**NRM grants summary BY DUE DATE – Prepared by Charlie Hewitt, Coastcare, for more info please call 9970 8401**

**Note:** The usual “all care, no responsibility” approach applies to the compilation of this summary. Unless stated otherwise the “due date” refers to when applications close, so proponents should investigate funding opportunities well in advance to avoid yet another rushed application.

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| Expressions of Interest called on 14 May 2005 Closes 10 June | Environmental Trust Environmental Education Program | Environmental Trust (DEC)              | Local Gov. State Govt. ROC’s Universities Incorporated associations Comm. groups Limited companies Cooperatives | Grants between $5,000 and $100,000 for projects that  
• to help attain one or more of the outcomes in the NSW Government’s Environmental Education Plan *Learning for Sustainability*  
• to facilitate changes in behaviour of individuals and groups that affects specific environmental problems  
• to develop and promote education projects that improve the environment.  
| Expressions of Interest called on 14 May 2005 Closes 10 June | Environmental Trust Environmental Research Program | Environmental Trust (DEC)              | Local Gov. State Govt. ROC’s Universities Incorporated associations Comm. groups Limited companies Cooperatives | Grants up to $250,000 for projects that  
• generate new knowledge or information to facilitate local solutions to environmental problems  
• discover new methods of operation for NSW industries that are less harmful to the environment  
• provide knowledge about general environmental problems  
• assess environmental degradation.  
| Applications open 21 May 2005 Closes 8 July | Environmental Trust Restoration and Rehabilitation Program | Environmental Trust (DEC)              | Local Gov. State Govt. ROC’s Universities Incorporated associations Comm. groups Limited companies Cooperatives | Grants between $5,000 and $100,000 for projects that  
• restore degraded environmental resources, including rare and endangered ecosystems  
• protect important ecosystems and habitats of rare and endangered flora and fauna  
• prevent or minimise future environmental damage  
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<td>Applications open 21 May 2005 Closes 1 July</td>
<td>Environmental Trust Eco-Schools Program</td>
<td>Environmental Trust (DEC)</td>
<td>Schools</td>
<td>A total of 80 grants of $1,500 each for initiatives that may include • conservation of natural resources • environmental monitoring programs • energy management • water management • litter reduction and waste minimisation • setting up environment clubs • developing school grounds as resources for learning.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/grants/schools.htm">http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/grants/schools.htm</a></td>
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<td>Environmental Trust Protecting Our Places Program</td>
<td>Environmental Trust (DEC)</td>
<td>Aboriginal community groups. Unincorporated groups need a sponsor</td>
<td>Grants between $2,000 and $45,000 for projects that restore or rehabilitate Aboriginal land or land that is culturally significant to Aboriginal people and/or educate Aboriginal and other communities about the local environment and the value Aboriginal communities place on their natural environment</td>
<td><a href="http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/grants/pop.htm">http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/grants/pop.htm</a></td>
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<td>Applications close 30 June 2005</td>
<td>Water Smart Australia Program</td>
<td>Aust Govt Water Fund</td>
<td>Local Govt State Govt Private sector Community groups Other organisations</td>
<td>Grants of over $1 million, although smaller grants may be considered for highly relevant projects and scoping studies • improve river flows for better environmental outcomes • return groundwater aquifers to sustainable levels • lead to water savings through improvements in irrigation infrastructure • encourage or advance on-farm water use efficiency improvements • desalinate water for use in cities and towns • recycle and reuse stormwater, ‘grey’ water and wastewater from sewage • provide more efficient storage facilities, such as underground aquifers • provide alternatives to ocean outfalls and the better management of sewage in our coastal cities, and • develop water efficient housing design. Applicants should call the NWC on 02 6271 5500 before beginning a detailed application.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.nwc.gov.au/water_fund/water_smart_aust/guidelines.cfm">http://www.nwc.gov.au/water_fund/water_smart_aust/guidelines.cfm</a></td>
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| Call for applications expected in June 2005 | **Community Water Grants** (Australian Water Fund Communities) (Waterwise Communities Program) | Aust Govt Water Fund          | Local Govt, community groups, schools, CMA’s and NGO’s | Up to $50,000 for on-ground community orientated projects that address  
• improving water efficiency of community buildings  
• improving town water supply infrastructure to reduce losses from evaporation or leaking  
