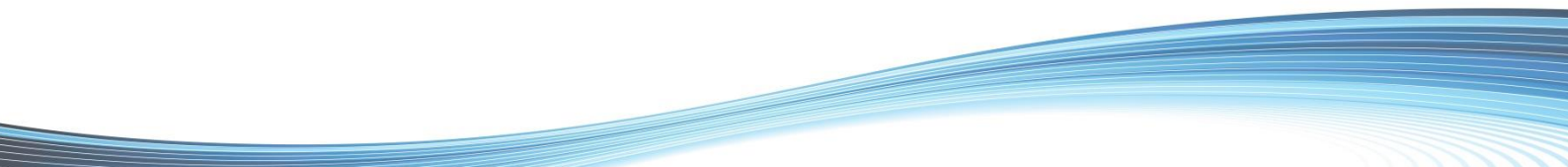


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Introduction

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 [SCCG homepage](#).

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	2017-18 round expected to open April/May 2016 . Check website for updates.	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	2016 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	Expected to open in March 2016 – check website for updates.	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.lpma.nsw.gov.au/crown_land/crown_reserves/funding/PRMFP
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/131216_factsheet03_repair.pdf Other funding sources for regional roads include : 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 2016 round to be advised from June 2016 – 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 June 2016. 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/Emissions-Reduction-Fund/About-the-Emissions-Reduction-Fund/Pages/default.aspx
COASTAL & MARINE			
Coastal Management Grants Office of Environment & Heritage (NSW)	Variable	2016 round is intended, dates to be advised – check the website.	Under the Coastal Management Program, the NSW Government provides coastal management grants to support local government in managing the risks from coastal hazards and restoring degraded coastal habitats. 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/coastalgrants.htm or call the Senior Team Leader, Contestable Grants - Coast, Estuary and Flood on (02) 9895 6533.
Estuary Management Grants Office of Environment & Heritage (NSW)	Variable	2016 round is intended, dates to be advised – check the website.	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.	<p>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.</p> <p>http://www.commbank.com.au/about-us/in-the-community/community-partnerships/apply-for-funding.html</p> <p>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</p>
Community Grants Australian Ethical Investment	Variable	Check website and register interest to receive email updates.	<p>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.</p> <p>http://www.australianethical.com.au/community</p>
Community Help Grants Program NRMA	Variable	Check website and register interest to receive email updates.	<p>Through their Community Grants 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.</p> <p>https://www.communitygrantsprogram.com.au/</p>
Eco Schools Grants NSW Environmental Trust	Check website	Next round expected to open in April 2016 – check website for updates.	<p>In 2015 the Eco Schools grants program will combine with the Food Gardens In Schools program to make it easier for schools to apply for funding. In 2015, the program will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase funding available for school environmental education projects • provide greater opportunity for students with special needs by funding a broader range of environmental projects • offer up to 80 grants of \$3,500 each over two years. A further 18 grants of \$3,500 each will be available for projects catering for students with special needs. <p>http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/schools.htm</p>

IMPACT Philanthropy Perpetual	Generally \$10,000 - \$100,000. Max \$200,000.	2017 program likely to be announced second half 2016 . 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	Applications open until 11 March 2016 .	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 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
Responsible Pet Ownership Grants Program Office of Local Government (NSW)	Individual councils: up to \$15,000. Group appl'ns: up to \$50,000.	Call for Year 3 (final year) applications anticipated in second quarter of 2016 . Check website for updates.	The NSW Government has committed \$900,000 over 3 years to the Responsible Pet Ownership Grants Program (2014-15 through to 2016-17). The grants program is seeking to fund responsible pet ownership projects with a focus on innovation and collaboration. Projects should provide opportunities to promote better practice in responsible pet ownership, involve demonstrated collaboration between councils and other agencies and include a co-contribution from applicant councils and/or partners to the overall cost of the project. https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/councils/responsible-pet-ownership-grants-program

