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## Introduction

The Sydney Coastal Councils Group (SCCG) Funding Guide is produced and updated annually to assist Member Councils and other Stakeholders 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 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 Website](#).

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Grant / Funding Organisation	Funds Available	Deadlines	Overview
<b>ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b>			
<b>Active Transport, including Walking and Cycling Program</b> NSW Roads and Maritime Services	Variable	Applications for 2020-21 Walking and Cycling Program are <b>Open until 14 December 2019.</b>	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 to help reduce congestion, particularly around schools, employment centres and universities. <a href="http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/partners-suppliers/lgr/active-transport/index.html">http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/partners-suppliers/lgr/active-transport/index.html</a>
<b>Community Building Partnership</b> NSW Government	Up to \$200,000 available per NSW Electorate	2019 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. <a href="http://www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au/home">http://www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au/home</a> or email <a href="mailto:cbpinfo@dpc.nsw.gov.au">cbpinfo@dpc.nsw.gov.au</a>
<b>Public Reserves Management Fund</b> Department of Primary Industries - Lands (NSW)	Variable	Early 2019. Exact dates and details will be advertised once confirmed.	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. <a href="http://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/crown_land/crown_reserves/funding/PRMFP">http://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/crown_land/crown_reserves/funding/PRMFP</a> or email <a href="mailto:cl.prmfp@crownland.nsw.gov.au">cl.prmfp@crownland.nsw.gov.au</a>
<b>Regional roads funding assistance to Local Government</b>	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: <a href="http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/partners-suppliers/lgr/grant-programs/regional-road-block-grant.html">http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/partners-suppliers/lgr/grant-programs/regional-road-block-grant.html</a> and the REPAIR (Repair and Improvements of Regional Roads): <a href="http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/partners-suppliers/lgr/downloads/factsheets-report/131216_factsheet03_repair.pdf">http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/partners-suppliers/lgr/downloads/factsheets-report/131216_factsheet03_repair.pdf</a>  Other funding sources for regional roads include : <a href="http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/partners-suppliers/lgr/downloads/factsheets-report/factsheet04-other-funding.pdf">http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/partners-suppliers/lgr/downloads/factsheets-report/factsheet04-other-funding.pdf</a> .



CLIMATE CHANGE			
<b>Increasing Resilience to Climate Change</b> LGNSW	Variable	Applications close <b>1 March 2019</b>	This partnership program between LGNSW and the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) provides funding to address identified climate change risks and vulnerabilities facing NSW councils. <a href="https://www.lgnsw.org.au/policy/increasing-resilience-climate-change">https://www.lgnsw.org.au/policy/increasing-resilience-climate-change</a>
<b>Emissions Reduction Fund</b> Clean Energy Regulator (Australian Government)	Variable	Ongoing	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. <a href="http://www.cleanenergyregulator.gov.au/ERF/About-the-Emissions-Reduction-Fund">http://www.cleanenergyregulator.gov.au/ERF/About-the-Emissions-Reduction-Fund</a>
COASTAL & MARINE			
<b>Coastal and Estuary Grants Program</b> Office of Environment & Heritage (NSW)	Variable	Significant open coasts hazard grants are ongoing. Check website for Implementation stream. Planning Stream closes on <b>30 June 2019</b> .	Under the Coastal and Estuary Grants Program, the NSW Government provides technical and financial support to local government, to assist in managing the coastal zone. The objectives of the Coastal and Estuary Grants program are to support local government in; managing the risk from coastal hazards, coastal erosion, restoring degraded coastal habitats and improving the health of NSW estuaries, wetlands and littoral forests. This grant now incorporates the previous Estuary Management Grants Program. <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/coasts/coastalgrants.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/coasts/coastalgrants.htm</a>
COMMUNITY			
<b>Caterpillar Sponsorships</b> 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. <a href="http://www.caterpillar.com/company/sponsorships">http://www.caterpillar.com/company/sponsorships</a>
<b>Community Grants</b> Australian Ethical Investment	Variable	Check website and register interest to receive email updates.	Australian Ethical Investment donates 10% 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. <a href="http://www.australianethical.com.au/community">http://www.australianethical.com.au/community</a>

