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Introduction

The Sydney Coastal Councils Group (SCCG) Funding Guide is produced and updated annually to help Member Councils in identifying funding opportunities to support the management and protection of Sydney's coastal and estuarine environments. The Guide provides a wide-ranging and structured list of funding opportunities available to councils and other stakeholders in a single resource.

The production of the Funding Guide is part of the SCCG Capacity Building Program that builds the role and capacity of Member Councils and other stakeholders to sustainably manage urban coastal and estuarine environments.

The Funding Guide is organised under 12 categories (see Contents), listed alphabetically. There is also an Awards section at the end. Where possible, available funding amounts and application deadlines are identified. Where this information was not available at the time of publication, users are encouraged to visit the website listed for further updates.

In addition to this Guide, the SCCG publishes upcoming grant opportunities in its monthly update on the <u>SCCG</u> <u>homepage</u>.

The SCCG invites feedback and enquiries in relation to the information contained in this resource. Please direct your queries or comments to info@sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au.

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Grant / Funding Organisation	Funds Available	Deadlines	Overview	
ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE				
Active Transport, including Walking and Cycling Program Roads and Maritime Services (NSW)	Variable	Applications for 2017-18 Walking and Cycling Program are Open .	The NSW Government is committed to working with councils to make walking and cycling safer, more convenient and enjoyable transport options that benefit everyone. In line with the NSW Long Term Transport Master Plan (LTTMP), Sydney's Walking Future, Sydney's Cycling Future and the Regional Transport Plans; there is a focus on improving walking and cycling connections within major centres. The purpose of this is to increase opportunities for people to walk and ride their bikes more often in order to help reduce congestion, particularly around schools, employment centres and universities. http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/partners-suppliers/lgr/active-transport/index.html	
Community Building Partnership NSW Government	Up to \$200,000 available per NSW Electorate	2017 dates to be advised – check the Timetable page of the website.	Grants to fund the building and improvement of local community facilities. Applicants should demonstrate how their project will benefit their local community through the building or improvement of facilities to deliver positive social, recreational or environmental outcomes. Incorporated not-for-profit community organisations and local councils are eligible to apply. http://www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au/home or email cbpinfo@dpc.nsw.gov.au	
Public Reserves Management Fund Department of Primary Industries - Lands (NSW)	Variable	2017-2018 round is Open . Applications close 5pm Friday 24th March 2017 .	The PRMFP provides financial support for the development, maintenance and improvement of public reserves. Managers of any NSW Crown reserve, as well as freehold showgrounds and schools of arts, may be eligible to apply for funding. http://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/crown_lands/crown_reserves/funding/PRMFP or email cl.prmfp@crownland.nsw.gov.au	
Regional roads funding assistance to Local Government	Variable	Ongoing.	Local Governments are eligible to apply to the NSW Government for financial assistance for repairs and maintenance to regional (council-owned) roads through the Regional Road Block Grant Program: http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/partners-suppliers/lgr/grant-programs/regional-road-block-grant.html and the REPAIR (REPair and Improvements of Regional Roads): http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/partners-suppliers/lgr/downloads/factsheets-report/factsheet04-other-funding.pdf .	

CLIMATE CHANGE			
Building Resilience to Climate Change NSW Office of Environment & Heritage, NSW Environmental Trust and LGNSW	To be advised	Possible 2017 round to be advised from July 2017 – check the website.	The two planned rounds of this \$1 million program to address identified climate change risks and vulnerabilities facing NSW councils have been completed. Funds of \$15,000-\$80,000 were available per project. Local Government NSW are currently in negotiations about a possible further round but do not expect a decision before July 2017. Check the website for updates: http://www.lgnsw.org.au/policy/climate-change/building-resilience
Emissions Reduction Fund Clean Energy Regulator (Australian Government)	Variable	Check website for details.	The objective of the Emissions Reduction Fund is to help Australia to meet its emissions reduction target of five percent below 2000 levels by 2020. Through the Emissions Reduction Fund, the Government will purchase lowest cost abatement (in the form of Australian carbon credit units) from a wide range of sources, providing an incentive to businesses, households and landowners to proactively reduce their emissions. http://www.cleanenergyregulator.gov.au/ERF/About-the-Emissions-Reduction-Fund
COASTAL & MARINE			
Coastal and Estuary Grants Program Office of Environment & Heritage (NSW)	Variable	2017 round is Open . Applications close on 30th June 2017 .	Under the Coastal and Estuary Grants Program, the NSW Government provides technical and financial support to local government, to assist in managing the coastal zone. The objectives of the Coastal and Estuary Grants program are to support local government in; managing the risk from coastal hazards, coastal erosion, restoring degraded coastal habitats and improving the health of NSW estuaries, wetlands and littoral forests. http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/coasts/coastalgrants.htm or email
Estuary Management Grants Office of Environment & Heritage (NSW)	Variable	2017 round is intended, check the website for details.	Under the Estuary Management Program, the NSW Government provides estuary management grants to support local government work to improve the health of NSW estuaries. Funding of up to 50% of a project's costs will normally be offered for successful grant applications. http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/coasts/estuarygrants.htm or call the Senior Team Leader, Contestable Grants - Coast, Estuary and Flood on (02) 9895 6533.
COMMUNITY			
Caterpillar Sponsorships Caterpillar	Variable	Ongoing.	Caterpillar provides sponsorship opportunities to give back to communities and improve quality of life in a more efficient, environmentally sensitive manner that positively reflects the brand values, showcase Caterpillar technology solutions and support their long-term environmental, economic and social commitments. Applications must be submitted at least 90 days prior to the event/activity.

