

CALENDAR OF GRANTS AND INCENTIVES

FOR INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS CARING FOR LAND, WATER, COASTS & BIODIVERSITY

Landcare Australia and the State NRM Office

Adapted from one developed by South West Catchments Council

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About the Grants Calendar

This grants calendar is designed to help individuals, community groups and other organisations involved in NRM to access funds and resources to improve the health of our environment. Its aim is to alert people to the diversity of funding and support opportunities available. It is not the only source of information for identifying suitable grant programs or financial incentives - others that groups should be aware of are listed in the further information section.

How to use the calendar

The calendar is broken into sections that aim to make it easy for you to determine which grants or incentives best suit your needs. Each grant or incentive includes a summary or purpose, its main eligibility requirements, the amount of money available, and the timing of the funding application process. The calendar is broken into the following sections.

- Government and agency grants - usually larger amounts of money with tight accountability.

- Philanthropic Trusts – less structured, but often require tax status (DGR) that can be difficult to obtain.
- Corporate foundations & support programs – more of these opportunities are becoming available as corporate culture recognises the importance of supporting community-based environment initiatives.
- Labour market schemes and other relevant contacts – programs other than money, ie that help with labour.

If you have any comments in regards to this document please contact:

Always check closing dates and other details with the organisation as details may change.

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Incorporation, Insurance and Tax

Getting incorporated

- Most funding bodies will only provide funds to organisations that are incorporated. An incorporated association receives recognition as a legal entity separate from its members, offering some protection for office holders from debts and liabilities incurred by the group
- **Our Community's** website provides a free list of publications relevant to starting up new organisations. Visit www.ourcommunity.com.au , email service@ourcommunity.com.au or phone 9320 6800.

Insurance and Tax

For information on tax for non profit organisations go to www.ato.gov.au/nonprofit . Insurance and GST are two important issues for all Landcare groups to consider. Groups should seek professional advice.

Contact: **John Hartigan** from Landcare Australia Limited.
Email :john@landcareaustralia.com.au
www.landcareaustralia.com.au/groups.asp

Creating Your Own Tax Deductibility

Your group can obtain its own tax deductibility by joining the Register of Deductible Gift Recipients. See the downloadable attachment at www.landcareaustralia.com.au/groups.asp for further information.

Contact: **Register of Environmental Organisations**, email: reo@ea.gov.au
www.deh.gov.au/tax/reo

Getting an ABN

The Australian business number (ABN) is a single identifier that non-profit organisations use to: register for GST and claim input tax credits; register for pay as you go (PAYG) withholding; deal with investment bodies; and apply to the Tax Office for endorsement as a deductible gift recipient or an income tax exempt charity. Your organisation must have an ABN if it is seeking endorsement as an income tax exempt charity, and/or a deductible gift recipient.

How do you apply for an ABN?

You can apply for an ABN electronically through:

- the Australian Business Register at www.abr.gov.au if all you want to do is apply for an ABN
- the Business Entry Point (BEP) at www.business.gov.au where you can also attend to other government obligations
- on a paper form, available by phoning **1300 130 248**, or
- through a tax agent, who will lodge your application using the electronic lodgment system.

For more information a fact sheet *Australian business number (ABN) – an overview for non-profit organisations* (NAT 4450) is available from http://www.ato.gov.au/content/downloads/N4450_abn_FINAL1.pdf It provides information on ABN registration, including requirements for organisations that undertake multiple enterprises.

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Australian / Western Australian Government and Regional Funding

<p>Regional Investment Plans</p> <p>(Natural Heritage Trust and National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality)</p>	<p>Australian and State Government (NHT/NAP) funding to the six Regional NRM Groups – South West, South Coast, Northern Agricultural, Avon, Swan and Rangelands in WA</p>	<p>South West Catchment Council Office Ph: 9780 6193 swcc@agric.wa.gov.au</p> <p>Avon Catchment Council Office Ph: 9690 2250</p> <p>Northern Agricultural Catchments Council Office Ph: 9973 1444</p> <p>Rangelands NRM Coordinating Group Office Ph: 9455 5477</p> <p>South Coast Regional Initiative Planning Team Ph: 9892 8413</p> <p>Swan Catchment Council Office Ph: 9373 3333</p>	<p>Natural Heritage Trust / National Action Plan Funding for a range of issues including (in broad terms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water issues • Biodiversity issues • Land issues • Salinity issues • Coastal issues (not for Avon region) • Marine issues (not for Avon region) 	
<p>Australian Government</p> <p>Envirofund</p> <p>(Natural Heritage Trust)</p>	<p>Australian Government</p>	<p>1800 065 823</p> <p>www.nht.gov.au</p> <p>or</p> <p>SWCC Regional NRM Facilitator 9780 6168</p>	<p>Purpose: the local action component of the Australian Government's \$2.7 billion Natural Heritage Trust. Grants to help communities undertake local projects aimed at conserving biodiversity and promoting sustainable resource use.</p> <p>Eligibility: community groups and individuals to apply for grants of up to \$30,000 to carry out on-ground and other actions to target local problems.</p>	<p>Annual Cycle</p> <p>< \$50,000</p>
<p>National Landcare Program</p> <p>Community Support Grant</p>	<p>Australian Government</p>	<p>National Landcare Program Contact: Matt Giraudo 9486 2114</p>	<p>Purpose : to increase profitability, competitiveness and sustainability of Australian primary industries through treating NRM issues at source, on-farm.</p> <p>Eligibility: Community Landcare groups and primary industry groups encouraged. The engagement of local government is encouraged.</p>	<p>Annually</p>