<b>Community Help Grants Program</b> NRMA	Variable	Register your details to receive email updates about new initiatives and programs.	The Community Grants Program is currently <b>closed</b> while NRMA reviews the program. The NRMA supports community organisations making a difference in the community in areas of road safety, emergency readiness/response and environment. <a href="https://www.communitygrantsprogram.com.au/">https://www.communitygrantsprogram.com.au/</a>
<b>Eco Schools Grants</b> NSW Environmental Trust	Up to \$150,000	Applications will re-open in 2019. Check website for dates.	The Eco Schools Program provides funding for schools to assist with environmental learning opportunities for students, teachers and the school community. Eco Schools' projects provide hands-on curriculum-based environmental education. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grants of \$3500 will be available for up to 80 schools</li> <li>While all schools are eligible to apply, they encourage projects working primarily with students with special needs</li> </ul> <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/schools.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/schools.htm</a>
<b>Environmental Education Grants</b> Office of Environment & Heritage	Up to \$100,000	The next round of this program is to be advised	This Environmental Education grant supports environmental educational projects that develop knowledge, skills, commitment to, and ongoing participation in protecting the environment. A total of \$500,000 is available for government entities. <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/education.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/education.htm</a>
<b>IMPACT Philanthropy</b> Perpetual	\$10,000 - \$100,000. Max \$200,000.	2020 program likely to be announced <b>second half 2019</b> . Check website for updates.	Perpetual's IMPACT Philanthropy Program connects Not-For-Profit organisations with charitable trusts and foundations managed by Perpetual. Open to organisations with Australian Tax Office Charity Tax Concession Status or Deductible Gift Recipient Status. <a href="https://www.perpetual.com.au/Advice-and-Trustee-Services/IMPACT-Philanthropy/IMPACT-Funding">https://www.perpetual.com.au/Advice-and-Trustee-Services/IMPACT-Philanthropy/IMPACT-Funding</a>
<b>Lead Environmental Community Groups Program</b> NSW Environmental Trust	\$20,000 - \$80,000	Check website for updates.	The Lead Environmental Community Groups (LECG) Grants Program is aimed at assisting eligible environmental community organisations to deliver community education to build capacity of the NSW community in protecting and conserving the environment. <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/Lead.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/Lead.htm</a>
<b>Major resource recovery infrastructure grants program</b>	\$1M - \$10M	Applications currently <b>closed</b> , check website for updates.	This program (NSW Environmental Trust and EPA) is designed to fund major resource recovery facilities that increase recycling of waste materials from households / businesses in a cost-effective manner. <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/MajorRes.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/MajorRes.htm</a>
<b>OEH Sponsorship</b> Office of Environment & Heritage (NSW)	Variable	Applications for sponsorship accepted at any time.	The Office of Environment and Heritage 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. <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grantsandfunding/sponsorship.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grantsandfunding/sponsorship.htm</a>

CONSERVATION & BIODIVERSITY			
<b>Environment and Conservation Grants</b> The Ian Potter Foundation	Large grants \$100,000+	- Environment & Conservation will be open <b>25<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b> and close <b>17<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b> .	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.  <a href="http://www.ianpotter.org.au/environment-conservation">http://www.ianpotter.org.au/environment-conservation</a>
<b>Eucalypt Australia</b> The Bjarne K Dahl Trust small grant program is managed by <i>Eucalypt Australia</i> .	Up to \$15,000	Check website for details <b>March 2019</b> for next round.	The Bjarne K Dahl Trust operates an annual Small Grants Program, under Eucalypt Australia, focused on the conservation of eucalypts and the education of the public in areas of conservation, propagation, cultural, and historical significance in relation to eucalypts throughout Australia.  <a href="http://www.eucalyptaustalia.org.au/small-grant-program">http://www.eucalyptaustalia.org.au/small-grant-program</a>
<b>Flying-Foxes Grants Program</b> Local Government NSW	Stream 2: up to \$15,000, Stream 1: Up to \$50,000	No Grants announced for 2019 yet. Check the website for updates.	The Flying-foxes Grants Program has been established to assist councils to manage flying-fox camps in their area, consistent with the Flying-Fox Camp Management Policy. This \$1 million program is funded through the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) and is administered by Local Government NSW to address identified flying-fox management issues facing NSW councils. A combination of competitive and non-competitive funding is available.  <a href="https://www.lgnsw.org.au/member-services/flying-foxes-grants-program">https://www.lgnsw.org.au/member-services/flying-foxes-grants-program</a>
<b>John T. Reid Charitable Trusts environment category</b> John T. Reid Charitable Trusts	Variable	Enquiry period reopens late January 2018.	The Trustees believe that supporting environmental projects is vital to ensure a sustainable future for Australia. Our economy and lifestyle are dependent on healthy water, soil, climate, oceans and biodiversity. Enabling key environmental and community groups to educate the public on the most pressing issues facing native fauna, flora, waterways and ecosystems. Supports charitable organisations within Australia that have Deductible Gift Recipient Status from the Australian Tax Office.  <a href="http://www.johntreidtrusts.com.au/the-submission-process">http://www.johntreidtrusts.com.au/the-submission-process</a>
<b>Metropolitan Greenspace Program</b> Department of Planning and Environment	Variable	Check website for dates	The Metropolitan Greenspace Program supports local councils in Greater Sydney and Central Coast to improve open spaces, parks, bushland, natural areas, waterway corridors and tree-lined streetscapes in a network that connects our homes to centres, public transport, jobs and recreation. Since July 2018, the Metropolitan Greenspace Program is the responsibility of the Department of Planning and Environment. More information is available on the DPE website.  <a href="http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/About-Us/Our-Programs/Metropolitan-Greenspace-Program">www.planning.nsw.gov.au/About-Us/Our-Programs/Metropolitan-Greenspace-Program</a> .