			http://www.caterpillar.com/company/sponsorships
Commonwealth Bank Sponsorships and Community Grants Commonwealth Bank	Variable	Ongoing.	The Commonwealth Bank provides sponsorship opportunities for community groups, environmental organisations, sporting clubs, arts organisations awards programs and groups that promote health and wellbeing. Sponsorship is offered on an ongoing basis, based on submission of an application for funding. Update: the Commonwealth Bank's commitments to existing partners means they are not currently seeking or accepting any additional sponsorship requests. http://www.commbank.com.au/about-us/in-the-community/community-partnerships/apply-for-funding.html The Commonwealth Bank also offers Community Grants to organisations that run, manage, conduct or implement a program that supports children and youth up to the age of 21 years in Australia. https://www.commbank.com.au/about-us/who-we-are/in-the-community/community-grants.html
Community Grants Australian Ethical Investment	Variable	Check website and register interest to receive email updates.	Australian Ethical Investment donates 10 per cent of its profits to charitable, benevolent and conservation projects through its Community Grants program. They seek applications from organisations seeking full or partial funding for specific projects that will efficiently deliver tangible outcomes that help the planet, people and/or animals. http://www.australianethical.com.au/community
Community Help Grants Program NRMA	Variable	Register your details to receive email updates about new initiatives and programs.	The Community Grants Program is currently closed while NRMA reviews the program. The NRMA supports local community organisations that are making a difference in the community in the areas of crime prevention, road safety, emergency readiness and response and the environment. https://www.communitygrantsprogram.com.au/
Eco Schools Grants NSW Environmental Trust	Check website	Next round expected to open in April 2017 – check website for updates.	 The Eco Schools Program provides funding for schools to assist with environmental learning opportunities for students, teachers and the school community. Eco Schools' projects provide hands-on curriculum-based environmental education focussing on strong student participation. Grants of \$3500 will be available for up to 80 schools in 2017-18. While all schools are eligible to apply, we also encourage projects working primarily with students with special needs

			http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/schools.htm
IMPACT Philanthropy Perpetual	\$10,000 - \$100,000. Max \$200,000.	2018 program likely to be announced second half 2017. Check website for updates.	Perpetual's IMPACT Philanthropy Program connects Not-For-Profit organisations with charitable trusts and foundations managed by Perpetual. Only open to organisations with either Australian Tax Office Charity Tax Concession Status or Deductible Gift Recipient Status. https://www.perpetual.com.au/Advice-and-Trustee-Services/IMPACT-Philanthropy/IMPACT-Funding
Lead Environmental Community Groups Program NSW Environmental Trust	Up to \$80,000	Check website for updates.	The Lead Environmental Community Groups (LECG) Grants Program is aimed at assisting eligible lead environmental community organisations to build the capacity of the NSW community in protecting and conserving our environment. It provides grants to assist eligible lead environmental community organisations in NSW to deliver community education and/or capacity building activities. http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/Lead.htm
OEH Sponsorship Office of Environment & Heritage (NSW)	Variable	Applications for sponsorship accepted at any time.	The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) Sponsorship program offers limited sponsorship opportunities for projects, programs and events that align with and advance their strategic goals but are not already covered under the various OEH grant programs. http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grantsandfunding/sponsorship.htm