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National Landcare Program Innovation Grants	Australian Government	1800 657 220 nlpinnovations@daff.gov.au	<p>Individuals, incorporated community and “not-for-profit” groups and businesses with links to NRM and/or primary production.</p> <p>Projects in the last round received funding of up to \$150,000 for development, adoption, implementation and delivery of innovative practices, production techniques, technologies or products in the primary production sector</p> <p>Projects must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contribute to increased profitability or output • sustainability of the natural resource base • demonstrate wider applicability across the relevant industries. 	Annually – expect August 2005
National Landcare Program Sustainable Industries Initiative	Australian Government	Tel: 6272 4350 http://www.daff.gov.au/	<p>Agricultural, forestry and fishery commodity organisations and their closely allied service industries</p> <p>Activities funded may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • benchmarking current NRM practices; • establishing and implementing national NRM strategies; • funding for systems and mechanisms to share information, including between individual producers and regional catchment bodies; • innovative environmental management system projects, complementary to existing Australian Government initiatives; • projects for adoption of research and development results by industry groups, including innovative technologies; and • development of approaches for reporting industry performance in NRM. 	Annually
National Landcare Program National Priority Projects	Australian Government	http://www.daff.gov.au/	Funds projects in high priority areas identified by the Australian Government.	
National Competitive Component (Natural Heritage Trust)	Australian Government	www.nht.gov.au/ncc	<p><i>Purpose:</i> Supports innovative, national projects that lead to significant improvements in the sustainable management of land, water and wildlife, and will improve the delivery of regional NRM projects.</p> <p><i>Eligibility:</i> Non-government organisations and related service providers</p> <p>No cap on funding groups can apply for – usually \$3 million available across Australia.</p>	Annually

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Regional Competitive Component (Natural Heritage Trust)	Australian Government	www.nht.gov.au/rcc Contact local Regional NRM Group offices	<i>Purpose:</i> Supports large-scale, multi-region, multi-year projects that will lead to significant improvements in the sustainable management of natural resources. Priority areas include; threatened species, coastal zone and marine, Ramsar wetlands and their catchments, feral pests, sustainable production, indigenous engagement. <i>Eligibility:</i> Regional Bodies must be the proponent, however partnerships can be made.	Annually
Threatened Species Network Community Grants	Australian Government NHT & WWF	Threatened Species Network TSN Coordinator KMiller@wwf.org.au for Guidelines and applications forms. www.wwf.org.au/tsn 1800 251 573	<i>Purpose:</i> • protecting nationally threatened species and ecological communities. <i>Eligibility:</i> • Groups only • On-ground activities aimed at threatened species and ecological communities are eligible including fencing, revegetation, education, wildlife survey and monitoring and feral animal and weed control.	Annual cycle Open May-June < \$30,000
Coastwest	Department of Planning and Infrastructure on behalf of WAPC	State Coastcare Co-ordinator DPI Albert Facey House 469 Wellington St Perth WA 6000 (08) 9264 7777 coastwest@wapc.wa.gov.au www.wapc.wa.gov.au	<i>Purpose:</i> Coastwest is a State Government initiative to provide opportunities for Western Australians to learn about, conserve and protect our coast. <i>Eligibility:</i> Local Government, State agencies, Aboriginal Land Councils, Schools, University, Coastcare group, friends of groups or NGOs.	Yearly
Sharing Australia's Stories	Australian Government	Department of Environment & Heritage 1800 653 004 www.deh.gov.au/heritage/programs/index storiesgrants@deh.gov.au	<i>Purpose:</i> provide opportunities for all Australians to show how their stories have contributed to the great events and themes that have shaped our nation. <i>Eligibility:</i> grants available to not-for-profit community organisations, schools, individuals and local government authorities. They must; • be about a place, community, activity, event, tradition, institution, or a family or person • tell the story of an aspect of Australia's natural heritage that has been important in shaping the flora, fauna or landscapes of the continent • involve activities such as publishing brochures, books, guides or websites or developing events, displays, exhibitions or signage.	Annual cycle Applications will be received until 15 October 2004. Up to \$50,000

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Cultural Heritage Projects Program	Australian Government	Department of Environment and Heritage 1800 653 004 heritagegrants@deh.gov.au www.deh.gov.au/heritage/programs/index	Purpose: provide financial assistance to support the conservation of places of cultural significance - historic and indigenous heritage. Projects that aim to identify Indigenous heritage places for appropriate listing or conservation planning may also be supported. Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none">private owners, legally incorporated not-for-profit organisations and local government authorities.funding predominantly for on-ground conservation & restoration works.only historic or indigenous places on the Register of the National Estate, its interim list or a State heritage list that provides long-term statutory protection are eligible for funding.	
Environmental Management Systems (EMS) Incentives Program	Australian Government	Centrelink Customer Service Centres 1800 050 585 EMSIP claim forms available from www.centrelink.gov.au www.daff.gov.au/ems	Purpose: To encourage the adoption of sustainable management practices. Provides primary producers with a cash reimbursement of up to 50% of the costs associated with developing and implementing an EMS for the primary production enterprise. The maximum amount payable per enterprise is \$3,000 (that is, \$6 000 must have been spent in order to reimburse \$3,000). Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none">must be a primary producertaxable income of less than \$45 000.	Ongoing Up to \$3,000
Sustainable Energy Development	Sustainable Energy Development Office	www.sedo.energy.wa.gov.au	Purpose: Photovoltaic rebate program, renewable remote power generation program, solar water heating subsidy.	
Australian Government Community Water Grants	Australian Government	1800 780 730 www.nrm.gov.au or Contact: Regional NRM Coordinator	Purpose : \$200 million will be available over the next 5 years for Community Water Grants funding of up to \$50,000 to save and protect water resources through practical on-the-ground work. Eligibility: Community groups, schools, local government, Catchment Management Authorities and non-government organizations for projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">are community orientated and have public benefitsinvolve practical on-ground works to save of protect water resources; andcomply with relevant planning, health and environmental regulations and or guidelines	Annually Opening of the grant round will be publicly advertised. < \$50,000