• capping disused or unnecessary bores that tap into groundwater  
• using rainwater, greywater, treated effluent or stormwater to maintain community grounds and sporting fields  
• improving surface or groundwater health, such as erosion control, creek and riverbank repair, or cleaning up a local creek or wetland  
• reducing pollution in rivers, groundwater or coastal areas. | http://www.nrm.gov.au/water-fund/index.html awfcp@deh.gov.au free call 1800 780 730 |
| Expected June 2005    | **Community Support Grants**        | National Landcare Program     | Individuals incorporated community groups other “not-for-profit” groups businesses with links to natural resource managers and/or primary producers | Around $30 million nationally for local and regional landcare activities consistent with priorities in accredited, regional NRM plans (Blueprints/CAP’s) and CMA Three Year Investment Strategies. These can include  
• measures to combine production and conservation on farms,  
• improve the skills of natural resource managers  
• promote best management practice, and  
| Call for applications expected June/July 2005 | **Waterways Asset Development and Management Program** (WADAMP Grants) | NSW Maritime                  | Local Govt State Govt. Incorporated or registered boating groups or maritime orientated clubs | Between around $10,000 and $200,000 in dollar-for-dollar funding (including in-kind and labour from proponent) for projects such as  
• provision of public sewage pumpout sites  
• upgrade or provision of boat ramps  
• upgrade or provision of public wharves/jetties  
• installation of public moorings  
• upgrade of small boat harbours  
• feasibility studies on the above infrastructure projects.  
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| Expected in June/July 2005 | **Cooks river foreshore improvement** | DIPNR | Local Govt. (Botany Bay, Burwood, Canterbury, Marrickville, Rockdale, South Sydney and Strathfield Councils) and relevant environmental and community groups | Around $500,000 annually of dollar-for-dollar funding for projects that • improve the green space along the Cooks River Foreshore; • restore riverine habitats for native fauna and flora; • naturalise riverbanks; • improve access to the water and extend pedestrian and cycle links; • enhance the use, enjoyment and safety of the river environs and regional open space along the Cooks River; • rehabilitate environments degraded from past urban and industrial pollution; • increase public awareness and appreciation of the values of the Cooks River and encourage community support for and participation in the restoration and enhancement of the river environs; • encourage collaborative solutions involving a number of councils, community groups and other relevant stakeholders. | [http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/index1.htm](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/index1.htm)  
Mark Taylor  
Tel: 9895 7769 |
| Call for applications expected August 2005 | **Envirofund** | NHT (Community Funding) | • An incorporated association  
• A body corporate  
• A company  
• A trust  
• A partnership  
• An individual Unincorporated groups will need an incorporated “sponsor”  
**Local Govt** can develop projects with eligible candidates | Funding up to $30,000 ($50,000 for projects of significant public benefit). Projects such as • Native veg planting  
• Fencing and stock control  
• Weed control on public land (if strong biodiversity conservation benefit)  
• Feral animal control to protect threatened species and ecological communities (within a TAP framework)  
• Awareness raising that leads directly to on-round conservation benefits  
• Demonstrations/trails of new resource use methods (i.e. farming, fishing and forestry)  
• Monitoring of WQ, species, habitats etc. for clear biodiversity and NRM benefits  
• Education and training for on-ground biodiversity conservation or NRM objectives  
• Building capacity to engage indigenous communities  
• Protecting indigenous cultural heritage if there is significant biodiversity conservation benefits | Charlie Hewitt  
Coastcare Facilitator  
9970 8401  
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| Unclear, but expected around Aug 2005 | **Defeating the Weed Menace** (Cross-regional projects)  
[There is also funding for National Research and Development projects that focus on biological control research and innovative weed management techniques on public lands] | Australian Government Defeating the weed menace fund | Aimed primarily at CMA’s, however, Local Govt is encouraged to contact the relevant WONS coordinator and register local needs that may combine to indicate a regional/cross-regional need. | Funding for control of Weeds of National Significance (WONS), and weeds on the “alert” and “sleeper” lists (see http://www.deh.gov.au/biodiversity/invasive/weeds/index.html) across a number of CMA regions. Projects could include control of ‘alert’ weeds in a single region where it is known that early preventative action will have significant benefits across many regions, or could include coordinated action across many regions. Priority will be given to applications that:  
- Provide a matching or better level of contribution from the proponent.  