CONSERVATION & BIG	ODIVERSITY		
20 Million Trees National Landcare Program (Australian Government)	Variable	Further grant rounds yet to be advised. Check website or subscribe to mailing list for updates.	The Australian Government will work with the community to plant 20 million trees by 2020, to re-establish green corridors and urban forests. Part of the national stream of the National Landcare Programme, with four strategic objectives: - 20 million trees – 20 million trees and associated understorey planted by 2020 Environmental conservation – support local environmental outcomes by improving the extent, connectivity and condition of native vegetation that supports native species - Community engagement – work cooperatively with the community - Carbon reduction – contribute to Australia reducing its greenhouse gas emissions. http://www.nrm.gov.au/national/20-million-trees
Environment and Conservation Grants The Ian Potter Foundation	Large grants \$100,000+	Commencing 2018- Environment & Conservation will be open for applications once a year. Check website for updates.	Through its Environment & Conservation program area, the Ian Potter Foundation supports urban and regional communities to live sustainably, and preserve biodiversity, in the face of challenges such as land degradation, limited water resources and climate change. Landscape-scale programs that work to protect areas of high conservation value are also a priority. http://www.ianpotter.org.au/environment-conservation
Eucalypt Australia The Bjarne K Dahl Trust small grant program is managed by Eucalypt Australia.	Up to \$15,000	Check website for details mid 2017 for next round.	The Bjarne K Dahl Trust operates an annual Small Grants Program, under Eucalypt Australia, focused on the conservation of eucalypts and the education of the public in areas of conservation, propagation, cultural, and historical significance in relation to eucalypts throughout Australia. http://www.eucalyptaustralia.org.au/small-grant-program
John T. Reid Charitable Trusts environment category John T. Reid Charitable Trusts	Variable	Enquiry forms accepted at any time – contact Executive Officer. Submission meetings held May and November each year.	The Trustees believe that supporting environmental projects is vital to ensure a sustainable future for Australia. Our economy and lifestyle are dependent on healthy water, soil, climate, oceans and biodiversity. Enabling key environmental and community groups to educate the public on the most pressing issues facing our native fauna, flora, waterways and ecosystems. We can support charitable organisations within Australia that have Deductible Gift Recipient Status from the Australian Tax Office. http://www.johntreidtrusts.com.au/the-submission-process
Metropolitan Greenspace Program Greater Sydney Commission	Variable	Applications Open January 2017 . Applications Close 31st March 2017.	The Metropolitan Greenspace Program (MGP) supports local councils in Greater Sydney and on the Central Coast to improve open spaces, parks, bushland, natural areas, waterway corridors and tree-lined streetscapes in a network that connects our homes to centres, public transport, jobs and recreation. The 2016-2017 grants round has \$4million in funding available. http://www.greater.sydney/metropolitan-greenspace-program

Purves Environmental Fund Grants Purves Environmental Fund	Variable	Ongoing By invitation only (based on submission of proposal).	 This Sydney-based Fund was established in August 2004 by Robert Purves AM. The mission of the Fund is to advance environmental sustainability and preservation of biodiversity, primarily through education of individuals and organisations. The current focus areas of the Fund are: advocacy and education on climate change, and advocacy on landscape management, in particular, land and water resource management Capacity building of key NGOs whose core work align with the PEF objectives and key focus areas. http://www.purvesenvirofund.org.au/apply-for-funding.html
Saving Our Species Partnership Grants Program NSW Environmental Trust	\$300,000 to \$1M	EOIs now Closed – check website for updates.	The Saving our Species Partnership Grants program is a contestable grants program seeking to achieve long-term outcomes for threatened species in NSW. Funded by the NSW Environmental Trust, the program will encourage partnerships between government, the community, non-government organisations and corporations to protect and conserve our most vulnerable plants and animals. http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/SOSPartnerships.htm
Small Environmental Grant Scheme The Norman Wettenhall Foundation	Usually less than \$10,000	Round 1 (Feb) closed. Round 2 (May) opens 21st March 2017. Round 3 (Aug) opens 20th June 2017. Round 4 (Nov) opens 19th Sept 2017. Round 5 (Feb 2018) opens Dec 2017.	The Small Environmental Grant Scheme will provide support for groups or individuals undertaking projects that will make a positive difference to the natural living environment, in land, sea or air, rural or urban. Currently, the Foundation are looking for projects around flora and fauna conservation, threatened mammal conservation, and landscape restoration and education. These projects should involve any of the following: • monitoring, recording and sharing data • delivering community education • providing community capacity building (e.g. skills training, organisation) • research and science Note: there are no closing dates, the Norman Wettenhall Foundation closes each round when satisfied they have received a suitable number and spread of applications, generally within 4-6 weeks of opening. http://nwf.org.au/grants/small-environmental-grants/
Wildlife Link The Tony and Lisette Lewis Foundation	Variable	Check website and contact Foundation for details.	The Tony & Lisette Lewis Foundation was established by the late Mr Tony Lewis and his wife Lisette. Through its "WildlifeLink" program, the Foundation is dedicated to the propagation, preservation and protection of wildlife in Australia and the conservation of its habitat. The principal aims are of the program are to support land acquisition for sanctuaries; research into wildlife and its habitat; environmental education and

