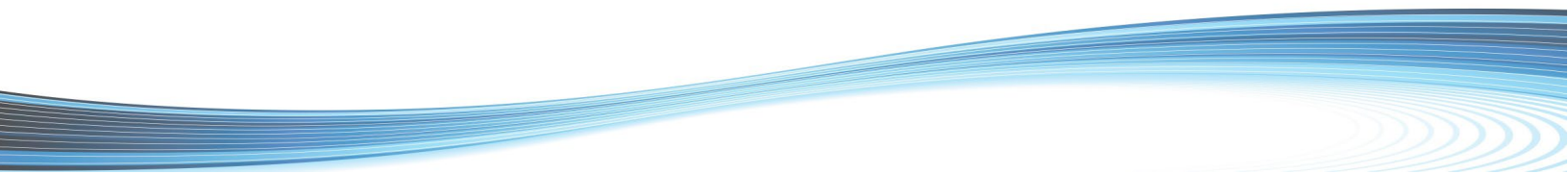




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Introduction

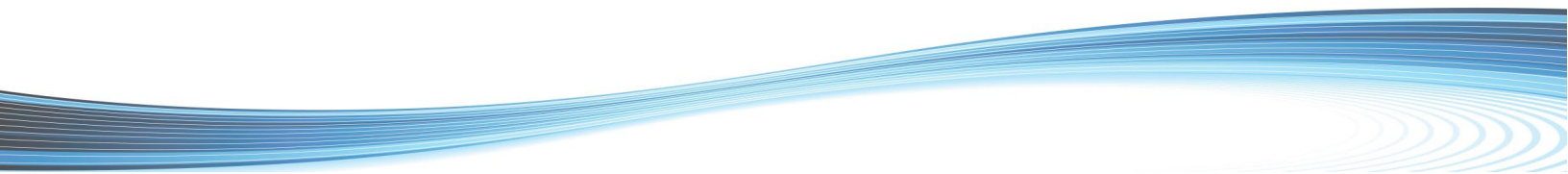
The Sydney Coastal Councils Group (SCCG) Funding Guide is produced and updated annually to assist Member Councils and other Stakeholders in identifying funding opportunities to support the management and protection of Sydney's coastal and estuarine environments. The Guide provides a wide-ranging and 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](#).

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



Grant / Funding Organisation	Funds Available	Deadlines	Overview
ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE			
Active Transport, including Walking and Cycling Program Transport for NSW	Variable	Check website for future updates.	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. http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/partners-suppliers/lgr/active-transport/index.html , or email activetransport@transport.nsw.gov.au .
Community Building Partnership NSW Government	Up to \$300,000 available per NSW Electorate	Check website for future updates. CBP 2025 open Tuesday 28 January CBP 2026 round open September 2025	The Community Building partnership provides 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. https://www.nsw.gov.au/projects/community-building-partnership or email cbpinfo@dpc.nsw.gov.au
Crown Reserves Improvement Fund HaveDepartment of Planning, Industry and Environment – Housing and Property (NSW)	Up to \$16 million available	Applications for 2024/25 closed on 22 Nov 2024.	The CRIF provides financial support for the development, maintenance and improvement of public reserves. Managers of any NSW Crown reserve, as well as freehold showgrounds may be eligible to apply for funding. https://reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au/funding/crif or email reservefunding@crownland.nsw.gov.au
Greening our City Grants LGNSW in partnership with DPIE	Grants are for a minimum of \$50,000	Check website for future updates.	Applications are now open to councils in Greater Sydney for tree planting and green ground cover grants to create cooler suburbs. https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/premiers-priorities/greening-our-city/greening-our-city-grant/2022-greening-our-city-grant
Regional roads funding assistance to Local Government Transport for NSW	Variable	Check website for future updates.	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 available to councils annually: http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/partners-suppliers/lgr/grant-programs/regional-road-block-grant.html