- Address the causes of the problem rather than the symptoms  
- Provide long-term outcomes, solutions and/or resolution to the issue, and include future preventative measures  
- Are consistent with the regional plans (CAP’s) and investment strategies of the relevant CMA’s  
- Are consistent with the objectives in the National Weeds Strategy (see http://www.weeds.org.au/nws.htm) | John Thorp  
National Weeds Mgt Facilitator  
Tel: (03) 6344 9657  
thorp@jta.com.au  
WONS Coordinators  
| Expected Aug 2005 | **Natural Resource Innovation Grants**  
National Landcare Program | National Landcare Program | Individuals, incorporated community and “not-for-profit” groups businesses with links to NRM and/or primary production | 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  
Projects must  
• contribute to increased profitability or output  
• sustainability of the natural resource base  
nlpinnovations@daff.gov.au |
| Expected around Aug/Sept 2005 | **Coastal Management Program**  
DIPNR | Local Govt | 50:50 funding partnership with LG for development and implementation of Coastal Management Plans  
[There is currently significant uncertainty regarding the future of the program, and how it will be administered with the introduction of the CMA’s. No funding was offered last year as funding levels have dropped dramatically in recent years and there was only sufficient funds to complete existing works.] | Mark Moratti  
Tel: 9895 5056 |  |
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<td>DIPNR</td>
<td>Local Govt</td>
<td>50:50 funding partnership with LG for development and implementation of Estuary Management Plans [There is currently significant uncertainty regarding the future of the program, and how it will be administered with the introduction of the CMA’s. No funding was offered last year as funding levels have dropped dramatically in recent years and there was only sufficient funds to complete existing works.]</td>
<td>Gus Pelosi Tel: 9895 5939</td>
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<td>Letters requesting applications are expected toward the end of the calendar year</td>
<td>Floodplain Management Program</td>
<td>DIPNR</td>
<td>Local Govt.</td>
<td>The State Government provides around $8 million in funding to match Regional Flood Mitigation Program funding (also listed in this document) and through the State Assisted Flood program. The State Assisted flood program provides funding on a 2:1 (State: Local) basis for the development and implementation of floodplain risk management plans. Grants are annual on a financial year basis. This program is focussed on managing flood risk.</td>
<td>Harry Panagopoulos Tel: 9895 5045</td>
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<td>Call for applications likely early 2006</td>
<td>Commonwealth Environmental Education Grants Program</td>
<td>Dept. of Environment and Heritage</td>
<td>Local Govt. State Govt, NGO’s, educational institutions, community groups</td>
<td>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: • 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.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.deh.gov.au/education/programs/">http://www.deh.gov.au/education/programs/</a> Environmental Education Section (02) 6274 1290</td>
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<td>Expected Feb 2006</td>
<td>Tourism and Conservation Partnerships</td>
<td>Aust Govt Dept of Industry Tourism and Resources</td>
<td>Private sector Industry Assoc’s Regional development or tourism org’s Non-profit org’s Indigenous org’s Local Govt may apply where there is a partnership with commercial tourism sector</td>
<td>Two streams of funding; feasibility studies and pilot projects. Around $20,000-$70,000 for feasibility studies that cover • 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 contract coordination is an integral part of the proposal • marketing &amp; planning that relate to business feasibility. Around $100,000 for implementation of a feasibility study</td>
<td><a href="mailto:info.tourism@industry.gov.au">info.tourism@industry.gov.au</a></td>
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<td>Natural Disaster Mitigation Program</td>
<td>Dept. of Transport and Regional Services</td>
<td>Local Govt Indigenous Community Councils Remote communities State services</td>
<td>A range of funding arrangements for cost sharing between Aust Govt, State Govt and proponents. Maximum share from Aust Govt is one third of project. Projects can include • natural disaster risk management studies; • disaster mitigation strategies; • investment in disaster resilient public infrastructure; • structural works to protect against damage; • disaster warning systems; • community awareness and readiness measures; • audits of levees and warning systems; • disaster and mitigation related research of public benefits; • development of nationally consistent data collection and analysis; • development of nationally consistent post-disaster evaluations; • Geographic Information Systems (GIS) based hazard and flood data for disaster mitigation purposes; and • land and building purchase schemes in high-risk areas.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.dotars.gov.au/naturaldisasters/guidelines.aspx#29">http://www.dotars.gov.au/naturaldisasters/guidelines.aspx#29</a></td>