CULTURE & HERITAGE Community Heritage Grants National Library of Australia	Up to \$15,000	Applications Open 7 th March 2017 and Close 5pm 8 th May 2017.	awareness; rescue & rehabilitation; and to sponsor projects by organisations committed to philosophies similar to those of the Foundation. http://wildlifelink.com.au Tel: 02 9361 0009 Email: gailbaker@wildlifelink.com.au The CHG program provides grants of up to \$15,000 to community organisations such as libraries, archives, museums, genealogical and historical societies, multicultural and Indigenous groups. The grants are provided to assist with the preservation of locally owned, but nationally significant collections of materials that are publicly accessible including artefacts, letters, diaries, maps, photographs, and audio visual material. http://www.nla.gov.au/awards-and-grants/chg
Community Heritage and Icons Grants Department of the Environment (Australian Government)	\$2,500 to \$10,000	Applications are currently Open . Applications Close at 2:00PM (AEDT) on 23 rd March 2017.	Funding of up to \$1.4 million was allocated to the Program over three years from 2014-15, with up to \$337,000 available each year through the competitive grants component of the Program for projects that support community engagement with, and raise awareness of, places on Australia's National Heritage List. Grants from \$2,500 to \$10,000 to harness the expertise and enthusiasm of local community groups and individuals to conserve, protect and raise awareness of places on Australia's National Heritage List. http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/grants-and-funding/community-heritage-icons-grants
Heritage Near Me Incentives Program Office of Environment & Heritage	\$10,000 to \$100,000.	Applications Open 13th February 2017 Applications Close 21st April 2017. Check website for updates for each Grant Stream.	The Heritage Near Me incentives program runs from 2016-2019 and has been developed to complement current State Heritage funding programs. It provides funding opportunities and support directly to owners and managers of local heritage items. There is \$16 million available in funding over the life of the program. The three grant stream opportunities are: • Heritage Activation Grants • Heritage Green Energy Grants • Local Heritage Strategic Projects Grants. http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/heritage/support-for-local-heritage/heritage-near-me-incentives-program

NSW Heritage Grants Office of Environment & Heritage (NSW)	Variable	Grants for 2018-2019 are anticipated to Open in October 2017. Check website for updates.	The NSW Heritage Grants program assists owners and managers of state significant heritage items, Aboriginal heritage and local government heritage and communities in NSW to care for their heritage. A range of programs are on offer including: • Aboriginal Heritage Places Program • Community Youth and Seniors Heritage Grants • Local Government Heritage Advisors • Local Government Heritage Planning Studies • State heritage emergency works program (open continuously subject to available funding). http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/Heritage/funding/index.htm
Protecting National Historic Sites Australian Government Department of the Environment	\$25,000- \$80,000	Applications are currently Open . Applications close at 2:00PM (AEDT) on Thursday 6th April 2017	The Protecting National Historic Sites programme will provide grants from \$25,000 to \$80,000 to conserve, preserve and protect places on Australia's National Heritage List recognised for their historic heritage values. In 2016-17, up to \$1,390,000 of funding is available through the competitive funding component of the Program. The program is restricted to 65 places which are included on Australia's National Heritage List for their historic values. http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/grants-and-funding/protecting-national-historic-sites
Volunteer Museum Grants Museums & Galleries of NSW	Various \$500 to \$7500	All grants are Open and have various Closing Dates. Check Website for further details per grant.	Museums & Galleries of NSW have several Volunteer Museum grants available, including the following: Skills Development Grants- Up to \$4000 Small Grants- Up to \$2000 Leg Up Grants- Up to \$500 Project Development Grants- \$2500 to \$7500. Check the website for further details and the guidelines for each grant. https://mgnsw.org.au/sector/funding/grants-we-administer/volunteer-museum-grants/