CONSERVATION & BIODIVERSITY			
20 Million Trees National Landcare Program (Australian Government)	Variable	Round 2 has closed; any 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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
The Bjarne K Dahl Trust Small Grant Program The Bjarne K Dahl Trust	Up to \$15,000	Check website for details.	The Bjarne K Dahl Trust operates an annual Small Grants Program 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://dahltrust.org.au/grants/
Environment and Conservation Grants The Ian Potter Foundation	Large grants \$100,000+	Update: next round for applications opens 7 November and closes 9 December 2016 .	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
Green Army Projects Department of the Environment (Australian Government)	Variable	Round 5 expected to open in first half of 2016 , check website for updates.	The Green Army is a hands-on, practical environmental action programme that supports local environment and heritage conservation projects across Australia. Community organisations, environment groups, Indigenous organisations, local councils and others are encouraged to apply for projects in their region. http://www.environment.gov.au/land/green-army/projects
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 John T Reid Charitable Trusts comprises two Trusts established in 1955 and 1963 that are administered together. One Trust gives funds to eligible organisations in Victoria, while the funding range of the other covers the whole of Australia. We are able to support charitable organisations within Australia that have Deductible Gift Recipient Status from the Australian Tax Office. Enabling key environmental and community groups to educate the public on the most pressing issues facing our native fauna, flora, waterways and ecosystems. http://www.johntreidtrusts.com.au

<p>Private Land Conservation Grants NSW Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife</p>	Up to \$5,000	Applications open 15 Feb to 18 March 2016.	<p>The Private Land Conservation Grant Program is funded by the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife and its partner organisations. It provides small grants to support landowners who have a conservation protection mechanism on their land, and for education and training in conservation.</p> <p>http://www.fnpw.org.au/foundation-grants/private-land-grants-nsw</p>
<p>Purves Environmental Fund Grants Purves Environmental Fund</p>	Variable	Ongoing By invitation only (based on submission of proposal).	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>http://www.purvesenvirofund.org.au/apply-for-funding.html</p>
<p>Saving Our Species Partnership Grants Program NSW Environmental Trust</p>	\$300,000 to \$1M	EOIs now closed – check website for updates.	<p>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.</p> <p>http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/SOSPartnerships.htm</p>
<p>Small Environmental Grant Scheme The Norman Wettenhall Foundation</p>	Usually less than \$10,000	<p>Round 1 (Feb) closed. Round 2 (May) opens 29 March 2016. Round 3 (Aug) opens 28 June 2016. Round 4 (Nov) opens 27 Sept 2016. Round 5 (Feb) opens 20 Dec 2016.</p>	<p>The objective of the Small Environmental Grants Scheme is to support Australian biodiversity conservation projects that are concerned with one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monitoring and recording data • community education • community capacity building (training) • research and science • sustainable land management (NSW only). <p>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.</p> <p>http://nwf.org.au/grants/small-environmental-grants/</p>

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 of the program are to support land acquisition for sanctuaries; research into wildlife and its habitat; environmental education and awareness; rescue & rehabilitation; and to sponsor projects by organisations committed to philosophies similar to those of the Foundation. http://wildlifelink.com.au
CULTURE & HERITAGE			
Community Heritage Grants National Library of Australia	Up to \$15,000	Applications open 7 March and close 9 May 2016.	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)	Variable	Update: Applications close at 2:00PM (AEDT) on 22 March 2016.	Community Heritage and Icons Grants will provide funding totalling up to \$1.4 million over three years from 2014-15. Up to \$337,000 will be made available this financial year to communities to undertake activities that promote community engagement and awareness of places listed on Australia's National Heritage List. The Australian Government will support individuals and community groups across Australia by offering grants of between \$2,500 and \$10,000 through the competitive funding component of Community Heritage and Icons Grants. This component will provide funding to support community engagement with the places that are on Australia's National Heritage List. http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/grants-and-funding/community-heritage-icons-grants

<p>NSW Heritage Grants Office of Environment & Heritage (NSW)</p>	Variable	Grants for 2017-2018 are anticipated to open in October 2016. Check website for updates.	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 year round subject to available funding). <p>http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/Heritage/funding/index.htm</p>
<p>Protecting National Historic Sites Australian Government Department of the Environment</p>	\$25,000-\$80,000	Applications close at 2:00PM (AEDT) on Thursday 25 February 2016	<p>The Protecting National Historic Sites programme will provide funding of up to \$11.5 million (GST exclusive) over three years from 2014-15 to conserve, maintain and protect the places on Australia's National Heritage List recognised for their historic heritage values. Up to \$1.28 million (GST exclusive) is available for 2015-16 to complete activities on 62 Target Places as identified in the Protecting National Historic Sites Programme 2015-16 Application Guidelines. The Australian Government will support site owners/managers of places on Australia's National Heritage List recognised for their historic heritage values by offering grants of between \$25,000 and \$80,000 (GST exclusive).</p> <p>http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/grants-and-funding/protecting-national-historic-sites</p>
<p>Protecting our Places Program Office of Environment & Heritage (NSW)</p>	Variable	Expected to open early 2016 – check website for updates.	<p>The Protecting our Places Program aims to protect land that is culturally significant to Aboriginal people and support education projects about the environment and its importance in Aboriginal life.</p> <p>The Protecting of Places program is currently under review and the next round of the program has been postponed until this evaluation has been completed. It is envisaged that the next call for applications will be in late 2015/early 2016.</p> <p>www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/pop.htm</p>

