> <p>Tel: 6274 1888</p>
Expected late 2006	Climate Action Grant (NSW Greenhouse Office)	Local Govt Private Sector Orgs Businesses Community Groups and non-profit orgs Individuals	<p>Funding of up to \$250,000 for two project streams</p> <p>Technology Action Grants: projects that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress advances in greenhouse abatement technologies or technologies that assist adaptation to climate change impacts in NSW • Support the development of products, processes, practices and programs which minimise greenhouse emissions and assist adaptation to climate change impacts in the waste forestry agriculture industry processes or land use sectors <p>Community Action Grants: projects that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the capacity of NSW industry, business, government of community to reduce greenhouse emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change in NSW • Support the development of products, processes, practices and programs which minimise greenhouse emissions and assist adaptation to climate change impacts in the waste forestry agriculture industry processes or land use sectors. This can include education and awareness raising aopadation panning and implementation of tools 	<p>Amoi Salakas Tel: 8837 6052</p>

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Call for EOI's expected early 2006	Energy Saving Fund (DEUS)	Businesses, Local Govt, Govt agencies, organisations or community groups	Preference will be given to projects which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have a high degree of certainty in delivering savings • are repeatable and/or will lead to sustained changes in energy consumption behaviours and • investment choices, without additional expenditures by the Fund • commit to provision of additional funds and other forms of collaboration • lead to benefits in addition to saving energy, including water savings • coordinate with and complement, rather than duplicate, other programs and policies • demonstrate or trial innovative new technologies or practices. 	fundsmanager@deus.nsw.gov.au Tel: 8281 7417
Environmental Education				
Applications open 21 May 2005 Closes 1 July	Eco-Schools Program Environmental Trust (DEC)	Schools	Approximately 60 grants of \$2,500 each for initiatives that may include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conservation of natural resources • environmental monitoring programs • energy management • water management • litter reduction and waste minimisation • setting up environment clubs • developing school grounds as resources for learning. 	Tel: 8837 6093 http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/grants/schools.htm
Expressions of Interest called on 14 May 2005 Closes 10 June	Environmental Education Program Environmental Trust (DEC)	Local Govt. State Govt. ROC's Universities Incorporated associations Comm. groups Limited companies Cooperatives	Expression of interest process precedes applications Grants between \$5,000 and \$100,000 for projects that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to help attain one or more of the outcomes in the NSW Government's Environmental Education Plan <i>Learning for Sustainability</i> • to facilitate changes in behaviour of individuals and groups that affects specific environmental problems • to develop and promote education projects that improve the environment. 	Tel: 8837 6093 http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/grants/education.htm

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Call for applications likely around Sept/Oct 2006 Applications expected to close Jan 2006	Commonwealth Environmental Education Grants Program Dept. of Environment and Heritage	Local Govt. State Govt NGO's educational institutions community groups	Funds generally between \$3,000 and \$45,000 (although more available depending on merit). Projects should contribute to the priority areas identified by the National Environmental Education Council, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop strategies to assist in the incorporation of ecologically sustainable development principles into teaching programs and campus activities; • encourage business and industry to develop practices consistent with ecologically sustainable development; • develop resources and consistent approaches to environmental education in the community that reflect sound environmental knowledge and practice. 	http://www.deh.gov.au/education/programs/index.html Environmental Education Section (02) 6274 1290
Invasive Species				
Applications due 1 May 2006	Local Coordination and Weed Control NSW DPI	Local Govt Noxious Weed County Councils Joint Weed Control Authorities	Local Control authorities may be eligible for assistance up to a dollar for each dollar contributed for their weed control coordination program. The maximum level of assistance is determined by the Council's benchmark. Activities funded include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ salary and training of weed control coordinator ▪ surveys ▪ planning strategic programs and integration with regional programs ▪ education/extension and publicity ▪ implement functions under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 	http://www.agric.nsw.gov.au/reader/weeds-reporting Contact details for regional coordinators on website
Applications due 1 May 2006	State Priority Weed Projects NSW DPI	Local Govt	Funds may be available under certain circumstances to individual agencies where a group application is not an option and the actions proposed are deemed by NWAC to be of high priority to Noxious Weed Control in NSW. Priority given to projects which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ prevent weeds from establishing in NW or spreading to uninfested regions ▪ if the weed was recently identified and authorities have not yet had an opportunity to develop a regional plan ▪ include substantial contributions from LCA's ▪ Funds are provided for 1 year on a dollar for dollar basis. 	http://www.agric.nsw.gov.au/reader/weeds-reporting Contact details for regional coordinators on website
Applications due 1 May 2006	Regional Weeds Plans and Group Funding NSW DPI	Local Govt and DEC NPWS though Regional Weeds C'tees	Funds available to groups of Local Control Authorities (LCA's) through a group project grant application. Funds are provided to implement approved Regional Weeds Plans. Applications must involve at least 3 appropriate LCA's and are provided on a dollar for dollar basis.	http://www.agric.nsw.gov.au/reader/weeds-reporting