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			<p>and the REPAIR (Repair and Improvements of Regional Roads) 50% contribution from State Government: http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/partners-suppliers/lgr/downloads/factsheets-report/131216_factsheet03_repair.pdf</p> <p>Other funding sources for regional roads through Federal Government financial assistance and the Roads to Recovery Program: http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/partners-suppliers/lgr/downloads/factsheets-report/factsheet04-other-funding.pdf.</p>
<p>Boating Infrastructure & Dredging Scheme Transport for NSW</p>	Up to \$44 million	Registrations of Interest stage is open and closes Thursday 12pm, 19 December 2024.	<p>Transport for NSW (Maritime) has introduced the Boating Infrastructure and Dredging (BID) Scheme, investing \$44 million to enhance waterway accessibility and safety. This scheme, replacing the Boating Now Program, allocates \$28 million for public boating infrastructure improvements and \$16 million for essential dredging along the NSW coast. The BID Scheme includes five sub-programs focused on community grants, infrastructure maintenance, emergency repairs, priority dredging, and committed dredging programs, all aimed at supporting safer and more accessible waterways.</p> <p>Registrations of interest for the grants programs will be open late 2024 with successful applicants to be announced in 2025.</p> <p>Boating Infrastructure and Dredging Scheme Transport for NSW</p>
CLIMATE CHANGE			
<p>Australian Carbon Credit Unit Scheme Clean Energy Regulator (Australian Government) u</p>	Variable	Ongoing	<p>The objective of the Australian Carbon Credit Unit Scheme is to help Australia to meet its emissions reduction target. Through the Scheme, 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 reduce their emissions proactively.</p> <p>https://cer.gov.au/schemes/australian-carbon-credit-unit-scheme</p>
COASTAL & MARINE			
<p>Coastal and Estuary Grants Program Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (NSW)</p>	Variable	<p>The 2023-24 Planning funding stream is open. Implementation stream for 2023-24 closed 31 August 2023. Significant Open Coastal Hazards stream is</p>	<p>Under the Coastal and Estuary Grants Program, the NSW Government provides technical and financial support to the local government to help manage the coastal zone. The Coastal and Estuary Grants program's objectives 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.</p> <p>Funding in Stream 1 is available to support preparation of Coastal Management Programs. Streams 2 to 5 funding is available to support implementation of actions</p>

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		open to councils throughout the year.	identified in certified coastal zone management plans (CZMPs) or Coastal Management Programs (CMPs). Stream 6 funding is available for significant open coast hazards if works are considered urgent and cannot wait until the next funding round. https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/water/coasts/coastal-and-estuary-grants
COMMUNITY			
Caterpillar Sponsorships Caterpillar	Variable	Ongoing	Caterpillar provides sponsorship opportunities to give back to communities and improve quality of life in a more efficient, environmentally sensitive manner that positively reflects the brand values, showcase Caterpillar technology solutions and support their long-term environmental, economic and social commitments. Applications must be submitted at least 90 days prior to the event/activity. https://www.caterpillar.com/en/company/working-together/sponsorships.html
Strategic Grants Australian Ethical Foundation	Variable	Ongoing	Australian Ethical Foundation offers Strategic Grants to support projects aligned with their mission of creating a more sustainable, equitable, and thriving world. These grants focus on initiatives that address environmental, social, and governance issues, particularly in areas like climate change, conservation, human rights, and ethical investing. The Foundation seeks to partner with organisations that demonstrate innovative approaches and measurable impact in advancing these goals. Applicants are encouraged to align their proposals with the Foundation's core values and strategic priorities for maximum effectiveness. https://www.australianethical.com.au/foundation/strategic-grants/
Environmental Education Grants Department of Planning and Environment	Up to \$250,000	The program is currently closed to applications and will reopen in September 2024.	This Environmental Education grant supports environmental education projects that develop knowledge, skills, commitment to, and ongoing participation in protecting the environment. https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/funding-and-support/nsw-environmental-trust/closed-programs/eco-schools
Lead Environmental Community Groups Program NSW Environmental Trust	\$30,000 - \$70,000	Program is currently under review and is closed to applications.	The Lead Environmental Community Groups (LECG) Grants Program aims to assist eligible environmental community organisations in delivering community education to build capacity of the NSW community in protecting and conserving the environment. https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/funding-and-support/nsw-environmental-trust/grants-available/lead-environmental-community-groups