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Water Smart Australia Program - adjunct to Community Water Grants	Australian Government	Contact the National Water Commission www.nwc.gov.au	Program (\$1.6 billion) Projects that are large-scale, resulting in on-ground water management improvements, producing significant public benefits.	
Raising National Water Standards program - Adjunct to Community Water Grants		Contact the National Water Commission www.nwc.gov.au	Investments designed to help achieve National Water Initiative outcomes. (\$200 million)	
National and Cross-Regional weed control projects	Australian Government	Jeanette Muirhead jeanette.muirhead@deh.gov.au and phone (02) 6274 2164 or Kirsty Faichney on kirsty.faichney@daff.gov.au and phone (02) 6272 5679.	\$40 million over 5 years. Focus on weeds of national significance at a cross-regional or national scale.	Closing date was 15 April 2005, but there may be another opportunity next year.
Commonwealth Environmental Education Grants Program	Australian Government	http://www.deh.gov.au/education/programs/ Environmental Education Section Ph (02) 6274 1290	Local Govt, State Govt, NGO's, educational institutions, community groups Funds generally between \$3,000 and \$45,000 (although more available depending on merit). Projects should contribute to the priority areas identified by the National Environmental Education Council, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop strategies to assist in the incorporation of ecologically sustainable development principles into teaching programs and campus activities; • encourage business and industry to develop practices consistent with ecologically sustainable development; • develop resources and consistent approaches to environmental education in the community that reflect sound environmental knowledge and practice. 	Call for applications likely early 2006

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Tourism and Conservation Partnerships Program	Dept of Industry, Tourism and Resources.	info.tourism@industry.gov.au	<p>Private sector, industry associations, Regional development or tourism organisations, non-profit organisations, Indigenous organisations, Local Government may apply where there is a clear partnership with commercial tourism sector.</p> <p>Two streams of funding; feasibility studies and pilot projects. Around \$20,000-\$70,000 for feasibility studies that cover</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • financial and business planning • consumer market analysis to refine visitor projections • risk analysis to test financial assumptions • developing operational systems • flora, fauna, or wildlife survey to assess conservation values and set base lines for monitoring progress achieving conservation goals • project management where extensive community consultation or coordination of contract work is an integral part of the proposal • marketing planning in so far as these relate to business feasibility. <p>Around \$100,000 for implementation of a feasibility study</p>	
Tourism and Conservation Initiative		www.industry.gov.au/content/trinternet/	Aims to boost nature based tourism for the economic benefit of communities while increasing capacity to protect and conserve the environment for future generations. \$4.6million over the next three years	
WA Regional Initiatives Scheme (WARIS)		Contact www.dlgrd.wa.gov.au or relevant Regional Development Commission Offices.	For grants up to \$250,000 for projects which build the human, cultural and social capital necessary for sustaining regional communities.	
Managing Climate Variability R & D Program	Australian Government	Contact www.lwa.gov.au/funding .	\$14.2million over 4 years with 2 themes – enhancing knowledge and adoptions of seasonal climate variability management and delivery NRM applications of seasonal climate risk management.	
Indigenous Start up and incentive Land Care Grants	Department of Indigenous Affairs	<p>Julie Ross Senior Project Officer 9217 1421 Free call 1800 620 511</p> <p>jross@dlgrd.wa.gov.au</p>	<p><i>Purpose:</i> Designed to assist aboriginal people and communities to perform on-ground Landcare activities.</p> <p><i>Eligibility:</i> Indigenous groups or landholders</p> <p>Up to \$20,000 available.</p>	

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Western Australia Regional Incentives Scheme	Department of Local Government and Regional Development	Dept of Local Government and Regional Development GPO Box R1250 PERTH WA 6001 Ph: (08) 9222 0463 Freecall: 1800 620 511 http://www.dlgrd.wa.gov.au/regionDev/financialAssist/RIF.asp#WARIS	WARIS will provide grants from \$10,000 to \$250,000 for non-capital works projects designed to deliver across more than one region in areas such as capacity building, arts and culture, environmental and natural resource management and research and development etc.	
Gordon Reid Conservation of Natural Heritage Grants	Lotterywest Grants	Lotterywest (Grants and Community Development) (08) 9340 5270 1800 655 270 grants@lotterywest.wa.gov.au www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au	Purpose: The Gordon Reid Conservation of Natural Heritage Grants aim to support community groups in their efforts to restore, protect, manage or monitor their natural heritage. Eligibility: Non-profit organisations, local government and LCDCs	Can be submitted at any time
Community Garden Grants	Australian Open Garden Scheme & ABC	Mary Klestadt 5428 1076 www.opengarden.org.au vic@opengardens.org.au	Purpose: encouraging gardening and improving our environment Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> groups and individuals. community based garden projects. 	Contact program coordinator
Australian Bird Environment Foundation (ABEF)	Bird Observers Club of Australia (BOCA)	BOCA 9877 5342 www.birdobservers.org.au PO Box 185 Nunawading 3131	Purpose: grants to landowners for projects, which maintain, improve or extend habitat for birds and other native animals and plants, such as fencing valuable remnant vegetation and preserving local habitats.	Twice per year Close on 31 st May 31 st October < \$3,000