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R & D Round expected March 2006 Cross-regional and National Project Round expected October 2006	Defeating the Weed Menace Australian Government Defeating the weed menace fund	Aimed primarily at CMA's, however, Local Govt is encouraged to contact the relevant WONS coordinator and register local needs that may combine to indicate a regional/cross-regional need.	Strategic on-ground control and eradication at a regional level, research into cost effective management techniques and bio-controls for key target weeds, and awareness raising campaigns. Cross-regional projects should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • deal with national priority weeds, including WoNS, 'National Environmental Alert List' and priority sleeper weeds; • be strategic, for example, prevent the spread of weeds through catchments, or remove 'outlier' weed areas; • result in sustained benefits across a number of NRM regions; • be consistent with regional plans (i.e. CAP's) and investment strategies approved under the NHT; • address causes rather than symptoms; and • consider on-going arrangements to ensure weed problems do not recur. 	John Thorp National Weeds Mgt Facilitator Tel: (03) 6344 9657 jthorp@jta.com.au WONS Coordinators http://nrm.gov.au/contact/s/weeds.html http://www.daff.gov.au/defeatingweeds
Possibly early 2007	National Feral Animal Control Programme (NFACTP) Natural Heritage Trust	Local Govt State agencies Incorporated community groups Universities Registered organisations (strong preference given to regional areas)	Projects are generally in the range \$10,000-\$100,000pa, and up to two years duration. Successful projects will require significant in-kind and cash contributions from the proponent and third parties. Support for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing effective, economic and humane control techniques. • Developing monitoring techniques to provide more reliable information on pest animal numbers and damage. • Demonstrating 'best practice' management strategies at a regional scale. • Producing national extension materials to facilitate adoption of 'best practice' management. • Risk assessment/management and incursion management strategies to avoid establishment and spread of new and existing pest animals. Support will not be provided for routine pest animal management activities with benefits limited to particular regions. Such activities may be supported under the NHT's Envirofund and Regional components	http://www.daff.gov.au/content/output.cfm?ObjectID=D2C48F86-BA1A-11A1-A220060B0A06278&contentType=outputs Quentin Hart Tel: 02 6272 3801 quentin.hart@brs.gov.au
Marine and Coasts				
App's invited around Apr/May 2006	Coastal Management Program Dept of Nat Resources	Local Govt	50:50 funding partnership with LG for development and implementation of Coastline Management Plans	Mark Moratti Tel: 9895 5056