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Sponsorship NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment	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. https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/funding-and-support/sponsorship or email ees.sponsorship@environment.nsw.gov.au

CONSERVATION & BIODIVERSITY			
Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation Grants NSW Environmental Trust	Variable	The program will reopen for application in 2024 following an independent evaluation. Check the website for updates.	The aim of the Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation Grants is to assist community and government organisations to contribute to the ongoing sustainable management and stewardship of significant environmental assets and services in NSW https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/funding-and-support/nsw-environmental-trust/grants-available/environmental-restoration-and-rehabilitation
Metropolitan Greenspace Program Department of Planning, Industry and Environment	Variable	Check website for updates.	The Metropolitan Greenspace Program (MGP) helps create liveable places, great neighbourhoods and build sustainable communities in Sydney and across NSW. The MGP commits grant funding to local councils in Greater Sydney and the Central Coast for projects that improve and increase access to regionally significant open space. https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/plans-for-your-area/infrastructure-funding/metropolitan-greenspace-program or email greenspace@planning.nsw.gov.au
Purves Environmental Fund Grants Purves Environmental Fund	Up to \$50,000	Ongoing	This Sydney-based Fund was established in August 2004 by Robert Purves AM. The Fund's mission is to advance environmental sustainability and preserve biodiversity, primarily through individuals and organisations' education. The maximum funding period is 12 months. The current focus areas of the Fund are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Species loss from habitat destruction • Landscape management land and water resource management • Climate change and solutions https://www.purvesenvirofund.org.au/
Small Environmental Grant Scheme The Norman Wettenhall Foundation	Usually less than \$10,000	Multiple rounds approved four times per year: Application dates for 2024 closed. Application dates for 2025: 24 March 2025	The Small Environmental Grant Scheme provides support for groups/individuals undertaking projects that positively impact the natural living environment. The Foundation is 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"> • monitoring, recording and sharing data • delivering community education • providing community capacity building (e.g. skills training, organisation) • research and science http://nwf.org.au/grants/small-environmental-grants/

		23 June 2025 22 September 2025 8 December 2025	
Wildlife Link The Tony and Lisette Lewis Foundation	Not specified	No details of current funding rounds. 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 propagating, preserving, and protecting wildlife in Australia and the conservation of its habitat. The program's principal aims are to support land acquisition for sanctuaries; research into wildlife and its habitat; environmental education and awareness; rescue & rehabilitation; and sponsor projects by organisations committed to philosophies similar to those of the Foundation. https://wildlifelink.wixsite.com/wildlifelink Enquiries by email only: gailbaker@wildlifelink.com.au
CULTURE & HERITAGE			
Community Heritage Grants National Library of Australia	Up to \$15,000	Applications are closed for 2024.	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 preserving locally owned, but nationally significant collections of materials that are publicly accessible including artefacts, letters, diaries, maps, photographs, and audio-visual material. https://www.library.gov.au/services/grants/community-heritage-grants#heading-2274-1
NSW Heritage Grants NSW Government	Variable	Applications for the 2023-25 round are closed.	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"> • Activating State heritage grant • Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Grants • Caring for State Heritage Grants • Community Heritage Grants • Local Government Heritage Grants • Emergency Works Grant (open continuously subject to available funding) https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/heritage/grants-and-funding See website for application details: https://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/grants/applying-for-a-grant/