<b>Purves Environmental Fund Grants</b> Purves Environmental Fund	Variable	Ongoing <b>By invitation only</b> (based on submission of proposal).	This Sydney-based Fund was established in August 2004 by Robert Purves AM. The mission of the Fund is to advance environmental sustainability and preservation of biodiversity, primarily through education of individuals and organisations. The maximum funding period is 12 months. The current focus areas of the Fund are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• advocacy and education on climate change, and</li> <li>• advocacy on landscape management land and water resource management</li> <li>• Capacity building of key NGOs whose core work align with the PEF</li> </ul> <a href="http://www.purvesenvirofund.org.au/apply-for-funding.html">http://www.purvesenvirofund.org.au/apply-for-funding.html</a>
<b>Saving Our Species Partnership Grants Program</b> NSW Environmental Trust	\$300,000 to \$1M	Date TBA – check website for details	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. <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/SOSPartnerships.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/SOSPartnerships.htm</a>
<b>Small Environmental Grant Scheme</b> The Norman Wettenhall Foundation	Usually less than \$10,000	<b>Multiple rounds:</b> 3 December 2018 (funding in February 2018) OPEN NOW 1 April 2019 1 July 2019 1 October 2019 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	The Small Environmental Grant Scheme provides support for groups/individuals undertaking projects that make a positive difference to the natural living environment. The Foundation are looking for projects on flora and fauna conservation, threatened mammal conservation, and landscape restoration and education. These projects should involve any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• monitoring, recording and sharing data</li> <li>• delivering community education</li> <li>• providing community capacity building (e.g. skills training, organisation)</li> <li>• research and science</li> </ul> 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. <a href="http://nwf.org.au/grants/small-environmental-grants/">http://nwf.org.au/grants/small-environmental-grants/</a>
<b>Wildlife Link</b> 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 is 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. <a href="http://wildlifelink.com.au">http://wildlifelink.com.au</a> Enquiries by email only: <a href="mailto:gailbaker@wildlifelink.com.au">gailbaker@wildlifelink.com.au</a>