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App's invited around Apr/May 2006	Estuary Management Program Dept of Nat Resources	Local Govt	50:50 funding partnership with LG for development and implementation of Estuary Management Plans	Gus Pelosi Tel: 9895 5939
Call for applications expected June/July 2006	Maritime Infrastructure Program (MIP) Grants (formerly known as WADAMP Grants) NSW Maritime	Local Govt State Govt. Incorporated or registered boating groups or maritime orientated clubs	Between around \$10,000 and \$200,000 in dollar-for-dollar funding (including in-kind and labour from proponent) for projects such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provision of public sewage pumpout sites • upgrade or provision of boat ramps • upgrade or provision of public wharves/jetties • installation of public moorings • upgrade of small boat harbours • feasibility studies on the above infrastructure projects. On-going maintenance and operating costs are not covered	http://www.maritime.nsw.gov.au/infra.html The MIP Manager 02 9563 8851
No set timeframe 05/06 budget fully allocated, so C'wealth funding unavailable until 06/07	Coastal Catchments Initiative Dept of Environment and Heritage	Local Govt State Government	Commonwealth funding allocated on the basis of an agreement between Commonwealth (DEH), State (DEC) and Local Governments regarding land based threats to water quality in a particular estuary system. State or Local Govt presents a very brief case outlining existing or potential threats (1-2 pages) and 3-way discussions are held on the eligibility. If eligible, a "WQ Improvement Plan" is developed, with funding available for interim projects to develop foundations for plan delivery such as modelling, decision support tools and WQ monitoring coordination. The plan, prepared consistent with the "Framework for Marine and Estuarine Water Quality Protection" (see website), will identify the most cost-effective and timely projects for investment by all parties — including Commonwealth, State and Local Governments, and community and environment groups. An important criterion for estuary eligibility is the presence of matters of national environmental significance, hence, in the Sydney Basin, Botany Bay is likely to be the only likely candidate (Towra Point Ramsar Wetland).	http://www.deh.gov.au/coasts/pollution/cci/index.html#about Vaughn Cox Water Quality Section DEH Tel: (02) 6274 2005 vaughn.cox@deh.gov.au

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Unlikely but possible in 2006/07 FY	Marine Species Recovery and Protection ('MSRP Funding') Dept of Environment and Heritage	an individual; or a research and/or educational institution; or a not-for-profit body that is legally incorporated in Australia	Funding for Marine Species Recovery and Protection ('MSRP Funding') aims to support high-quality projects that will make a significant contribution to the implementation of recovery plans relating to the following groups of threatened marine species: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sharks •Marine Turtles •Handfish •Seals 	http://www.deh.gov.au/coasts/species/msrp/index.html Kelly Mullen Tel: (02) 6274 2130
Primary Production and fishing				
Expected later this year.	Natural Resource Innovation Grants National Landcare Program	Individuals Incorporated community and "not-for-profit" groups Businesses with links to NRM and/or primary production	Projects in the last round received funding of up to \$150,000 for development, adoption, implementation and delivery of innovative practices, production techniques, technologies or products in the primary production sector Projects must <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contribute to increased profitability or output • sustainability of the natural resource base • demonstrate wider applicability across the relevant industries. 	tel: 1800 657 220 nlpinnovations@daff.gov.au http://www.daff.gov.au/content/output.cfm?ObjectId=6FA33B48-FFBE-4C13-A618A76CCC51E7AF
Expected later this year.	Community Support Grants National Landcare Program	Individuals Comm groups not-for-profit orgs businesses with links to natural resource managers and/or primary producers	Around \$30 million nationally for local and regional landcare activities consistent with priorities in accredited, regional NRM plans (Blueprints/CAP's) and CMA Three Year Investment Strategies. These can include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • measures to combine production and conservation on farms, • improve the skills of natural resource managers • promote best management practice, and • better integrate natural resource management into business and property plans 	Tel: 6272 4350 http://www.daff.gov.au/content/output.cfm?ObjectId=D2C48F86-BA1A-11A1-A2200060B0A04273
Any time	NSW Fisheries Small Grants Program NSW DPI	Local Govt. fishing clubs community members	Up to \$5,000 of dollar-for-dollar funding for local or regional projects aimed at enhancing recreational fishing such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recreational fishing access, facilities and education • information and training • recreational fisheries research • recreational fisheries' sustainability and habitat improvement 	http://www.fisheries.nsw.gov.au/rec/committees/rft-guide.htm