EDUCATION & CAPA	CITY BUILDII	NG	
Conference Grants The Ian Potter Foundation	Variable	2017 Round 2 Applications Open 27th March 2017. 2018 Round 1 Applications Open 6th November 2017 2017 Round 2 Applications Close 6th June 2017. 2018 Round 1	The Ian Potter Foundation's Conference program area supports the exchange and dissemination of ideas and knowledge across a global stage by assisting organisations to bring international keynote speakers to Australia. Grants are made through this program area to assist with the travel and accommodation costs of hosting an international keynote speaker. The subjects of the supported conferences range from areas of public interest, such as suicide prevention, which was the focus of a conference hosted by Suicide Prevention Australia in 2013, through to specialised scientific gatherings such as the International Symposium on Agami Lizards hosted by Museums Victoria.
		Applications Close 30 th January 2017	http://www.ianpotter.org.au/funding-objectives-conference
Education Grants The Ian Potter Foundation	Min. \$50,000+	Commencing 2018- Education Grants will be open for applications once a year. Check website for updates.	Through its Education Grants program, the Ian Potter Foundation is committed to supporting strategic, whole-of-community approaches to education in order to make real, long term improvements to education and employment outcomes in our communities. http://www.ianpotter.org.au/funding-objectives-education
Environmental Education Grants NSW Environmental Trust	\$10,000 to \$100,000	EOIs are Currently Open. EOIs will Close 3pm 10th April 2017.	The aim of the Education program is to support educational projects or programs that develop or widen the community's knowledge of, skills in, and commitment to protecting the environment and promoting sustainable behaviour. www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/education.htm
EMERGENCY MANAC	GEMENT		
Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) Emergency NSW (NSW Government)	Variable	2016-2017 Closed 2018 funding programs to be advised – check website for updates.	The Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) aims to enhance the capacity of Australian communities to prepare for and withstand the effects of natural disasters. Jointly funded by the Commonwealth and NSW Government, the NDRP provides funds for projects that contribute to the priorities of the National Strategy for Disaster Resilience. The Strategy recognises that disaster resilience is a shared responsibility for individuals, households, businesses and communities, as well as for governments. https://www.emergency.nsw.gov.au/emsector/funding-programs/index.html

ENERGY			
Advancing Renewables Program Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) (Australian Government)	\$100,000 - \$50 million	Open until funds are exhausted. See website for details.	This program supports development, demonstration and pre-commercial deployment projects with the potential to lower the cost and increase the use of renewable energy technologies in Australia. Eligible activities will contribute to one or more of the following outcomes: reduction in the cost of renewable energy; increase in the value delivered by renewable energy; improvement in technology and commercial readiness; reduction in barriers to renewable energy uptake; increased skills, capacity and knowledge relevant to renewable energy. https://arena.gov.au/programs/advancing-renewables-program/
NRM / AGRICULTURE,	FORESTRY	& FISHERIES	
Department of Agriculture Grants Department of Agriculture (Australian Government)	Variable	Various dates, check website.	The Department of Agriculture provides grants and assistance packages for Drought Assistance, Farm Finance, Research and Development, the Carbon Farming Futures Program, the Carbon Farming Initiative, Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Grants. Visit the website for more information on each of these initiatives. http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/assistance/other-assistance
Floodplain Management Grants Office of Environment & Heritage (NSW)	Variable	2016- 2017 Applications currently Closed. Check website for updates.	The Floodplain Management Program provides financial support to councils and eligible public land managers for the development of floodplain risk management plans (and associated background studies) and the provision of essential information to the State Emergency Service to enable the effective preparation and implementation of local flood plans to deal with flood emergency response. http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/coasts/Floodgrants.htm or call the Senior Team Leader, Contestable Grants - Coast, Estuary and Flood on (02) 9895 6533.
Habitat Action Grants Department of Primary Industries (Fishing & Aquaculture) (NSW)	Up to \$40,000	Applications Open August 2017	Applications for funding are sought from angling clubs, individuals, community groups, local councils and organisations interested in rehabilitating fish habitats in freshwater and saltwater areas throughout NSW. These grants are an annual allocation of funds from collection of recreational licence fees that are put toward improving fish habitat. http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/habitat/rehabilitating/ahr-grants-program#Habitat-Action-Grants
Landcare Australia Funding Landcare Australia	Variable	Check website for details.	Landcare Australia facilitate and promote several funding opportunities for Landcare, Junior Landcare, Landcare Farming and Coastcare groups. For current funding opportunities visit their LIFE website. http://landcarelife.com/get-involved/fundings/