CULTURE & HERITAGE			
<b>Community Heritage Grants</b> National Library of Australia	Up to \$15,000	Applications expected to open <b>March 2019</b> . Check website for details.	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. <a href="http://www.nla.gov.au/awards-and-grants/chg">http://www.nla.gov.au/awards-and-grants/chg</a>
<b>Heritage Near Me Incentives Program</b> Office of Environment & Heritage	\$10,000 to \$100,000.	Heritage Green Energy Grants open <b>early 2019</b> .  Check website for updates for each Grant Stream.	The Heritage Near Me incentives program runs from 2016-2019 and has been developed to complement current State Heritage funding programs. It provides funding opportunities and support directly to owners and managers of local heritage items. There is \$16 million available in funding over the life of the program. The three grant stream opportunities are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heritage Activation Grants</li> <li>• Heritage Green Energy Grants</li> <li>• Local Heritage Strategic Projects Grants.</li> </ul> <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/heritage/support-for-local-heritage/heritage-near-me-incentives-program">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/heritage/support-for-local-heritage/heritage-near-me-incentives-program</a>
<b>NSW Heritage Grants</b> Office of Environment & Heritage (NSW)	Variable	Grants for 2018-2019 are opening late 2018. Funding round closes 8 February 2019.	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal Heritage Places Program</li> <li>• Community Heritage Grants</li> <li>• Caring for State Heritage Grants</li> <li>• Local Government Heritage Advisors</li> <li>• Local Government Heritage Planning Studies</li> <li>• State heritage emergency works program (open continuously subject to available funding).</li> </ul> <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/Heritage/funding/index.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/Heritage/funding/index.htm</a>
<b>Protecting National Historic Sites</b> Australian Government Department of the Environment	\$25,000-\$80,000	Applications for 2018-19 close <b>8 March 2019</b> . Check website for updates.	The Protecting National Historic Sites programme will provide grants from \$25,000 to \$80,000 to conserve, preserve and protect places on Australia's National Heritage List recognised for their historic heritage values. In 2016-17, \$1,189,381 of funding was delivered to 20 successful applicants through the competitive funding component of the Program. Eligible activities included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• those identified in Conservation Management Plans for Target Places;</li> <li>• the development of a new Conservation Management Plan, revision of an existing Conservation Management Plan, or improved management</li> </ul>

			<p>arrangements for Target Places; or maintaining or enhancing the listed historic values of a Target Place, through development of facilities to enhance visitor understanding and physical access to the Target Place.</p> <p><a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/grants-and-funding/protecting-national-historic-sites">http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/grants-and-funding/protecting-national-historic-sites</a></p>
<p><b>Protecting our Places Grants</b> Office of Environment &amp; Heritage</p>	<p>Up to \$65,000 over two stages</p>	<p>Application to re-open in 2019. Check website for dates.</p>	<p>To facilitate the sharing and protection of Cultural knowledge with and between Aboriginal groups, government and public stakeholders, to contribute to the improvement and the management of environmental and cultural resources on country. Eligible applicants include NSW Legislated organisations, NSW Registered Incorporated/Corporate organisations and Unincorporated aboriginal organisations and groups supported by administrators.</p> <p><a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/pop.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/pop.htm</a></p>
<p><b>Volunteer Museum Grants</b> Museums &amp; Galleries of NSW</p>	<p>Various \$500 to \$7500</p>	<p>2019 dates yet to be announced. Check Website for further details per grant.</p>	<p>Museums &amp; Galleries of NSW have several Volunteer Museum grants available, including the following:</p> <p>Skills Development Grants- Up to \$4000 Small Grants- Up to \$2000 Leg Up Grants- Up to \$500 Project Development Grants- \$2500 to \$7500.</p> <p>Check the website for further details and the guidelines for each grant.</p> <p><a href="https://mgnsw.org.au/sector/funding/grants-we-administer/volunteer-museum-grants/">https://mgnsw.org.au/sector/funding/grants-we-administer/volunteer-museum-grants/</a></p>
<b>EDUCATION &amp; CAPACITY BUILDING</b>			
<p><b>Conference Grants</b> The Ian Potter Foundation</p>	<p>Variable</p>	<p>Current round of grants closes 29 January 2019.</p> <p>2019 Round 2 Applications open 25 March 2019.</p> <p>2019 Round 3 open July 2019 and are by invitation only.</p>	<p>The Ian Potter Foundation's Conference program area supports the exchange and dissemination of ideas and knowledge across a global stage by assisting organisations to bring international keynote speakers to Australia. Grants are made through this program area to assist with the travel and accommodation costs of hosting an international keynote speaker. Conference grants are awarded to a maximum amount of \$20,000</p> <p>The subjects of the supported conferences range from areas of public interest, such as suicide prevention, which was the focus of a conference hosted by Suicide Prevention Australia in 2013, through to specialised scientific gatherings such as the International Symposium on Agami Lizards hosted by Museums Victoria.</p> <p><a href="http://www.ianpotter.org.au/funding-objectives-conference">http://www.ianpotter.org.au/funding-objectives-conference</a></p>