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Closes 16 March 2006. Next round expected Feb/Mar 2007	NSW Fisheries Large Grants Program NSW DPI	Local Govt. fishing clubs community members	Over \$5,000 of dollar-for-dollar funding for local or regional projects aimed at enhancing recreational fishing such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recreational fishing access, facilities and education • information and training • recreational fisheries research recreational fisheries' sustainability and habitat improvement	http://www.fisheries.nsw.gov.au/rec/committees/rft-guide.htm
Closes 17 March 2006 Next round expected early 2007	Recreational Fishing Community Grants Programme Dept Agriculture Fisheries and forestry	incorporated assoc's body corporates, companies, trustees; Local Govt universities, TAFEs, schools individuals	Up to \$100,000 of dollar-for-dollar funding (higher DAFF contribution for exceptional projects) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for improvements to infrastructure, including roads, tracks and paths used by recreational fishers to access fishing spots; • to support local initiatives to enhance recreational fishing, such as restocking fish in inland waterways; • to protect the environment at the water's edge by, for example, protecting sensitive habitats; • to establish and upgrade volunteer marine and freshwater rescue groups and associated infrastructure; and • for education and awareness raising projects such as biofouling, aquatic pest translocation, increasing survival rates of released fish, and sensitive species. 	http://www.daff.gov.au/r/ecfishinggrants Tel: 6272 3848
Public places				
Expected to open around May 2006 Close around Sept 2006 Workshops before opening to assist applicants	The Metropolitan Greenspace Program Dept of Planning	Local Govt. in Sydney (joint applications are encouraged)	Around \$1 million annually of dollar-for-dollar funding for projects that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • include open space enhancements such as walking or bike trails, landscaping, tree-planting and bush regeneration • assist local government to plan and improve regionally significant open space • enable more effective public use of these areas by the public • promote partnerships between State and local government • implement the Department's strategic directions for open space. 2006 focus will be on Regional Recreational Trails refer to the report	http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/programservices/met.html Tom Sear, Greenspace Program Coordinator Tel: 02 9895 7260 tom.sear@planning.nsw.gov.au.

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Expected to open around May 2006 Close around Sept 2006	Cooks river foreshore improvement Dept of Planning	Local Govt. (Botany Bay, Burwood, Canterbury, Marrickville, Rockdale, South Sydney and Strathfield Councils) and relevant environmental and community groups	Around \$500,000 annually of dollar-for-dollar funding for projects that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve the green space along the Cooks River Foreshore; • restore riverine habitats for native fauna and flora; • naturalise riverbanks; • improve access to the water and extend pedestrian and cycle links; • enhance the use, enjoyment and safety of the river environs and regional open space along the Cooks River; • rehabilitate environments degraded from past urban and industrial pollution; • increase public awareness and appreciation of the values of the Cooks River and encourage community support for and participation in the restoration and enhancement of the river • environs; • encourage collaborative solutions involving a number of councils, community groups and other relevant stakeholders. 	http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/programservices/improvement.asp Tom Sear, Greenspace Program Coordinator Tel: 02 9895 7260 tom.sear@planning.nsw.gov.au.
Expected to open 1 May 2006 Close 30 June 2006	Sharing Sydney Harbour Dept of Planning Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority NSW Maritime	Local Govt. and registered recreational organisations, in the Syd Harbour Catchment. State agencies may also be eligible for funding of 'strategic projects'.	Around \$2 million annually of dollar-for-dollar grant funding for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • walking tracks (generally, preference will be given to land-based means of providing foreshore access rather than boardwalks) • on-road and off-road cycleways • public domain improvements eg better accessways, promenades, shelters, seating, lighting, signage, planting, interpretive facilities, dry-boat and cycle storage • wharves and pontoons • "soft access" for landing small boats including seawall steps and beaches. Construction of new boat ramps 100% funded by NSW Maritime	http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/harbour/sydney_access.html Vivienne Whitfield Tel: 9228 6343 Vivienne.whitfield@planning.nsw.gov.au
Water and energy efficiency				
TBC (this program is still being developed)	Raising National Water Standards Aust Govt Water Fund	TBC	Aims to invest in Australia's national capacity to measure, monitor and manage its water resources. Funding made available via commissions and a competitive grants scheme.	http://www.nwc.gov.au/water_fund/water_standards.cfm