Protecting our Places Grants Department of Planning, Industry and Environment	Up to \$80,000 over two stages	Applications for 2024 closed. Check website prior to January 2025 for 2025 round.	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. https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/funding-and-support/nsw-environmental-trust/grants-available/protecting-our-places
Volunteer Museum Grants Museums & Galleries of NSW	Various \$2,000	Check website for 2025 grant application dates.	Museums & Galleries of NSW have several Volunteer Museum grants available, including the following: Skills Development Grants- Up to \$4000 Small Grants- Up to \$2000 (Opening 1 February 2021) Leg Up Grants- Up to \$500 Project Development Grants- \$2500 to \$7500 Check the website for further details and the guidelines for each grant. https://mgsw.org.au/sector/funding/grants-we-administer/volunteer-museum-grants/
EDUCATION & CAPACITY BUILDING			
Early Childhood development Grants The Ian Potter Foundation	Variable	This program will be closed until Round 2, 2025. EOIs will open in February 2025.	Through its Early Childhood Development 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 programs and initiatives in early childhood. https://www.ianpotter.org.au/what-we-support/fair-early-childhood-development/
Environmental Education Grants Department of Planning and Environment	Up to \$250,000	The program is currently closed to applications and will reopen in 2025.	This Environmental Education grant supports environmental education projects that develop knowledge, skills, commitment to, and ongoing participation in protecting the environment. https://www2.environment.nsw.gov.au/funding-and-support/nsw-environmental-trust/grants-available/environmental-education
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			
Disaster Relief and support for local councils Resilience NSW (NSW Government)	Variable	Timing not specified. Check website for contact details. More information will be available on Natural Disaster risk	NSW Government provides financial relief and support services for eligible local councils following a natural disaster. Some types of support require a disaster declaration for the affected location. Assistance is provided to restore public infrastructure and assets and for disaster risk reduction.

		reduction grants in the coming weeks. Check website regularly.	<p>Several grants are provided every year to support the state and community. Regional and community groups who have identified projects to help build resilience in the community are encouraged to contact Resilience NSW grants team at grants@resilience.nsw.gov.au.</p> <p>Direct link to the disaster relief and support for local councils: https://www.nsw.gov.au/topics/disaster-relief-and-support/disaster-relief-and-support-for-local-councils</p> <p>Link to Resilience NSW website for other disaster relief and support links and a range of government projects and initiatives: https://www.nsw.gov.au/resilience-nsw</p>
ENERGY			
<p>Advancing Renewables Program Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) (Australian Government)</p>	\$100,000 to \$50 million	Open until funds are exhausted. See website for details.	<p>This program supports development, demonstration and pre-commercial deployment projects that can deliver affordable and reliable renewable energy for Australian families and businesses. ARENA wishes to attract and fund projects that align with its Investment Plan and priority low emissions technologies and emerging and enabling technologies. Local government is eligible to apply.</p> <p>https://arena.gov.au/programs/advancing-renewables-program/</p>
NRM / AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY & FISHERIES			
<p>Department of Agriculture Grants Department of Agriculture (Australian Government)</p>	Variable	Various dates, check website.	<p>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.</p> <p>http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/assistance/other-assistance Or call 1800 900 090</p>
<p>Floodplain Management Grants Department of Planning, Industry and Environment</p>	Variable	The 2024-2025 funding round is closed.	<p>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.</p> <p>https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/water/floodplains/floodplain-management-grants</p>

Local Land Services (LLS) 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. Or click the link below to select the region https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/regions
Landcare Australia Australian Government	Variable	No grants are currently open, check website for updates or subscribe to newsletter.	Landcare Australia works with governments, corporate and philanthropic organisations and donors to facilitate funding for good quality, hands on projects and programs that will improve environmental outcomes for the Landcare community. https://landcareaustralia.org.au/grants/
Recreational Fishing Trust Department of Primary Industries (Fishing & Aquaculture) (NSW)	Variable	Ongoing	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"> 1. Small projects - seeking less than \$10,000 of funding, 2. Large projects - seeking more than \$10,000 of funding http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee/licence-fees-at-work
Habitat Action Grant	Up to \$40,000	Applications closed	The Habitat Action Grant funds on ground actions to improve fish habitat and recreational fishing in NSW. Habitat rehabilitation projects that may be funded include removing or modifying barriers to fish passage, rehabilitation of riparian lands, re-snagging waterways with timber structure, removal of exotic vegetation from waterways, and replace with native species, bank stabilisation works and reinstatement of natural flow regimes. There are different funding application forms to choose from when applying for funding: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Small Habitat action grants – seeking up to \$2,000 funding 2. Large Habitat action grants – seeking up to \$40,000 funding https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/habitat/rehabilitating/ahr-grants-program