Local Land Services (LLS) NSW Government	Variable	Check website for details.	Local Land Services continue to implement natural resource management and sustainable agriculture programs with funding from both the NSW and Australian Governments. Funding is available to landholders, local government and other groups to carry out projects that align with the Greater Sydney Local Strategic Plan and funder priorities. To find out more about funding call 02 4724 2100. http://greatersydney.lls.nsw.gov.au/our-region/financial-assistance
National Landcare Programme Australian Government	Variable	Check website for details.	 The National Landcare Programme is comprised of two funding streams, national and regional, that will invest \$1 billion of over four years in projects that address environmental and sustainable agriculture issues: The regional funding stream will invest \$454 million through Australia's 56 natural resource management organisations over four years. The national funding stream supports a number of important initiatives that will protect and restore the environment and make agriculture more sustainable and productive. These initiatives will be directly funded by the Australian Government. http://www.nrm.gov.au/national-landcare-programme
Recreational Fishing Trust Department of Primary Industries (Fishing & Aquaculture) (NSW)	Variable	Funding for small and large projects Closed on 13th March 2017. Applicants can also apply later in the year if preferred. Gone Fishing NSW fishing club grants Close 30th April 2017.	All money raised by the NSW Recreational Fishing Fee is placed into the Recreational Fishing Trusts and spent on improving recreational fishing in NSW. These trusts are regulated by law and overseen by two committees made up of recreational fishers one for saltwater and one for freshwater. Anyone can apply, including fishing clubs and organisations, universities, councils, community groups and individuals. Joint applications are encouraged. http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee/licence-fees-at-work
POLLUTION & WASTE			
Business Recycling Grants NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	Variable	Check website for details.	Under the Waste Less, Recycle More initiative, the NSW Government announced an extension of the funding with a further \$337 million over 4 years from 2017-21. The extension guarantees funding from 1 July 2017 until 2021 to continue the work already underway to modernise the waste sector in NSW, deliver waste and recycling services to the community and ensure a clean environment. There are four key programs that provide funding through advice, networking, and equipment that will make it easier to recycle rather than landfill. http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/wastegrants/business-recycling.htm

Emergency Pollution Clean Up Program NSW Environmental Trust	Variable	Ongoing.	The aim of the Emergency Pollution Clean Up Program (EPCUP) is to help avoid significant risk to the environment or public health in NSW resulting from pollution. When measures need to be taken immediately (i.e. emergency pollution events) EPCUP contributes funds towards the removal, dispersal or mitigation of serious pollution. The budget is \$0.5 million annually. http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/EPCUP.htm
Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation Grants NSW Environmental Trust	\$5,000 to \$100,000	Check website for updates, next round anticipated to occur in September 2017	The aim of the Restoration and Rehabilitation program is to facilitate projects run by community organisations and government entities working to prevent or reduce environmental degradation of any kind. Through these projects, we also aim to improve the capacity of communities and organisations to protect, restore and enhance the environment. http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/restoration.htm
Love Food Hate Waste (Food Waste Avoidance Education) Grants Program NSW Environmental Trust	\$5,000 to \$70,000	Currently Closed Another 4 years of funding confirmed October- November 2017	This program aims to raise awareness of food waste and provide households and businesses with simple actions they can do to reduce the amount of edible food disposed of in NSW. Grants are open to eligible Love Food Hate Waste partners such as councils, council groups, non-government organisations and community groups. http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/FoodAvoid.htm
Illegally Dumped Asbestos Clean Up Program NSW Environmental Trust	\$2000 onwards annually.	Ongoing.	The Illegally Dumped Asbestos Clean Up Program is designed to help avoid significant risk to the environment or public health in NSW by contributing funds towards the removal and management of illegally dumped asbestos and other hazardous orphan waste that has been placed or disposed of on premises unlawfully, when measures need to be taken immediately. http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/IDACUP.htm
Local Government Organics Collection Systems Program NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and NSW Environmental Trust	Up to \$1.3M	Round 4 is Closed . Check website for updates.	The Local Government Organics Collection Systems program is a four year \$16.22 million grants program aimed at assisting councils to implement new or enhance existing household kerbside collection services for organic waste. This includes collection systems for garden, food or combined food and garden organic waste. http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/wastegrants/local-gov-organics.htm
Organics Infrastructure (Large and Small) Program NSW Environmental Trust	\$5,000 to \$5M	Program is currently Closed to applications. Check websites for updates.	The Organics Infrastructure (large and small) program is a four year \$41.67 million grants program. It provides funding for infrastructure and equipment to reduce food and garden organic waste going to landfill, and to increase organics processing capacity to meet proposed new recycling targets of 70% by 2021. http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/OrganicsInf.htm

Innovation in Priority Problem Wastes Management Grants Program NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	Variable	Applications currently Closed Check website for details.	The NSW Government is looking for clever ideas for an innovation grant program providing up to \$1 million (1:1 matched funding) for recycling projects. The NSW EPA and Environmental Trust are looking for innovative projects to develop NSW's capacity to recover valuable resources from 'problem' wastes, i.e. wastes that often do not have existing mature markets or are contaminating waste streams that could otherwise be recovered if these materials were removed. They include everyday household and business items such as used tyres, rubber, computers, TVs, scrap metal residuals, soft plastics, treated timber and sanitary products. http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/wastegrants/problem-waste-eoi.htm
Resource Recovery Facility Expansion and Enhancement Program NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and NSW Environmental Trust	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	Applications currently Closed Check website for updates.	The \$9.65 million, four-year Resource Recovery Facility Expansion and Enhancement Program aims to increase recycling of household and business waste. Delivered through a partnership between the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and the NSW Environmental Trust, this program supports projects that stimulate and accelerate investment in new equipment and upgrades that will boost recycling processing capacity in NSW. This program funds only existing licensed facilities which must be located in a Waste Levy paying region. http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/wastegrants/facility-expansion.htm