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Round 2 coming soon (see website under more info.)	Community Water Grants Natural Heritage Trust (Community Funding)	Local Govt Schools Indigenous organisations Comm groups Community-care sector CMA's	Up to \$50,000 for projects that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promote a culture of wise water use through community engagement and awareness about saving and conserving water • encourage best practice measures and demonstrate water wise solutions adapted to tackle local needs and problems • provide the support and means for community groups to undertake on-ground projects under the three areas of activity: water savings-efficiency, water reuse-recycling and surface and groundwater health such as protecting or enhancing the health of rivers, wetlands and groundwater resources. 	www.communitywatergrants.gov.au/
Application guidelines expected 22 March 2006 Applications expected to close around June 2006	Water Smart Australia Program Aust Govt Water Fund	Local Govt State Govt Private sector Community groups Other organisations	Grants of over \$1 million, although smaller grants may be considered for highly relevant projects and scoping studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve river flows for better environmental outcomes • return groundwater aquifers to sustainable levels • lead to water savings through improvements in irrigation infrastructure • encourage or advance on-farm water use efficiency improvements • desalinate water for use in cities and towns • recycle and reuse stormwater, 'grey' water and wastewater from sewage • provide more efficient storage facilities, such as underground aquifers • provide alternatives to ocean outfalls and the better management of sewage in our coastal cities, and • develop water efficient housing design.. 	http://www.nwc.gov.au/water_fund/water_smart_aust/guidelines.cfm Steve Costello NSW Coordinator 6102 6084 Applicants should call the NWC on 02 6102 6000 before beginning a detailed application
Call for EOI's expected early 2006	Water Saving Fund (DEUS)	Businesses, Local Govt, Govt agencies, organisations or community groups in Sydney Water's area of operations.	Preference will be given to projects which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have a high degree of certainty in delivering savings • are repeatable and/or will lead to sustained changes in water consumption behaviours and • investment choices, without additional expenditures by the Fund • commit to provision of additional funds and other forms of collaboration • lead to benefits in addition to saving water, including energy savings • coordinate with and complement, rather than duplicate, other programs and policies • demonstrate or trial innovative new technologies or practices. 	fundsmanager@deus.nsw.gov.au Tel: 8281 7417

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Other				
Various	Incentives Programs Catchment Management Authorities	Various but generally land holders	A number of Catchment Management Authorities have programs to assist land holders to contribute to biodiversity conservation and sustainable production practices. Contact your local CMA for further information	http://www.cma.nsw.gov.au/
Various	Community Grants Programs Local Councils	Various but generally community groups	A number of Local Councils provide small grants to community groups. Contact your Local Council for further information.	n/a
Applications for 2007/08 projects close 10 Nov 2006	Australian Biological Resources Study (ABRS) Grants Programme DEH	Not-for-profit organisations Business Government CMA's Eduational and research institutions Community groups and organisations	Up to \$60,000 for 2 types of projects. <i>Research Project Grants</i> for which the primary aim is to undertake systematic research on the Australian Biota; and <i>Biodiversity Information Product Grants</i> for the development or design of a discrete product that aids in the dissemination of taxonomic information to the wider community. Projects should do one or more of the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation of Australia's biological diversity with particular emphasis on lesser-known groups, including microorganisms. • Rigorous taxonomic treatment mainly at species level. • Contribution to regional or continental generic or higher-level systematics research. • Groups of high conservation value. • Groups of economic, health and/or social benefit. • Innovative approaches for dealing with complex systematics problems. 	http://www.deh.gov.au/biodiversity/abrs/admin/grants/ Tel: (02) 6250 9554