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National Reserve System Program (NRSP)	Australian Government	Paul FitzSimons 9637 8440 www.deh.gov.au/parks/nrs/program/	Purpose: establishment of protected areas for inclusion in the National Reserve System (NRS). NRS funding can be applied towards establishing a formal protected area through gazetting a property or entering into a nature conservation covenant agreement. The NRSP can assist non-agency proponents with purchase costs and some associated establishment costs, including legal and valuation costs and management planning for the new reserve. The involvement of indigenous peoples in development of the National Reserve System is a priority and, accordingly, funds are available under the Indigenous Protected Areas component of the NRS program. Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority given to land purchases that conserve high priority ecosystems or key habitats for nationally listed threatened species. • Non-agency proponents need to supply one third of the acquisition and establishment costs, and cover the full costs of ongoing management. • 	Ask contact for details of timing
Grants to Voluntary Environment and Heritage Organisations (GVEHO)	Australian Government	Department of Environment & Heritage GVEHO Programme Team 02 6274 2422 www.deh.gov.au/programs/gveho/	Purpose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection, conservation and/or rehabilitation of the natural environment • Protection and/or conservation of Australia's historical heritage Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • environmental groups currently engaged in on-ground environmental protection, conservation and/or rehabilitation • heritage groups currently engaged in activities leading to and supporting the protection and/or conservation of Australia's heritage 	Annual cycle Open April 2005 Closes 6th May 2005-04-14 <10,000
Regional Parks Community Grants	CALM	Sandra Hohloch (08) 9431 6500 sandrah@calm.wa.gov.au	Purpose: Conservation and rehabilitation works within CALM Regional Parks Eligibility: Local Community Groups	Annual Cycle
Bushland Benefits	CALM	Bushland Benefits Coordinator Penny Hussy (08) 9334 0570 pennyh@calm.wa.gov.au	Purpose: WA Program run by CALM that aims to help landholders meet the initial management costs of bushland that is under voluntary protection. Eligibility: Any private landholder whose property contains biodiversity conservation values they wish to enhance.	Oct 2005 (may not continue after 2005)

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Community Conservation Grants	CALM	CALM office on 9334 0455 sharonp@calm.wa.gov.au	<p><i>Purpose:</i> Community Conservation Grants are available for projects involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conservation of fauna and/or flora; • land rehabilitation of environmental benefit; • management of areas of high conservation value; and • rescue and rehabilitation of injured or incapacitated fauna; <p>It is intended that these grants will encourage contributions from other funding sources or assist in undertaking on-the-ground works.</p> <p><i>Eligibility:</i> Individuals, local community groups or organisations may apply. _State Government agencies and local authorities are ineligible to apply directly for these grants but may participate through the formation of partnership groups.</p>	<p>Annual Cycle</p> <p>Nature Conservation Projects \$500 to \$5,000</p> <p>Fauna Rescue and Rehabilitation \$100 to \$500</p>

Philanthropic Trusts / Foundations

This section summarises foundations and trusts selected from the **Australian Directory of Philanthropy** that fund works that are likely to be undertaken by Landcare and Friends groups. It is not an exhaustive list. Contact your local library for a copy of the **Australian Directory of Philanthropy** if you want to explore more options. Some trusts and foundations in Australia are able to fund individuals, and others are restricted to funding organisations with tax-deductible status.

Philanthropy Australia also produce an online version that is more frequently updated (\$100). The hard copy of **The Australian Directory Of Philanthropy**, 12th Edition, 2004/05, is available from Philanthropy Australia Inc for \$65.

Phone: 9620 0200 **Email:** pa@philanthropy.org.au www.philanthropy.org.au

Our Community also produce **How to: Win a Philanthropic Grant - The Essential Guide**. It is a step-by-step guide that takes you through the grant-seeking process, helping you to research and prepare a winning funding application. \$36 dollars including postage.

www.ourcommunity.com.au. **Phone:** 9320 6800 **Email:** service@ourcommunity.com.au