<p>Flagship Fish Habitat Rehabilitation Grant Department of Primary Industries</p>	<p>Up to \$400,000</p>	<p>Applications are closed for 2023/2024 and are no longer being accepted.</p> <p>Check website for updates.</p>	<p>The Flagship Fish Habitat rehabilitation program offers to fund individual on-ground works projects that significantly enhance fish habitat, water quality, and fish passage opportunities within the coastal catchments of NSW. Funds may be used for a broad range of actions including project planning, site assessment and on-ground works. Please note, funding requested must, at a minimum, be matched by other financial contributions or contributions "in kind".</p> <p>See website for further details: https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/habitat/rehabilitating/ahr-grants-program/flagship-fish-eoi</p> <p>Future project ideas are encouraged to contact DPI directly. See contact details below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Nichols: scott.nichols@dpi.nsw.gov.au (02) 6626 1396 • James Wraith: james.wraith@dpi.nsw.gov.au (02) 4916 3817
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POLLUTION & WASTE			
Go FOGO Grants	Variable- \$10-\$50 per household	Round 3 now closed. Check website for future updates.	Go FOGO grants support NSW councils to deliver new weekly food only (FO) or food organics and garden organics (FOGO) services to their communities. These may be households that currently have no kerbside organics bin service or households with only a garden waste collection. Two grant rounds are planned for each year for four years starting in the second half of 2022. Go FOGO grants (nsw.gov.au)
Circular Plastics Program	\$100,000 - \$750,000 per project	Round 1 grants are now closed. Funding will be available in future rounds. Check website for future updates.	The Circular Plastics Program provides new grant funding opportunities under the \$10 million Circular Materials Fund (CMF). The CMF was created to support businesses in the transition to better plastic products and increase the recycling rate of plastics in NSW. Stream 1 has been designed for individual manufacturers to apply for funding for projects involving new product design and/or processes in the manufacturing of plastic products. Stream 2 has been designed for projects which involve strong and collaborative partnerships, with manufacturers as the lead applicant, to work across the plastic product lifecycle. Circular Plastics Program (nsw.gov.au)
EPA Grants Calendar	Variable	Open	From July 2022 the NSW Government is investing \$356 million to deliver priority programs and policy reforms under the NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041 and the NSW Plastics Action Plan . These priority programs will help transition NSW to a circular economy and help mitigate impacts from climate change. There are funding opportunities under the Strategy and Plastics Plan, which can be viewed here: Grants (nsw.gov.au)
Illegal Dumping Prevention Program Grants NSW EPA	Total of \$1.2 million with individual grants up to \$120,000 dependent on	Stream 4 is now closed for applications.	The Illegal Dumping Prevention Program Grants provide funding opportunities to councils and public land managers for projects to clean up and prevent illegal dumping and to establish illegal dumping baseline data. https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/grants/illegal-dumping/illegal-dumping-prevention

	the funding stream		
Local Government Waste Solutions Fund EPA	Grants of up to \$200,000 for an individual council Grants of up to \$400,000 for a regional waster group or collaboration of councils	Applications close 12 December 2024.	Transitioning to a circular economy requires a shift in our current thinking to do things differently. The Local Government Waste Solutions Fund will encourage this transition through supporting innovative waste and recycling solutions designed in collaboration with partners to achieve impactful projects with long-term outcomes. Eligible projects must contribute to achieving at least one of the priorities and targets identified in the NSW Government's Waste and Sustainable Materials (WaSM) Strategy 2041 and the NSW Plastics Action Plan. Local Government Waste Solutions Fund (nsw.gov.au)
Litter Prevention Grants Program	Up to \$10 million is available from 2022 – 2027.	EOI for Intake 4 close 18 October 2024. Intake 4 applications due 22 November 2024. Check website for 2025 Intake 5 application dates.	The Litter Prevention Grants Program by the NSW EPA supports projects across NSW aimed at reducing litter through clean-up events, education campaigns, infrastructure improvements, and innovative solutions. Grants are available for various organisations committed to combatting littering and promoting environmental responsibility. More information can be found here: https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/grants/litter-prevention-grants-program/grants-available
Emergency Pollution Clean Up Program NSW Environmental Trust	Variable	Open - ongoing	The Emergency Pollution Clean Up Program (EPCUP) aims to help avoid significant risk to the environment or public health in NSW resulting from pollution. When measures need to be taken immediately (i.e. emergency pollution events) EPCUP contributes funds towards the removal, dispersal or mitigation of serious pollution. The budget is \$0.5 million annually. http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/EPCUP.htm
Illegally Dumped Asbestos Clean Up Program 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.