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Applications should be submitted by 1 Mar, 1 Aug or 1 Nov each year	BHP Billiton Corporate Community Program BHP Billiton	Non-profit Organisations	Between \$50,000 and \$200,000. "Community-based conservation and rehabilitation programs" is one of a number of focus areas funded. Preference is given to projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are national/international and will benefit communities in regions where BHP Billiton operates • Are directed at solving problems in a sustainable way rather than providing short-term relief from symptoms or long-term dependency • Will become self-sustaining, or will continue to provide benefits to the community after the project is completed and funding has ceased • Provide opportunities for involvement of BHP Billiton employees • Will have a significant impact in addressing an issue or make a real difference to the community 	http://www.bhpbilliton.com/bb/sustainableDevelopment/community/supportGuidelines.jsp (03) 9609 3341 NicoleCrook@bhpbilliton.com
Application expected to open Sept 2006	Butt Littering Trust British American Tobacco Australia		Applicants must contribute 40% of the total project value either as financial and/or definable in-kind contributions. Organisations are eligible for funding of up to 60% of the total project value, to a limit of \$40,000 per project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directly address the butt littering behaviour of smokers; • Focus on butt littering behaviours in either CBDs, at key transport stops, in the hospitality and tourism sector or associated with vehicles; • Demonstrate stakeholder participation in managing the butt littering issue, ie. property councils, shopping centres, tourism and hospitality industry, community groups etc; • Include a monitoring and evaluation program to assess the effectiveness of the project; • Demonstrate results within one year of funding; 	http://www.buttlitteringtrust.org/ Tel: 8907 8216 executiveofficer@buttlitteringtrust.org
Applications open 21 May 2005 Closes 1 July	Protecting Our Places Program Environmental Trust (DEC)	Aboriginal community groups. Unincorporated groups need a sponsor	Grants between \$2,000 and \$45,000 for projects that restore or rehabilitate Aboriginal land or land that is culturally significant to Aboriginal people and/or educate Aboriginal and other communities about the local environment and the value Aboriginal communities place on their natural environment	Tel: 8837 6093 http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/grants/pop.htm

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Call for EOI's expected April/May 2006	Planning Reform Funding Program Dept of Planning	Local Govt.	Around \$3 million statewide for initiatives that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • local planning strategies (eg to identify growth potential for housing and industry, and to protect high conservation areas, including threatened species habitats) • economic development strategies (eg for job creation, tourism and agriculture) • investigative work (eg development studies for settlements and urban design, identifying transport and infrastructure priorities, or for biodiversity or rivers and foreshores protection) • joint work between two or more councils (eg joint studies to solve subregional planning and infrastructure issues, or councils sharing a planner to assist in new LEP work) • identifying solutions to broader issues that can be applied in other areas (eg natural resource management, planning for rural lands or regional town centres, or management of salinity) • projects to address skill and staff shortages in rural and remote locations • mapping (eg to assist with biodiversity certification or threatened species mapping) • preparation of new LEPs The priority will be to fund preparation of new LEP's	http://www.dipnr.nsw.gov.au/planningreform.html Samantha Piper 9228 6174
Foundations and lower amounts				
Expected	Catchment Protection and Improvement Grants for Community Organisations Sydney Catchment Authority	formally constituted community organisations or groups Local Govt may apply in partnership with a group	Funding of up to \$8,000 (and/or \$2,000 for equipment) for projects that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and improve the quality or quantity of water harvested from the SCA's catchment areas • Improve the health or condition of the catchments. 	Sydney Catchment Authority 4725 2185 http://www.sca.nsw.gov.au/catchments/funding.html
Expected late 2006 Contact for more info	Australian Ethical Investment Community Grants Australian Ethical Investment	Not-for-profit organisations	Up to around \$6,000 for projects that contribute to AEI's Charter http://www.austethical.com.au/about_aei/australian_ethical_charter	http://www.austethical.com.au/about_aei/community_grants Tel: 6201 1988