<b>Education Grants</b> The Ian Potter Foundation	Min. \$50,000+	Education Grants will be open for applications once a year. Expression of interests open <b>25 March 2019.</b>	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. <a href="http://www.ianpotter.org.au/funding-objectives-education">http://www.ianpotter.org.au/funding-objectives-education</a>
<b>Environmental Education Grants</b> NSW Environmental Trust	\$10,000 to \$500,000	Next round of program is to be advised. Check the 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. <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/education.htm">www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/education.htm</a>
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>			
<b>Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP)</b> Emergency NSW (NSW Government)	Variable	2019 funding programs to be advised – check website for updates.	The Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) aims to enhance the capacity of Australian communities to prepare for and withstand the effects of natural disasters. Jointly funded by the Commonwealth and NSW Government, the NDRP provides funds for projects that contribute to the priorities of the National Strategy for Disaster Resilience. The Strategy recognises that disaster resilience is a shared responsibility for individuals, households, businesses and communities, as well as for governments. <a href="https://www.emergency.nsw.gov.au/Pages/emergency-management/Funding-Programs/Natural-Disaster-Resilience-Program.aspx">https://www.emergency.nsw.gov.au/Pages/emergency-management/Funding-Programs/Natural-Disaster-Resilience-Program.aspx</a>
<b>ENERGY</b>			
<b>Advancing Renewables Program</b> Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) (Australian Government)	\$100,000 - \$50 million	<b>Open until funds are exhausted.</b> 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. <a href="https://arena.gov.au/programs/advancing-renewables-program/">https://arena.gov.au/programs/advancing-renewables-program/</a>
<b>NRM / AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY &amp; FISHERIES</b>			
<b>Department of Agriculture Grants</b> 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. <a href="http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/assistance/other-assistance">http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/assistance/other-assistance</a>

<b>Floodplain Management Grants</b> Office of Environment & Heritage (NSW)	Variable	Applications currently <b>Closed</b> . Founding round likely to open February 2019. Check website for updates.	The Floodplain Management Program provides financial support to councils and eligible public land managers for the development of floodplain risk management plans (and associated background studies) and the provision of essential information to the State Emergency Service to enable the effective preparation and implementation of local flood plans to deal with flood emergency response.  <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/coasts/Floodgrants.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/coasts/Floodgrants.htm</a> or call the Senior Team Leader, Contestable Grants - Coast, Estuary and Flood on (02) 9895 6533.
<b>Habitat Action Grants</b> Department of Primary Industries (Fishing & Aquaculture) (NSW)	Up to \$40,000	Applications for grants will open August 2019.	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.  <a href="https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/habitat/rehabilitating/ahr-grants-program">https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/habitat/rehabilitating/ahr-grants-program</a>
<b>Local Land Services (LLS)</b> NSW Government	Variable	No longer funding community grants. There is incentive funding to councils on a need's basis depending on funding availability.	Local Land Services continue to implement natural resource management and sustainable agriculture programs with funding from both the NSW and Australian Governments. Funding is available to landholders, local government and other groups to carry out projects that align with the Greater Sydney Local Strategic Plan and funder priorities. To find out more about funding call 02 4724 2100.  <a href="http://greatersydney.lls.nsw.gov.au/our-region/financial-assistance">http://greatersydney.lls.nsw.gov.au/our-region/financial-assistance</a>
<b>Landcare Is For Everyone</b> Australian Government	Variable	Check website for various grant details.	The National Landcare Programme is now known as the L.I.F.E program. Landcare Australia offers a number of grants programs to the Landcare community through its corporate partnerships. Keep an eye on this page to see what funding opportunities are available and whether they suit the type of work you're doing.  <a href="http://landcarelife.com/get-involved/fundings/">http://landcarelife.com/get-involved/fundings/</a>
<b>Recreational Fishing Trust</b> Department of Primary Industries (Fishing & Aquaculture) (NSW)	Variable	Funding for small and large projects for 2019/20 <b>Closed on 9 December 2018</b> .  Check website for details on further rounds.	All money raised by the NSW Recreational Fishing Fee is placed into the Recreational Fishing Trusts and spent on improving recreational fishing in NSW. These trusts are regulated by law and overseen by two committees made up of recreational fishers - one for saltwater and one for freshwater. Anyone can apply, including fishing clubs and organisations, universities, councils, community groups and individuals. Joint applications are encouraged. There are different funding application forms to choose from when applying for funding: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Small projects - seeking less than \$10,000 of funding,</li> <li>2. Large projects - seeking more than \$10,000 of funding</li> </ol> <a href="http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee/licence-fees-at-work">http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee/licence-fees-at-work</a>