EDUCATION & CAPACITY BUILDING			
Conference Grants The Ian Potter Foundation	Variable	Applications open 29 March and close 7 June 2016 .	The Conference grants program aims to develop knowledge and learning by supporting symposia and conferences of international standing being held in Australia. Specifically, it supports organisations to bring keynote speakers of international renown to Australia. http://www.ianpotter.org.au/funding-objectives-conference
Education Grants The Ian Potter Foundation	Min. \$50,000+	Update: applications to the Education program area will be by invitation only in 2016.	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	\$5,000 to \$100,000	EOIs will open March 2016 . Check website for updates.	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 MANAGEMENT			
Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) Emergency NSW (NSW Government)	Variable	2016 funding programs to be advised – check website for updates.	The Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) is a joint Commonwealth/State program funded under the two year National Partnership Agreement on Natural Disaster Resilience (NPA). The two year 2013-2015 partnership offered a range of funding opportunities with the aim of enhancing community resilience to natural disasters through mitigation works, measures and related activities that contribute to safer, sustainable communities that are better able to withstand the effects of natural disasters. A new partnership is currently being negotiated (as at Jan 2016). Check website for updates on 2016 funding opportunities. 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. http://arena.gov.au/programmes/advancing-renewables-programme/
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	Applications open 21 January – 17 March 2016.	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)	Variable	Expected to open in August and close Sept/Oct. Check website for updates.	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	Contact your local office.	Local Land Services brings together agricultural production advice, biosecurity, natural resource management and emergency management into a single organisation. Grants may be available throughout the year. Contact your local office for updates. http://greatersydney.lls.nsw.gov.au/our-region/financial-assistance or call 02 4725 3050.
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	Update: applications closing 21 March 2016 .	Funding is available under the Recreational Fishing Trusts for projects that improve recreational fishing in NSW. Anyone can apply, including fishing clubs and organisations, universities, councils, community groups and individuals. Joint applications are encouraged. http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/licence-fee/apply-for-funds
POLLUTION & WASTE			
Business Recycling Grants NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	Variable	Check website for details.	Under the <i>Waste Less, Recycle More</i> initiative, the NSW EPA provides \$35 million to help NSW businesses reduce waste and boost recycling. There are four key programs that provide funding to support businesses through advice, networking, and equipment that will make it easier to recycle rather than landfill. (NB: no further rounds of Bin Trim planned for 2016; Bin Trim Rebate program is perpetually open for applications.) http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/wastegrants/business-recycling.htm
Combating illegal dumping: clean-up and prevention NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	Up to \$150,000	Round 3 Expressions of Interest close 18 March 2016 .	The Combating Illegal Dumping: Clean-up and Prevention Program grants support local councils and other public land managers to identify local illegal dumping sites and implement prevention and clean-up action. http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/wastegrants/combating-illegal-dump.htm

Community litter grants NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	Up to \$5,000	2016 dates to be advised – check website for updates.	In partnership with Keep NSW Beautiful, community litter grants help community groups tackle littering in their local area. Funded by the waste levy under <i>Waste Less, Recycle More</i> , this program also provides resources, tools and advice to community groups working to keep their local area clean. http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/wastegrants/community-litter.htm
Council litter grants NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	\$25,000 to \$125,000	Round 3 (final round) close 8 April 2016.	Litter grants funded by <i>Waste Less, Recycle More</i> support local councils to deliver litter prevention projects that answer their community needs. These projects play an important role in achieving long-term goals for litter reduction in NSW. http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/wastegrants/council-litter.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. 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.	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	Round 4 expected to open 26 April 2016 for 7 weeks.	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	Up to \$500,000 Annually	Applications can be made at any time.	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