I M P O R T A N T I N F O R M A T I O N	<p><i>Most philanthropic trusts require recipients of funding to be a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR), or an Income Tax Exempt Charity (ITEC). Details on eligibility and how to apply to become either of these are available from the Australia Tax Office.</i></p>	
	<p>ATO Australian Tax Office</p>	<p>www.ato.gov.au/nonprofit Non-profit info line 1300 130 248 Groups and individuals applying for funding may need DGR and ITEC status.</p>
	<p>DGR Deductible Gift Recipient</p>	<p>Certain organisations can receive income tax deductible gifts. They are called deductible gift recipients (DGRs). The income tax law determines which organisations and types of organisations can qualify. Some DGRs are listed by name in the income tax law. For organisations to be DGRs they must fall within a general category set out in the income tax law. From 1 July 2000 all DGR categories need to be endorsed by the ATP. If they are not endorsed donors cannot claim income tax deductions for their gifts.</p> <p>As well as falling within a DGR category you need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an Australian Business Number • Maintain a gift fund, and • Be in Australia (with some exceptions) <p>If you work out you are entitled to be endorsed, you should apply to the ATO using the <i>Application for endorsement as a deductible gift recipient</i>. Being endorsed as a DGR gives your organisation important income tax concessions and obligations. DGRs are not automatically exempt from income tax. DGRs that are charities will need to apply for <u>endorsement as an income tax exempt charity (ITEC)</u>.</p>
<p>ITEC Income Tax Exempt Charity</p>	<p>There is an endorsement process for charities under which they apply to the ATO to become exempt from income tax. Charities must meet certain requirements to be entitled to endorsement. One of these requirements is to have an ABN. If you are entitled to be endorsed, you should apply to the ATO using the <i>Application for Endorsement as an Income Tax Exempt Charity</i>. Being endorsed as an ITEC gives you important income tax concessions and obligations.</p>	

How to Apply for Grants from a Charitable Trust or Foundation

Introduction

If you are seeking funding from trusts and foundations, the most important point to remember is that you must follow each foundation's guidelines, as foundations are required to comply with the guiding principles which are laid down in the trust deed. Foundation trustees are generally unable to make grants outside the parameters established in the trust deed.

It is important to develop the project you are seeking funding for, as well as the submission itself. A good submission is based on a well-planned project. The majority of foundations in Australia prefer to fund specific projects, rather than providing an organisation's core operating costs.

Generally foundations will not fund activities which are considered to be the responsibility of government. Some foundations prefer to fund innovative projects with large potential benefit, but which are untried or unusual and would therefore not necessarily attract government funding or corporate sponsorship.

Some trusts and foundations will have application forms to fill out, but others will prefer a full submission that follows the foundation's guidelines; others require a letter of intent before inviting organisations to submit a full proposal. It is important to follow the requirements of each individual foundation.

Step by Step

- Using the ***Australian Directory of Philanthropy***, make a list of foundations that may be able to fund your project. **The foundations and trusts listed in the *Calendar of Grants and Incentives* have been selected because they fund works that Landcare and environmental groups may undertake.**
- Ensure that the foundation in question is legally able to fund in your geographic area, and that you have the legal or taxation status required.
- Check the grant exclusions for each foundation. In many cases, certain funding purposes are legally prohibited in the foundation's trust deed.
- Contact each relevant foundation individually to obtain their current set of guidelines.

- Write your submission to each foundation based on their guidelines
- Do not attempt a mass mail-out to all foundations – as they have specific interests and preferences, they are unlikely to respond positively to a form letter.
- Allow plenty of time for any extra research you may need to do, for obtaining quotes and for your application to reach the foundation. Most foundations will not accept applications made by fax or email. Some prefer electronic transmission through their website.

Final Checklist

Ensure that you have included the following in your submission:

- The contact details of someone who can answer questions about the project
- Clear statement of your goals and objectives, if required by the grantmaker
- A detailed budget showing total project cost as well as costs of the component for which you are applying for funding
- Information on other funders you have approached (or intend to approach) for this project
- Evidence of your organisation's tax status
- Audited financial statements
- Any quotes needed for equipment, materials or services, if applicable
- The names of reputable referees, if required by the grantmaker
- Any other documentation required by the grantmaker

Finally, ensure that you are clear about:

- What you asked for
- Why you asked for it
- Ability of your organisation to carry out the project
- How much the project will cost
- Value to the charitable sector

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The Myer Foundation	<p>Sandy Shaw 9207 3040 enquiries@myerfoundation.org.au www.myerfoundation.org.au</p>	<p>Purpose: works to build a fair, just, creative and caring society by supporting initiatives that promote positive change in Australia. Water and the environment is one of five priority areas to be funded over the next three years.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DGR preferable but not essential • ITEC 	<p>Twice annually</p> <p>Check website for latest closing dates</p>
James N. Kirby Foundation	<p>Jocelyn Sinifield Executive Assistant (02) 9 212 2711</p>	<p>Purpose: Grants to charitable, educational and technical bodies throughout Australia in the areas of health, education, technology and science, art, literature and the conservation, maintenance and development of Australia's natural resources, with particular attention being given to technical education projects to assist young Australians to reach the highest standards.</p> <p>Priority Interests environment, education, health, technology/science</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DGR required & groups only 	<p>Annually Closes 30th September</p> <p>Total annual funding pool \$400,000</p>
The Norman Wettenhall Foundation	<p>Leonie Mugavin 9650 3188 admin@nwf.org.au www.nwf.org.au</p>	<p>Purpose: To support and encourage research, education, recording and publication of all aspects of the natural living environment. Priority interests are environment and Biodiversity, especially exemplified by bird life.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All projects should have long term impact. • Initially a one or two page letter of enquiry describing the proposed project, its objectives and the approximate level of funding required. A full proposal will be invited if the project meets the Foundation's current funding objectives. 	<p>Quarterly - last working day of March, June, September and December</p> <p>Total annual funding pool \$100,000</p>
Rex Hunt Future Fish Foundation	<p>Merv McGuire 9696 4233 admin@futurefish.com.au www.futurefish.com.au</p>	<p>Purpose: funds are allocated into the following categories: fish stocking projects, saltwater projects, environmental projects (including waterway rehabilitation program to improve the environmental habitat of fisheries), educational projects and community events.</p> <p>Eligibility: download project proposal from website to apply.</p>	<p>Contact coordinator for details</p>