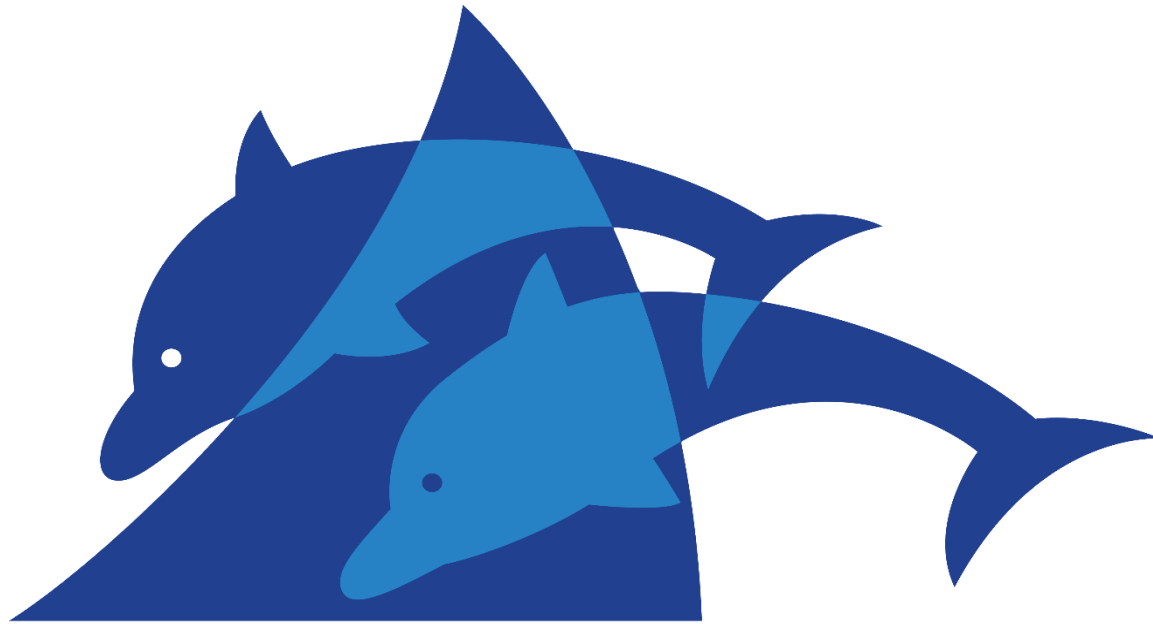
			http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/IDACUP.htm or email info@environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au
Improved Systems for Household Problem Wastes – Community Recycling Centres NSW Environmental Trust	Variable	Ongoing	<p>This program is a 9-year, \$14.35 million grants program aimed at establishing a network 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 developing and trialling innovative solutions where a fixed facility is not practicable.</p> <p>https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/grants/systems-household-problem-waste/community-recycling-centre-program</p> <p>Expression of interest are encouraged. Please contact the Recycling Unit on 9995 6889 or via email recycling.centres@epa.nsw.gov.au</p>