POLLUTION & WASTE			
<b>Waste Less Recycle More Initiative – Grant Programs</b> NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and Environmental Trust	Variable	Check the website for dates on funding rounds for the 9 different programs	Under the <i>Waste Less, Recycle More</i> initiative, the NSW Government announced an extension of the funding with a total of \$11.1 million, with individual grants of between \$50,000 and \$400,000. The extension guarantees funding from 1 July 2017 until 2021 to continue the work already underway to modernise the waste sector in NSW, deliver waste and recycling services to the community and ensure a clean environment. <a href="http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/wastegrants/business-recycling.htm">http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/wastegrants/business-recycling.htm</a>
<b>Emergency Pollution Clean Up Program</b> NSW Environmental Trust	Variable	Open - ongoing	The aim of the Emergency Pollution Clean Up Program (EPCUP) is to help avoid significant risk to the environment or public health in NSW resulting from pollution. When measures need to be taken immediately (i.e. emergency pollution events) EPCUP contributes funds towards the removal, dispersal or mitigation of serious pollution. The budget is \$0.5 million annually. <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/EPCUP.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/EPCUP.htm</a>
<b>Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation Grants</b> NSW Environmental Trust	\$5,000 to \$100,000	Next round <b>opens January 2019</b>	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. <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/restoration.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/restoration.htm</a>
<b>Love Food Hate Waste (Food Waste Avoidance Education) Grants Program</b> NSW Environmental Protection Authority	\$5,000 to \$70,000	Stream 3 – stage 1 closed in November 2018. Stage 2 open to successful applicants. Grants will be awarded June 2019.  Stream 3- stage 1&2 may reopen in 2019. Check website for updates.	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. Based on the outcomes of the current round of Stream 1 and 2 grants we may open another round at the end of the year. <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/FoodAvoid.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/FoodAvoid.htm</a>
<b>Illegally Dumped Asbestos Clean Up Program</b> NSW Environmental Trust	\$2000 onwards annually.	Ongoing	The Illegally Dumped Asbestos Clean Up Program is designed to avoid significant risk to the environment or public health in NSW by contributing funds towards the immediate removal and management of illegally dumped asbestos and other hazardous orphan waste that has been placed or disposed of on premises unlawfully. <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/IDACUP.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/IDACUP.htm</a>



<p><b>Improved Systems for Household Problem Wastes – Community Recycling Centres</b> Office of Environment and Heritage and NSW Environmental Trust</p>	<p>Up to \$200,000 per project</p>	<p>Applications currently <b>closed</b>, check website for details</p>	<p>This program is a 9-year, \$14.35 million grants program aimed at establishing a network of Community Recycling Centres (CRCs) for householders to recycle and remove problem wastes. This will be achieved through upgrades to existing facilities, construction of new facilities, or development and trialling of innovative solutions where a fixed facility is not practicable.</p> <p><a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/HouseholdWaste.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/HouseholdWaste.htm</a></p>
<p><b>Landfill Consolidation and Environmental Improvements grants program</b> NSW Environmental Trust/EPA under Waste Less, Recycle More Program</p>	<p>Up to \$200,000</p>	<p>Applications currently <b>open</b> until <b>14 March 2019</b>.</p>	<p>The Landfill Consolidation and Environmental Improvements grants program is administered under the Waste Less, Recycle More's Local Government Waste and Resource Recovery Program. The grant has already provided \$7 million for the consolidation, closure and the environmental improvement of landfills. Grants of up to \$200,000 (excluding GST) will be available for landfill consolidation and closure, and environmental improvements.</p> <p><a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/landfill.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/landfill.htm</a></p>
<p><b>Local Government Organics Collection Systems Program</b> NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and NSW Environmental Trust</p>	<p>Up to \$1.3M</p>	<p>Round 6 is <b>Closed</b>. Check website for updates.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p><a href="http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/wastegrants/local-gov-organics.htm">http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/wastegrants/local-gov-organics.htm</a></p>
<p><b>Recycling Innovation grants program (formerly Innovation in Priority Problem Wastes Management Grants Program)</b> NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA)</p>	<p>Variable</p>	<p>Applications currently <b>Closed</b> Check website for details.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p><a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/ProblemWaste.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/ProblemWaste.htm</a></p>