SCIENCE, TECHNOLO	SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & RESEARCH			
Australian Academy of Science Research Funding Australian Academy of Science (AAS)	Various	Check website for details.	The Academy supports various awards for research on the conservation of endangered Australian vertebrate species, the history of science, population and environment, marine, soil and plant biology. www.science.org.au/opportunities-scientists/research-funding#sthash.ll0Bm7FM.dpuf	
Committee for Research and Exploration National Geographic Society	~\$15,000 - \$20,000 USD	Pre-application forms accepted throughout the year. Check websites for updates.	The National Geographic Society awards grants for scientific field research and exploration through its Committee for Research and Exploration. All proposed projects must have both a geographical dimension and relevance to other scientific fields and be of broad scientific interest. Applications are generally limited to the following disciplines: anthropology, archaeology, astronomy, biology, botany, geography, geology, oceanography, palaeontology, and zoology. http://www.nationalgeographic.com/explorers/grants-programs/	
Environmental Research Grants NSW Environmental Trust	Up to \$150,000	EOIs are currently Closed for 2017. Check website for updates.	The aim of the Environmental Research program is to support applied research projects that help address environmental problems in NSW. The Environmental Research program provides grants for applied biophysical, social or economic research that relates to the program's priorities. Research priorities for the 2017 research program are: Theme 1: Contaminants and Pollution Theme 2: Biodiversity Theme 3: Climate Adaption Theme 4: Mechanisms for social engagement http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/research.htm	
The Hermon Slade Foundation Grants The Hermon Slade Foundation	Up to \$30,000 per year for up to 3 years	Applications are currently Closed. Next round will Close March 2018.	The HSF's primary objective is to 'advance and enhance the progress and harmony of mankind with the Earth through the study and application of Natural Sciences'. Typically the Foundation provides grants for research projects in the biological or biophysical sciences of up to A\$30,000 per year for up to three years. http://www.hermonslade.org.au/guidelines.html	

Marine Science Grants Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife	Up to \$7,000	2017 dates to be advised - check website for updates.	The Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife annually offers up to two \$7,000 grants to support marine research in partnership with the Paddy Pallin Foundation. The objective of the Foundation's Marine Science Grants is to provide financial support for conservation-based research of Australian marine ecosystems that will ultimately lead to tangible outcomes for conservation and management. The scope of the research is open to marine research on threatened or migratory EPBC listed species and communities in the marine environment. http://www.fnpw.org.au/grants
National Competitive Grants Program Australian Research Council (ARC)	Variable	Various closing dates - check website for details.	The ARC funds research and researchers under the National Competitive Grants Program (NCGP). As part of its commitment to nurturing the creative abilities and skills of Australia's most promising researchers, the NCGP provides support for research, equipment and facilities, training and skills development and incentives for industry partnerships. - Discovery Projects 2018. - Discovery Early Career Researcher Award 2018 - Discovery Indigenous 2018 - Linkage 2017 Open , closing date 19 th December 2017 http://www.arc.gov.au/grants
Research Fellowships NSW State Library	Variable	Various funding opportunities, Check website for updates.	A range of funding opportunities are available from the NSW State Library to encourage and support the use of the Library's collections for the study and research of Australian history and various topics and issues affecting Australia. www.sl.nsw.gov.au/about/awards/index.html
Sea World Research and Rescue Foundation Inc. Grants Sea World Research and Rescue Foundation Inc.	Variable	EOIs open in February each year.	The Sea World Research and Rescue Foundation is a non-profit organisation that seeks to promote research into marine life, and assist in the rescue of sick, injured and stranded marine animals. Approved by the Federal Government, the Foundation provides funding for quality research projects incorporating the protection and preservation of the marine environment. Each project submitted to the Foundation is evaluated by a Scientific Research Committee of six distinguished Australian Scientists approved by CSIRO. http://seaworld.com.au/research-and-rescue/marine-animal-research/applications.aspx