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<p>The Ian Potter Foundation</p>	<p>Carol Mackieson (environment section)</p> <p>9650 3188</p> <p>admin@ianpotter.org.au</p> <p>www.ianpotter.org.au</p>	<p>Purpose: for public charitable purposes to develop partnerships with communities, government and the private sector to prevent irreversible damage to the environment and to encourage the maintenance of biodiversity. The Foundation continues to support smaller projects around Australia that combine elements of biodiversity and ecology preservation, volunteerism, and community education.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DGR required 	<p>Closes on first working day of February, May, August, November</p> <p>Total annual funding pool \$7-8 million</p>
<p>The George Alexander Foundation</p>	<p>9650 3188</p> <p>www.gafoundation.org.au</p> <p>admin@gafoundation.org.au</p>	<p>Purpose: priority interests are the environment and education. Has an emphasis on helping talented young people, especially those experiencing economic disadvantage, to achieve educational and employment goals. The Ian Potter Foundation Ltd. is trustee for The George Alexander Foundation.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DGR required 	<p>Quarterly</p> <p>Closes on first working day of February, May, August, November</p> <p>Total annual funding pool \$350,000</p>
<p>The R.E. Ross Trust</p>	<p>Sylvia Geddes</p> <p>9690 6255</p> <p>information@rosstrust.org.au</p> <p>www.rosstrust.org.au</p>	<p>Purpose: favours projects that are innovative, attract enthusiastic volunteers, have plans to become self-supporting, and are action based. Priority given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • projects which are designed to address difficult <i>social</i> and <i>environmental</i> needs • requests for small grants to enable smaller community organisations to begin or continue to make a positive difference in their communities. <p>The trust supports the purchase of high conservation value land and nature conservation.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITEC 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>trust meets 8 times per year</p>
<p>Feilman Foundation</p>	<p>Margaret Feilman</p> <p>Governor</p> <p>(08) 9389 5245</p>	<p>Purpose: research, environment, children / youth, cultural, education, general community benefit, medical research, Scientific research</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DGR 	<p>Mid April and Mid October</p> <p>Total annual funding pool \$30,000</p>
<p>William Buckland Foundation</p>	<p>ANZ Charitable Trusts Maria Stylianou 92732701 charitabletrusts@anz.com</p> <p>www.anz.com</p> <p>(search for 'charitable grants')</p>	<p>Purpose: Support for groups developing community projects to promote taking responsibility and control of the factors which affect their lives. The Foundation will strive to identify, research and support initiatives that have the capacity to make a lasting, significant and positive impact on the well-being of the community. Public education purposes with some preference for agricultural and related pursuits. Administered by ANZ Charitable Trusts</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITEC • grants less than \$10,000 not preferred. 	<p>Quarterly</p> <p>1st January 1st April 1st July 1st October</p>

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Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) Australia	CAF Australia (02) 9 413 9977 cafaustralia@caf.charitynet.org www.cafaaustralia.org	<p>Purpose: To maximise the financial substance of the not for profit sector by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> distributing funds in the most efficient way to service delivery charities and agencies providing financial advice & expertise in the capital needs of the not for profit sector providing consultancy expertise in devising programs to match corporate and individual donors to charitable recipients. <p>Eligibility: DGR & ITEC</p>	Ongoing
Daniel Scott Trust E B Myer Charity Fund L & J Brauer Perpetual Charitable Trust Local Environment Fund of Australia	Lorelle Clements 1800 501 227 www.perpetual.com.au foundationsperpetual.com.au	<p>Purpose: general charitable purposes throughout Australia in the categories of social and community welfare, medical and scientific research, education, environment and arts/culture. Established as a sub-trust of The Perpetual Foundation, this fund is to encourage and support local communities throughout Australia in the care and development of sustainable environments.</p>	Bi-annual 31st March 30th September
Australian Ethical Investment Community Grants	Victoria Wade (02) 6242 1988 centre@austethical.com.au www.austethical.com.au	<p>Purpose: To promote environmental improvement and social responsibility; with the hope that smaller, more localised groups might benefit - as often they have limited access to funding. Priority interests are not-for-profit Australian based organisations with a conservation, charitable or benevolent purpose.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax status required but grants are not conditional on tax deductibility 	Annual Total annual funding pool \$60,000 (10% of profits)

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Corporate Foundations & Support Programs