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & RESEARCH			
<b>Committee for Research and Exploration</b> National Geographic Society	~\$15,000 - \$20,000 USD	Grant cycle <b>closes 9 January 2019</b> and will be awarded in May.	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.  <a href="https://www.nationalgeographic.org/grants#">https://www.nationalgeographic.org/grants#</a>
<b>Environmental Research Grants</b> NSW Environmental Trust	Up to \$150,000	<b>Open February 2019.</b>	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 2018 research program are: Theme 1: Resource management Theme 2: Wetlands and river systems Theme 3: Landscape management Theme 4: Marine, coastal and estuarine ecosystems.  <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/research.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/research.htm</a>
<b>The Hermon Slade Foundation Grants</b> The Hermon Slade Foundation	Up to \$30,000 per year for up to 3 years	Next round <b>opens 31 January 2019</b> and <b>closes 8 March 2019.</b>	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.  <a href="http://www.hermonslade.org.au/guidelines.html">http://www.hermonslade.org.au/guidelines.html</a>
<b>Marine Science Grants</b> Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife	Up to \$7,000	2019 dates to be advised - check website for updates.	The Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife annually offers up to two \$7,000 grants to support marine research in partnership with the Paddy Pallin Foundation. The objective of the Foundation's Marine Science Grants is to provide financial support for conservation-based research of Australian marine ecosystems that will ultimately lead to tangible outcomes for conservation and management. The scope of the research is open to marine research on threatened or migratory EPBC listed species and communities in the marine environment.  <a href="http://www.fnpw.org.au/grants">http://www.fnpw.org.au/grants</a>
<b>National Competitive Grants Program</b> Australian Research Council (ARC)	Variable	Various closing dates check website for details.	The ARC funds research and researchers under the National Competitive Grants Program (NCGP). As part of its commitment to nurturing the creative abilities and skills of Australia's most promising researchers, the NCGP provides support for research, equipment and facilities, training and skills development and incentives for industry partnerships.  <a href="http://www.arc.gov.au/grants">http://www.arc.gov.au/grants</a>

<b>Research Fellowships</b> NSW State Library	Variable	Various funding opportunities <b>open May 2019</b> . Check website for fellowships.	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. <a href="http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/about/awards/index.html">www.sl.nsw.gov.au/about/awards/index.html</a>
<b>Sea World Research and Rescue Foundation Inc. Grants</b> Sea World Research and Rescue Foundation Inc.	Variable	EOIs open in February each year, with applications to be submitted by 1 April.	The Sea World Research and Rescue Foundation is a non-profit organisation that seeks to promote research into marine life, and assist in the rescue of sick, injured and stranded marine animals. Approved by the Federal Government, the Foundation provides funding for quality research projects incorporating the protection and preservation of the marine environment. Each project submitted to the Foundation is evaluated by a Scientific Research Committee of six distinguished Australian Scientists approved by CSIRO. <a href="http://seaworld.com.au/research-and-rescue/marine-animal-research/applications.aspx">http://seaworld.com.au/research-and-rescue/marine-animal-research/applications.aspx</a>