AWARDS		
AAEE NSW	Check website	The NSW Environmental Educator of the Year Awards recognises individuals in NSW who show
Environmental Educator of the Year Awards	for details. 2017 Awards information will	outstanding abilities to raise the level of environment awareness in the community and who provide leadership, innovation and inspiration to others thus contributing to quality environmental education.
AAEE NSW	be posted in due course.	http://www.aaeensw.org.au/content/aaee-nsw-environmental-educator-year-awards
A R Bluett Memorial Award LGNSW	Check website for details.	The A R Bluett Memorial Award is contested each year by councils in NSW who would like to be recognised as being the most progressive in the state. Entry is open to all NSW councils irrespective of size or resources. http://www.lgsa.org.au/events-training/ar-bluett-memorial-award
Australian Academy of Science Honorific Awards Australian Academy of Science	Check website for details. Nominate by 20th April 2017.	Each year, the Australian Academy of Science rewards scientific excellence. The honorific awards were established to recognise distinguished research in three categories: awards of medals and prizes are made to Early-Career scientists up to 10 years post PhD, Mid-Career scientists 8 to 15 years post PhD, and the prestigious Career awards which are made to scientists for life-long achievement. https://www.science.org.au/opportunities-scientists/recognition/honorific-awards
Australian Museum Eureka Prizes Australian Museum	Entries are currently Open. Entries Close	Presented annually by the Australian Museum, the Australia Museum Eureka Prizes reward excellence in the fields of research and innovation, leadership and commercialisation, school science and science journalism and communication. http://australianmuseum.net.au/eureka
Banksia Environmental Foundation Awards Banksia Environmental Foundation	5th May 2017. Check website for details. All submissions Close 24th July 2017.	The Banksia Foundation was founded in 1989 by a diverse group of 44 Australians who shared a common goal to do more to support and recognise members of the community for their positive contribution to the environment. The Foundation is dedicated to working with industry and community to create an array of platforms to focus attention on the recognition of excellence in sustainability. Submit an entry on the website. http://banksiafdn.com/about/
Climate Adaptation Champions Awards National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (NCCARF)	Check website for details.	Australia's National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (NCCARF) launched the annual Climate Adaptation Champions Awards in 2011 to highlight the achievements of people taking concrete steps to change behaviour, techniques, businesses practices and policies to adapt to an uncertain future. http://www.nccarf.edu.au/engagement/nccarf-climate-adaptation-champions

Heritage Awards National Trust NSW	Check website for details.	The National Trust's Heritage Awards recognise achievements in preserving and restoring NSW natural and built heritage. http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/nsw/HeritageAwards
Local Government Arts & Culture Awards LGNSW	Check website for details.	The awards have successfully showcased the best Local Government cultural initiatives across NSW since 2003. 2012 saw the introduction of the Summit, where finalists present their initiatives. http://www.lgnsw.org.au/events-training/local-government-arts-culture-awards
Local Government Excellence in the Environment Awards LGNSW	Check website for details. Entries Close August 2018.	The annual Local Government Excellence in the Environment Awards were initiated in 1998 and are open to all councils in NSW. The Awards culminate in two prestigious Local Sustainability Awards: one for overall council performance, and one to recognise the individual achievements of a council staff member or elected Councillor in the field of sustainability. http://www.lgsa.org.au/events-training/environment-awards
National Awards for Local Government Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (Australian Government)	Check website for details. Entries Open January 2018 Entries Close March 2018	The National Awards for Local Government is an annual celebration of Australian local government achievements. The Awards recognise the important role of local governments in delivering targeted quality services to Australians in urban and regional communities. http://www.regional.gov.au/local/awards/index.aspx
NSW Coastal Management Awards NSW Coastal Conference	Check website for details. Fill in an EOI to keep updated.	The annual NSW Coastal Management Awards are presented to publicly recognise and acknowledge the contributions of individuals, groups, organisations and agencies toward the ecologically sustainable management of the NSW coastal zone. They are presented at the NSW Coastal Conference held in November of each year. http://www.coastalconference.com
Resilient Australia Awards Attorney-General's Department (Australian Government)	Check website for details.	The Resilient Australia Awards recognise innovative practices and achievements across the nation that are making our communities safer, stronger, more resilient and better prepared to manage any emergency situation. https://www.ag.gov.au/EmergencyManagement/About-us-emergency-management/Resilient-Australia-awards/Pages/default.aspx

RH Dougherty Awards LGNSW	Check website for details. Open	The RH Dougherty Awards recognise and encourage greater understanding and communication by councils to their local communities. There are four award categories; Reporting to your Community, Excellence in Communication, Innovation in Special Events and Outstanding Individual Contribution.	
	Mid-April 2017	http://www.lgsa.org.au/events-training/rh-dougherty-awards	
Riverprize Award International River Foundation	Applications currently Open.	Riverprize is the world's foremost award in river basin management. It recognises and rewards organisations making waves in the sustainable management of the world's rivers, whether at the grassroots or transboundary level. The prize rewards inspiring initiatives that demonstrate Integrated River Basin Management to restore and protect rivers, wetlands, lakes and estuaries.	
	Applications Close 24 th March 2017.	https://www.riverfoundation.org.au/riverprize_entering.php	



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