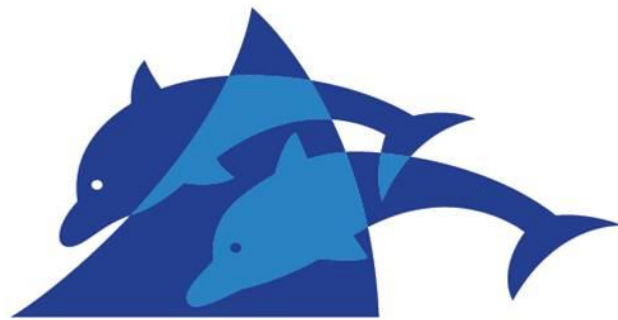
Local Government Organics Collection Systems Program NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and NSW Environmental Trust	Up to \$1.3M	Round 4 expected to open in 2016. Check website for updates.	The Local Government Organics Collection Systems program is a four year \$16.22 million grants program 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 Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and NSW Environmental Trust	\$5,000 to \$5M	Future funding rounds have been proposed, depending on availability of funding. Check websites for updates.	The \$41.67 million four year Organics Infrastructure (Large and Small) Fund aims to provide support in establishing new and enhanced organics infrastructure and on-site processing. The fund will also support the redistribution of food from businesses to people in need and council initiatives such as compost bins and worm farms. http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/OrganicsInf.htm
Innovation in Priority Problem Wastes Management Grants Program NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	Variable	Expressions of Interest open until 29 February 2016. 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	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, 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.lI0Bm7FM.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. www.nationalgeographic.com/field/grants-programs/cre-application.html
Environmental Research Grants NSW Environmental Trust	Up to \$150,000	Update: EOIs closing 11 March 2016 .	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 2016 research program are: Priority 1: Biosecurity Priority 2: Climate change Priority 3: Waste and pollution Priority 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 close 4 March 2016 .	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

<p>Marine Science Grants Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife</p>	<p>Up to \$7,000</p>	<p>2016 dates to be advised - check website for updates.</p>	<p>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/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=133&Itemid=159</p>
<p>National Competitive Grants Program Australian Research Council (ARC)</p>	<p>Variable</p>	<p>Various closing dates - check website for updates.</p>	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discovery Projects 2017 close 3 March 2016. - Discovery Early Career Researcher Award 2017 open Feb – 22 March 2016. - Discovery Indigenous 2017 open Feb – 31 March 2016. - Linkage 2017 opens Feb 2016, closing date to be advised. <p>www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/default.htm</p>
<p>Research Fellowships NSW State Library</p>	<p>Variable</p>	<p>Check website.</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Sea World Research and Rescue Foundation Inc. Grants Sea World Research and Rescue Foundation Inc.</p>	<p>Variable</p>	<p>EOIs open in February each year.</p>	<p>The Sea World Research and Rescue Foundation is a non-profit organisation dedicated to funding and promoting independent marine research projects. Through research and rescue activities, the Foundation aims to build knowledge and appreciation of the variety of life in our oceans. A limited number of projects are short-listed on the basis of their high scientific merit and likely contribution to the Foundation's objectives. http://seaworld.com.au/research-and-rescue/marine-animal-research/applications.aspx</p>

AWARDS		
AAEE NSW Environmental Educator of the Year Awards AAEE NSW	Check website for details.	The NSW Environmental Educator of the Year Awards recognises individuals in NSW who show 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. 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.	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 open 5 February – 6 May 2016.	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	Check website for details.	The Banksia Environmental Foundation, established in 1989, is a national not-for-profit organisation that promotes environmental excellence and sustainability through its Awards program and other associated events. Register with their newsletter for updates. 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.	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.	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.	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.	The RH Dougherty Awards recognise and encourage greater understanding and communication by councils to their local communities. http://www.lgsa.org.au/events-training/rh-dougherty-awards
Riverprize Award International River Foundation	Applications open 1 Jan – 11 March 2016.	The International River Foundation works in partnerships around the world to fund and promote the sustainable restoration and management of river basins. The Australian Riverprize recognises many diverse and successful approaches and has put Australian river management on the world map. https://www.riverfoundation.org.au/riverprize_entering.php



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