AWARDS		
<b>AAEE NSW Environmental Educator of the Year Awards</b>	Nominations <b>open early 2019.</b>	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. <a href="https://www.aaeensw.org.au/our-work/nsw-environmental-educator-year-awards">https://www.aaeensw.org.au/our-work/nsw-environmental-educator-year-awards</a>
<b>A R Bluett Memorial Award</b> LGNSW	Open from <b>1 June to 31 July 2019.</b>	The A R Bluett Memorial Award recognises Councils that are the most progressive in the state. Entry is open to all NSW councils irrespective of size or resources. <a href="http://www.lgsa.org.au/events-training/ar-bluett-memorial-award">http://www.lgsa.org.au/events-training/ar-bluett-memorial-award</a>
<b>Australian Academy of Science Honorific Awards</b> Australian Academy of Science	Check website for details.	Each year, the Australian Academy of Science rewards scientific excellence. 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. <a href="https://www.science.org.au/opportunities-scientists/recognition/honorific-awards">https://www.science.org.au/opportunities-scientists/recognition/honorific-awards</a>
<b>Australian Business Award for Sustainability</b>	<b>Closes 8 March 2019</b>	Recognises organisations that execute initiatives that demonstrate leadership and commitment to sustainable business practices. <a href="https://www.australianbusinessawards.com.au/2018-categories/sustainability-awards/">https://www.australianbusinessawards.com.au/2018-categories/sustainability-awards/</a>
<b>Australian Museum Eureka Prizes</b> Australian Museum	Entries <b>open 1 February 2019</b> Entries <b>close 3 May 2019</b>	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. <a href="http://australianmuseum.net.au/eureka">http://australianmuseum.net.au/eureka</a>
<b>Banksia Environmental Foundation Awards</b> Banksia Environmental Foundation	Open 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2018. Submissions close 1 August 2018.	The Banksia Foundation was founded in 1989 by a diverse group of 44 Australians who shared a common goal to support and recognise members of the community for their positive contribution to the environment. The Foundation is dedicated to working with industry and community to focus attention on the recognition of excellence in sustainability. Submit an entry on the website. <a href="http://banksiafdn.com/about/">http://banksiafdn.com/about/</a>
<b>Green Globe Awards</b> NSW OEH	Check website for details	Awards to showcase people and projects making real progress towards sustainability across NSW. <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/funding-and-support/awards-and-recognition/green-globe-awards">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/funding-and-support/awards-and-recognition/green-globe-awards</a>
<b>Heritage Awards</b> National Trust NSW	Entries <b>open 7 January 2019.</b> Entries <b>close 31 March 2019.</b>	The National Trust's Heritage Awards recognise achievements in preserving and restoring NSW natural and built heritage. <a href="https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/heritage-awards-nsw-2019/">https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/heritage-awards-nsw-2019/</a>

<b>Local Government Arts &amp; Culture Awards</b> 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. <a href="http://www.lgnsw.org.au/events-training/local-government-arts-culture-awards">http://www.lgnsw.org.au/events-training/local-government-arts-culture-awards</a>
<b>Local Government Excellence in the Environment Awards</b> LGNSW	Check website for details.  Entries <b>open 5 June 2019</b> for 6-8 weeks	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. <a href="http://www.lgsa.org.au/events-training/environment-awards">http://www.lgsa.org.au/events-training/environment-awards</a>
<b>National Awards for Local Government</b> Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	Entries <b>open 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019</b>  Entries <b>close March 2019</b>	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. <a href="http://www.regional.gov.au/local/awards/index.aspx">http://www.regional.gov.au/local/awards/index.aspx</a>
<b>NSW Coastal Management Awards</b> NSW Coastal Conference	Check website for details (usually opens Sept/Oct)	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. <a href="http://www.coastalconference.com">http://www.coastalconference.com</a>
<b>Resilient Australia Awards</b> 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. <a href="https://semc.wa.gov.au/emerge/2017q4/2017-raa-awards-state-winners">https://semc.wa.gov.au/emerge/2017q4/2017-raa-awards-state-winners</a> email <a href="mailto:ResilientAustraliaAwards@ag.gov.au">ResilientAustraliaAwards@ag.gov.au</a> for more information.
<b>RH Dougherty Awards</b> LGNSW	Nominations open in April 2019 and close in June 2019	The RH Dougherty Awards recognise and encourage greater understanding and communication by councils to their local communities. There are four award categories; Reporting to your Community, Excellence in Communication, Innovation in Special Events and Outstanding Individual Contribution. <a href="https://www.lgnsw.org.au/events-training/rh-dougherty-awards">https://www.lgnsw.org.au/events-training/rh-dougherty-awards</a>
<b>Riverprize Award</b> International River Foundation	Dates will be announced by March 2019. Check website for details.	Riverprize is the world's foremost award in river basin management. It recognises and rewards organisations making waves in the sustainable management of the world's rivers, whether at the grassroots or transboundary level. The prize rewards inspiring initiatives that demonstrate Integrated River Basin Management to restore and protect rivers, wetlands, lakes and estuaries. <a href="http://riverfoundation.org.au/our-programs/riverprize/">http://riverfoundation.org.au/our-programs/riverprize/</a>