ANZ Staff Foundation	<p>ANZ Charitable Trusts</p> <p>Hilary Fastier</p> <p>1800 808 910</p> <p>charitabletrusts@anz.com</p> <p>www.anz.com search for <i>charitable grants</i></p>	<p>Purpose: The ANZ Staff Foundation aims to fund projects which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> offer long-term solutions to the problem of unemployment, especially in rural areas assist communities to conserve resources and protect the environment <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DGR ITEC Must provide opportunities for ANZ staff participation as volunteers Not for profit groups only 	<p>Annually</p> <p>15th January and 15th July</p> <p>Usually less than \$30,000</p>
Macquarie Bank Limited	<p>Julie White Manager</p> <p>(02) 8232 9673</p> <p>julie.white@macquarie.com.au www.macquarie.com.au</p>	<p>Purpose: for a range of community based initiatives that are working in innovative ways to provide long term benefits. Priority interests include research, arts, environment, education, health and welfare.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DGR 	<p>Variable</p> <p>Total annual funding pool \$3.5 million</p>
Mazda Foundation	<p>John Ray Secretary</p> <p>8540 1800</p> <p>www.mazdafoundation.org.au</p>	<p>Purpose: To assist a broad range of individuals and organisations including young people through education and employment skills, the advancement of technology and improvement of the natural environment. Priority Interests environment, employment, children / youth, education, general community benefit, technology.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DGR 	<p>Bi-annual</p> <p>28th February 31st August</p>
RACV Foundation	<p>Sharon Osborne</p> <p>9627 3755</p> <p>sharon.osborne@racv.com.au</p> <p>www.racv.com.au</p>	<p>Purpose: Priority interests include community development, general community benefit, conservation, environment and heritage; communication and information; cultural development and the arts; health and well-being; recreation and leisure; community education and training</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DGR ITEC Prefer projects to be self contained 	<p>Twice yearly</p> <p>Closing April & October</p> <p>Total annual funding pool \$110,000</p>

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Telstra Foundation	Fiona Moore 1800 208 378 telstrafoundation@team.telstra.com www.telstrafoundation.com	<p>Purpose: to enrich the lives of Australian children and young people and the communities in which they live. The Telstra Foundation has two main programs that are managed through separate funds, the Community Development Fund and the Telstra Kids Fund.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DGR • ITEC 	CDF - 2 nd April, 3 rd September TKF- 20 th February, 4 th June, 17 th September
Westpac Operation Backyard	Natalie Moore Landcare Australia Ph: 9368 3166 David Hehir Landcare Australia Ph: 02 9412 1040	<p>Purpose: funding for environmental projects (up to 100% of the environment material costs).</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must involve Westpac staff as volunteers • meet Landcare Australia's approval guidelines. 	Average grant ~ \$3,900 but no limit
Mitre 10 Junior Landcare In partnership with Landcare Australia Limited	Rebecca Millard Landcare Australia Ltd (03) 9662 9977 1800 151 105 rebecca@landcareaustralia.com.au	<p>Purpose: program targets major issues relevant to our natural environment including energy, waste/recycling, air, biodiversity, water and land. grants to assist them with the cost of their projects.</p> <p>Eligibility: any school or organisation that would like to involve their students in Landcare projects, in conjunction with local Landcare groups.</p>	Four rounds per year normally \$500
# National Australia Bank Community Link Awards	1800 807 121 www.national.com.au	<p>Purpose: for active voluntary community groups that contribute to the protection and preservation of Australia's heritage and environment.</p> <p>Eligibility: activities that include flora and fauna conservation, resource and water conservation, land management, public advocacy, education/training programs and preservation programs.</p>	Revised program launch is Feb 2005 <\$15,000
Bundaberg Rum Bush Fund	Grants Coordinator www.landcareaustralia.com.au 1800 151 105	Aims to support local projects put together by local community groups, to care for the Australian environment. The Bundaberg Rum Bush Fund is a small grants scheme open to Landcare and other community/environment groups around Australia.	10 th May 2004

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Holden Foundation Grants	1800 033 349 community.support@holden.com.au www.holden.com.au Select 'Corporate info' then 'Environment and Community'	<p>Purpose: supports projects that seek to educate and involve the Australian community in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restoring and preserving Australia's natural environment Developing energy efficient strategies and alternative energy options Applying technologies to achieve environmental gains. Financial and 'in kind' support can be provided. <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Particularly interested in projects that have a national focus 	Quarterly First working day of February, May, August and November
RACV Foundation	Sharon Osborne (03) 9627 3755 sharon_Osborne@racv.com.au www.racv.com.au	<p>Purpose: for charitable and community organisations in Victoria for specific projects to benefit the community. Priority interests community development, general community benefit, Conservation, environment and heritage; communication and information; cultural development and the arts; health and well-being; recreation and leisure; community education and training</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DGR ITEC Maximum grant \$5,000 	Twice per year Closes April & October Total annual funding pool \$100,000
SGIO Community Help Grants	1300 306 496 www.sgio.com.au/grants	<p>Purpose: SGIO offers grants of between \$500 and \$5,000 to community groups undertaking projects aimed at reducing risk in the community or improving the local environment.</p> <p>Eligibility: Non-profit organisations</p>	Between \$500 and \$5,000
Nestle Community Environment Program	Community Environment Coordinator @ each facility www.nestle.com.au/goodlife	<p>Purpose: aims to have a positive impact in communities in which the company operates, through participation in local projects and initiatives that assist the environment. Have supported a number of revegetation projects.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> communities around Nestle factories or distribution centres distributed for communities through local government and schools 	annual cycle ~\$20,000 for each project submissions received in October
Alcoa Foundation	www.alcoa.com/global/en/community/info_page/guidelines.asp	<p>Purpose:- In 2001 ALCOA introduced the Areas of Excellence that guide global and local grant-making and marshal the expertise and energies of Alcoa and Alcoa Foundation together. Conservation and Sustainability is one of the areas of excellence that can gain funding.</p> <p>Eligibility: Community Groups</p>	