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & RESEARCH			
Committee for Research and Exploration National Geographic Society	\$20,000 - \$100,000 USD	Funded twice a year, with proposal deadlines in April, secondary application dates to be updated.	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. https://www.nationalgeographic.org/grants#
Environmental Research Grants NSW Environmental Trust	Up to \$200,00	Applications by invitation only. The program will reopen for new EOIs in 2025. Check website for updates.	This program supports projects that develop knowledge and skills in protecting and restoring our environment. Program proposals are expected to incorporate the following elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •environmental benefit •community need •collaboration •transformative learning leading to behaviour change •evaluation and dissemination https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/funding-and-support/nsw-environmental-trust/grants-available/environmental-research
The Hermon Slade Foundation Grants The Hermon Slade Foundation	Up to \$30,000 per year for up to 3 years	Applications Open 27 Jan 2025 Applications Close 14 March 2025 Funding from July 2025	The Hermon Slade Foundation supports activities that aim to improve systems of managing land, water, plants and animals in ways which will enhance the productivity and quality of food, fisheries, plants and forests while simultaneously conserving the natural environment, preserving biodiversity, avoiding pollution of soils and water and enhancing human welfare. Typically, the Foundation provides grants for research projects in the biological or biophysical sciences of up to A\$30,000 per year for up to three years. http://www.hermonslade.org.au/guidelines.html
Discovery Projects Scheme Australian Research Council (ARC)	\$30,000 to \$500,000	EOIs closed 27 February 2024. Full applications open 5 March 2025 and close 16 April 2025. Check website for future updates.	The Discovery Projects schemes provide grant funding to support research projects undertaken by individual researchers or research teams. The scheme's intended outcomes are to expand the knowledge base and research capacity in Australia and provide economic, environmental, social and/or cultural benefits for Australia.' https://www.arc.gov.au/grants/discovery-program/discovery-projects

Research Fellowships NSW State Library	Variable	Various funding opportunities are open. 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. www.sl.nsw.gov.au/about/awards/index.html
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AWARDS		
AAEE NSW Environmental Education Awards	Nominations date 2025 TBA.	The NSW Environmental Education 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. https://aaeensw.org.au/nsw-environmental-education-awards/
AR Bluett Memorial Award LGNSW	Check website for updates.	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. http://www.lgsa.org.au/events-training/ar-bluett-memorial-award
Australian Business Award for Sustainability	Check website for updates.	Recognises organisations that execute initiatives that demonstrate leadership and commitment to sustainable business practices. https://australianbusinessawards.com.au/business-awards/sustainability-awards/
Australian Museum Eureka Prizes Australian Museum	Entries open 11 February 2025 and close 14 April 2025.	Presented annually by the Australian Museum, the Australia Museum Eureka Prizes reward excellence in the fields of research and innovation, leadership and commercialisation, school science and science journalism and communication. http://australianmuseum.net.au/eureka
Banksia Environmental Foundation Awards Banksia Environmental Foundation	Entries for 2025 are now open. Check website for updates.	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. http://banksiafdn.com/awards/
Heritage Awards National Trust NSW	Entries are now open and will close 5 March 2025. Check website for future updates.	The National Trust's Heritage Awards recognise achievements in preserving and restoring NSW natural and built heritage. https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/heritage-awards-nsw/
National Awards for Local Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development	2024 winners have been announced. Check website for updates.	The National Awards for Local Government is an annual celebration of Australian local government achievements. The Awards recognise the important role of local governments in delivering targeted quality services to Australians in urban and regional communities. http://www.regional.gov.au/local/awards/index.aspx

<p>NSW Coastal Management Awards NSW Coastal Conference</p>	<p>Check website for details (2025 conference to be hosted by Ballina Shire Council).</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>http://www.coastalconference.com</p>
<p>RH Dougherty Awards LGNSW</p>	<p>Check website for details</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>https://lgnsw.org.au/Public/Members-Services/Dougherty-Awards/RH-Dougherty-Awards.aspx</p>
<p>Valerie Taylor Ocean Prize Blue World</p>	<p>Check website for details.</p>	<p>The Valerie Taylor Ocean Prize by Blue World celebrates contributions to ocean conservation and awareness, offering inspiration and recognition to individuals and organisations dedicated to preserving marine ecosystems.</p> <p>https://www.blueworld.net.au/2024-valerie-taylor-ocean-prize/</p>



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