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Closing dates: 1 Nov, 1 Feb, 1 May, and 1 Aug	Riparian Management Assistance Program Sydney Catchment Authority	Property owners in the catchments listed under 'description'	Assistance for property owners to protect and conserve riparian zones (i.e. fencing, weeding, revegetation, stock watering and minor erosion control) along the following creeks and associated streams and gullies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper Werriberri Creek • Brogers Creek, Barrengarry Creek • Paddy's River, Uringalla Creek, Long Swamp Creek • Cullenbenbong Creek, Ganbenang Creek, Galong Creek • Coxs River (from Kanimbla Valley to Blue Mountains NP Boundary) Applicants need to be planning to start the project within six months of the closing date.	Stuart Naylor, SCA Riparian Program Manager 4725 2591. http://www.sca.nsw.gov.au/catchments/ripariangrant.html
Closes 31 March 2006	Community Help Grants Program SGIO Australia and NRMA	Community groups Not-for-profit organisations	From \$500 to \$5000 for projects that raise awareness of or combat climate change, or contribute to energy efficiency. Other sustainability projects will be considered.	http://www.nrma.com/public/nrma/community/help-program/index.shtml 1300 306 496
Next round likely in March 2006	Small Equipment Grants Dept. of Family and Community Services	Any organisation with at least one volunteer, other than govt organisations. Unincorporated groups will need a sponsor	Funding of up to \$3,000 for equipment that will make the work of volunteers easier, safer, more effective and/or more enjoyable. Priority given to organisations that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have relatively small operating budgets with limited funding resources • have a relatively high volunteer to staff ratio • demonstrate that the organisation's work supports families and/or strengthens their local communities • have requested equipment that will have maximum benefit in the local community for a small outlay • have not received funding under VSEG 2003 or VSEG 2004 	1300 653 227 facs.internet@facs.gov.au

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Expected later in 2006 Email gveho@deh.gov.au for updates	Grants to Voluntary Environment and Heritage Organisations (GVEHO) DEH	NGO's and not-for-profit organisations (Very strict eligibility criteria)	Funding of up to \$10,000 (although greater amounts possible for exceptional projects) for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • salaries and salary on-costs for executive and administrative staff • utility charges (eg phone, electricity and gas) • supplies • staff and volunteer training • travel • other costs that contribute to the delivery of services and/or projects • Small office and non-office capital items such as computers, video cameras, trailers and specialised equipment to assist delivering activities of the organisation where there is significant and long-term public benefit in the purchase. 	http://www.deh.gov.au/programs/gveho/index.html Tel: 6274 2422
First working day of Feb, May, Aug and Nov each year	Holden Community Support Program GM Holden Ltd	Local Govt Community groups	Holden is particularly interested in projects that have a national focus and seek to educate and involve the Australian community in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoring and preserving Australia's natural environment • Developing energy efficient strategies and alternative energy options • Applying technologies to achieve environmental gains 	http://www.holden.com.au/www-holden/jsp/environmentcommunity/environmentcommunity.jsp?link=communitysupport&heading=guidelines communitysupport.holden@gm.com
Run quarterly applications due 15 Feb 15 May 15 Aug 15 Nov	Project AWARE Foundation Grants Project AWARE Foundation	Local Govt. Educational and research organisations Community groups Businesses	Micro grants up to \$1,000 for localised grass roots efforts, such as beach and underwater cleanups, mooring buoy programs, research projects, local education and public awareness programs. Macro grants up to \$5,000 for large-scale regional, national or international efforts such as broad-based education and public awareness programs and high profile conservation projects.	http://www.projectaware.org/asiapac/english/grants/

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Applications called around Aug Sept each year Due mid oct	Nestle Community Environment Program Nestle	Community Groups Local Govt Schools	Up to \$20,000 for 12 month on-ground environmental projects near Nestle manufacturing sites at Smithtown, Blacktown, Arndel Park and Rhodes/Homebush.	Karen Duncan Tel: 02 8756 2805
Closes 31 Mar 2006 Likely same time next year	Mazda Foundation Mazda	Ask for more info	Up to \$50,000. One of the foundation's focus areas is assistance towards the maintenance and improvement of the natural environment.	http://www.mazdafoundation.org.au/ Tel: (03) 8540 1800 info@mazdafoundation.org.au
Assessment panel meets quarterly	Macquarie Bank Foundation Macquarie Bank	Community Groups	Each application is assessed on its individual merit and we welcome applications for funding from a diverse range of community-based initiatives that are working in innovative ways to provide long-term benefits.	http://www.macquarie.com.au/au/about_macquarie/macquarie_in_the_community.htm 8232 9673 julie.white@macquarie.com
Expected early 2006	Myer Foundation Natural Environment Grants Myer Foundation	Aimed mainly at NGO's, not-for-profit organisations and incorporated community groups. Local Govt. eligible but unlikely to be successful	The Foundation will support work that increases the Australian community's understanding of, and response to, problems associated with climate change. Priority will be given to projects that enable communities to participate effectively in discussions about environmental issues and ecological health, and empower them to provide long term solutions to their problems.	enquiries@myerfoundation.org.au Tel: 03 9207 3040