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Kennard's Landcare Hire Gift Voucher	<p>Landcare Australia Fax to 02 9412 1060</p> <p>jenny@landcareaustralia.com.au</p> <p>www.landcareaustralia.com.au (look for funding opportunities)</p>	<p>Purpose: to make the Landcare job easier for a number of groups with the donation of hire equipment and/or vehicles for their projects. Landcare Australia will allocate \$40,000 of in-kind hire by issuing to selected Landcare groups a Kennards Hire Landcare Gift Voucher, providing the group with an agreed amount of hire from the Kennards Hire Landcare Account.</p> <p>Eligibility: only community/Landcare benefit project (ie not for personal use). Find your closest Kennards Hire, cost your hire needs, and submit an application form (available from the website)</p>	<p>Vouchers of</p> <p>\$250 \$500 \$1,000</p>

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Labour Market Schemes and Other Relevant Contacts

Conservation Volunteers Australia	Australian Government	<p>Dave Watson 9686 5554 melbourne@conservationvolunteers.com.au</p> <p>www.conservationvolunteers.com.au</p>	<p>Purpose: programs such as Better Earth can provide a managed team of volunteers to assist in meeting project objectives.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> groups need to provide a baseline level of supervision and support hosting is better suited to more developed groups prefer strong links with local government or agencies 	Ongoing
Green Reserve	Australian Government	<p>Conservation Volunteers Australia</p> <p>Sarah Starr 9686 5554 www.greenreserve.com.au</p>	<p>Purpose: Australian Government <i>Work For The Dole</i>. Green Reserve volunteers are job seekers aged over 35, participating for two days a week on local natural environment and cultural heritage conservation projects.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> groups need to provide a baseline level of supervision and support hosting is better suited to more developed groups prefer strong links with local government or agencies 	Ongoing Six month cycles
Tree Project	Voluntary	<p>De Grebner 9650 9477 info@treeproject.asn.au www.treeproject.asn.au</p>	<p>The Re-Tree Scheme recruits volunteers to propagate indigenous seedlings at home for farmers, Landcare groups and other organisations across the state. Assists rural land holders and Landcare groups by providing low cost (\$100 for 500 plants) tubestock seedlings for revegetation programs. Landholder information available on website.</p> <p>Tree Planting Days are organised throughout the cooler months of the year. They take place on country farms, reserves and urban parks.</p>	No grants issued
Green Corps	Australian Government	<p>Job Futures & Greening Australia</p> <p>Steve Allan 9450 5777 steve.allan@jobfutures.com.au www.greencorps.com.au</p>	<p>Purpose: youth development and environmental training program for young people aged between 17-20 years. Green Corps projects involve 10 young people taking part in a range of conservation orientated works over a twenty-six week period.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> strong focus on youth development Landcare networks or Landcare groups can host Green Corp teams. A Partner Agency Pack that clarifies roles and responsibilities can be sent out on request. 	Four rounds per year Broker contract expires June 2005 Contact for most recent information

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Work for the Dole and Community Work	Australian Government	Australian Employment Services 1300 362 368 www.workplace.gov.au/Workplace/ESHHome	Work for the Dole (WFD) provides work experience placements for job seekers in approved activities that provide facilities and services to local communities. Community Work (CW) provides support for job seekers and other eligible income support recipients who do approved volunteer work with volunteer organisations. Through CW participants may also earn a Training Credit and receive a Passport to Employment. Hosts organisations must be not-for-profit and able to provide a safe work site and supervision on a day to day basis. Sponsors perform administrative functions on behalf of hosts.	Six month cycles
Tranceplant	Voluntary Group	Bronny Burger info@tranceplant.org www.tranceplant.org	Tranceplant is an incorporated non profit association that combines revegetation work with music, performance and art through assisting with planting and revegetation activities. There is an information section for farmers and landowners on the website.	No closing date
Revive our Wetlands	BHP and Conservation Volunteers Australia	Libby McIntyre National Revive Manager (02) 6882 5986 l.mcintyre@cva.org.au 1800 032 501 www.reviveourwetlands.net	Revive our Wetlands is Australia's largest practical wetland revitalisation program focusing on 100 of Australia's important wetlands. <i>Revive our Wetlands</i> involves volunteers in practical wetland projects across Australia. Projects will be undertaken on public or private land with priority being given to projects that will restore or rehabilitate wetlands of recognised importance. Landcare and community groups can apply to host a CVA team (usually 6 – 8 volunteers) for projects of 1-2 weeks in duration.	No closing date
Landcare Australia		www.landcareaustralia.com.au Natalie Moore nhunt@agric.wa.gov.au	Landcare Australia supports Landcare groups by providing advice on sponsorship, media coverage, tax deductibility and insurance.	

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Further sources of information

- **www.ourcommunity.com.au** provides newsletters to help groups succeed with grant seeking, fundraising and best practice advice on running their group. It also provides a service that allows community groups to seek online donations & volunteers.
- **Easy Grants Newsletter and Grants Education Service** - Electronic newsletter subscriptions available from Our Community Pty Ltd. 12 monthly email newsletters with all the latest new and recurring Australian Government and State Government, philanthropic and corporate grants. \$45 per year electronically – book and pay on line. www.ourcommunity.com.au - look in the 'Find and Manage Money' section.
- **www.philanthropy.org.au** - Philanthropy Australia website - The national membership organisation for grant-making trusts and foundations.
- ***The Australian Directory Of Philanthropy***, 12th Edition, 2004/05, available for \$65, 9620 0200 Email: pa@philanthropy.org.au
- **www.grantslink.gov.au** is a Australian Government website designed to offer direct links to existing information on Australian Government grant programs. **GrantsLINK** makes it easier to become familiar with grants, find the most appropriate grant program to meet your communities' needs, and apply for grants.