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Applications due 1 May 2006, 1 Aug 2006, 1 Nov 2006, 1 Feb 2007	Ian Potter Foundation Environment Grants Ian Potter Foundation	Not-for-profit groups with Deductible Gift Recipient status (i.e. can receive tax deductible gifts)	Funding for projects that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop partnerships with communities, government and the private sector to help prevent irreversible damage to the environment and to encourage the maintenance of biodiversity • support programs and policies which are committed to the economic and ecologically sustainable development of land, and the preservation of species • to foster a broad public awareness of the environmental challenges facing urban and rural Australia • assist communities which are threatened with serious economic hardship due to the degradation of land and water resources, to develop policies to manage the social, economic and cultural changes needed for survival • assist projects designed to preserve the built environment which has cultural significance 	http://www.ianpotter.org.au/2-0_about/2-0-about.html
Applications due 1 Aug 2006 and 2 Nov 2006	George Alexander Foundation Grants George Alexander Foundation	communities, government and the private sector	Grants available to develop partnerships with communities, government and the private sector to prevent irreversible damage to the environment and to encourage the maintenance of biodiversity	www.gafoundation.org.au
As required	Kennards Hire Equipment Grants Kennards Hire	Community groups	\$250, \$500 or \$1000 for equipment hire for community groups	www.landcareaustralia.com.au
Expected Mar 2006	Bundaberg Rum Bush Fund – National Small Grants Bundaberg Rum through Landcare	Landcare and other community groups	Funding of \$1,000 to \$5,000 to address water quality issues within the local area. This may be within a river, lake, stream, creek, or as part of the wider catchment.	Jenny Quealy jquealy@landcareaustralia.com.au (02) 9412 1040
31 May and 31 October each year	Australian Bird Environment Foundation Grants Australian Bird Environment Foundation	Community groups, landowners and individuals	Up to \$3,000 for projects that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintain, improve or extend habitat for birds and other associated native animals and plants • involve the study of the needs of birds in their habitat • educate the public to become more aware of birds and their habitat requirements 	http://www.birdobservers.org.au/ABEF.htm#ABEF%20Grants

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Any time	Westpac Operation Backyard Landcare Australia Limited	Projects where Westpac staff are involved as volunteers. Must be nominated by staff member.	Up to \$5,000 for projects such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rehabilitating degraded recreation areas • making roadways more wildlife friendly • restoring coastal dunes, bushland and other areas for native flora and fauna • preventing erosion • supporting the ongoing survival of species • protecting native habitat. 	Col Freeman Email:col@landcareaustralia.com.au Tel:02 9412 1040
Last working day of Mar, Jun, Sept and Dec each year	Norman Wettenhall Foundation Grants Norman Wettenhall Foundation	Individuals and organisations	Up to \$10,000 for projects that meet the following principles. Innovative projects are to be encouraged and preferably act as a model for other developments in the future; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The results have a long-term effect; • Publications of funded studies is regarded as important and will be supported; • Encouragement of individuals, as well as organisations, is possible provided the project is well planned; and • Dissemination of information, which will benefit the natural living environment. 	http://www.nwf.org.au/
Various times (Mullum time?)	The Mullum Trust Grants The Mullum Trust	Environmental and conservation projects with a community focus	This fund provides various amounts funding for projects with an environmental or conservation project with a community focus. Preference will be given to projects that have a welfare or education component.	Ms Simone Hey Ph: (03) 9615 8500 smh@bdomel.com.au