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| Feb 2006  | Regional Flood Mitigation Program         | DOTARS                  | Local Govt State agencies CMA’s River improvement trusts Community groups Indigenous Community Councils Inner metropolitan areas are not eligible for this funding | A range of funding arrangements for cost sharing between Aust Govt, State Govt and proponents. Maximum share from Aust Govt is one third of project. Projects can include Flood modification measures • flood control dams • retarding basins • levees • bypass floodways • channel improvements Property modification measures • voluntary purchase • house raising • flood proofing buildings • flood access provisions Response modification measures • community awareness • flood warning systems | http://www.dotars.gov.au/regional/rfmp/guidelines/index.htm  
Brian Dooley  
Phone: 02 4224 9605 |
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<td>Expected March 2006</td>
<td>NSW Fisheries Large Grants Program</td>
<td>DPI</td>
<td>Local Govt. fishing clubs community members</td>
<td>Over $5,000 of dollar-for-dollar funding for local or regional projects aimed at enhancing recreational fishing such as • recreational fishing access, facilities and education • information and training • recreational fisheries research recreational fisheries’ sustainability and habitat improvement</td>
<td><a href="http://www.fisheries.nsw.gov.au/rec/committees/rft-guide.htm">http://www.fisheries.nsw.gov.au/rec/committees/rft-guide.htm</a></td>
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<td>Expected March 2006</td>
<td>Sydney Catchment Authority Catchment Protection and Improvement Grants for Community Organisations</td>
<td>SCA</td>
<td>constituted community organisations or groups</td>
<td>Funding of up to $8,000 (and/or $2,000 for equipment) for projects that • Protect and improve the quality or quantity of water harvested from the SCA’s catchment areas • Improve the health or condition of the catchments.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.sca.nsw.gov.au/catchments/funding.html">http://www.sca.nsw.gov.au/catchments/funding.html</a></td>
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<td>Next round likely in March 2006</td>
<td>Small Equipment Grants</td>
<td>Dept. of Family and Community Services</td>
<td>Any organisation with at least one volunteer, other than govt organisations. Unincorporated groups will need a sponsor</td>
<td>Funding of up to $3,000 for equipment that will make the work of volunteers easier, safer, more effective and/or more enjoyable. Priority given to organisations that • have relatively small operating budgets with limited funding resources • have a relatively high volunteer to staff ratio • demonstrate that the organisation's work supports families and/or strengthens their local communities • have requested equipment that will have maximum benefit in the local community for a small outlay • have not received funding under VSEG 2003 or VSEG 2004</td>
<td>1300 653 227 <a href="mailto:facs.internet@facs.gov.au">facs.internet@facs.gov.au</a></td>
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<td>Likely March 2006</td>
<td>Regional Competitive Component</td>
<td>NHT (Regional Funding) and NAP</td>
<td>CMA’s All stakeholders are able to propose a project via CMA’s</td>
<td>Around $20 million nationally until 2007-08 Intended to support higher-cost, larger scale, multi-regional or cross-jurisdictional, multi-year projects, eg. bitou TAP implementation. Projects should address one of the following priority areas: • threatened species (individual species or collective) • coastal zone and the marine environment • Ramsar wetlands and their catchments • feral pests • sustainable production • Indigenous engagement.</td>
<td>Melissa Bradbury NSW Coastcare Facilitator 9296 1663 <a href="http://www.nht.gov.au/rcc">www.nht.gov.au/rcc</a></td>
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| Call for applications expected in April 2006 | Threatened Species Network (TSN) Community Grants | NHT and WWF-Australia                      | Incorporated community-based organisations (unincorporated groups need State or Local Govt sponsorship) **Local Govt** can develop projects with eligible candidates. | Funding up to $50,000. Project work may include  
- Enhancing, restoring or establishing key habitat  
- Mitigating threats where long-term maintenance is likely  
- Establishing population monitoring programs  
- Managing visitor access  
- Sign posting  
- Establishing conservation management agreements for key sites on private land  
- Propagating and planting threatened plant species  
- Managing for fire  
- Fencing or other management techniques to protect habitat  
Project applications must be discussed with state TSN Coordinator before being lodged. | Alison Colyer  
8202 1222  
tsnsw@wwf.org.au |
| Expected Apr 2006 | Sharing Sydney Harbour | DIPNR Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority  
NSW Maritime | Local Govt. and registered recreational organisations, in the Syd Harbour Catchment. State agencies may also be eligible for funding of ‘strategic projects’. | Around $2 million annually of dollar for dollar grant funding for  
- walking tracks (generally, preference will be given to land-based means of providing foreshore access rather than boardwalks)  
- on-road and off-road cycleways  
- public domain improvements eg better accessways, promenades, shelters, seating, lighting, signage, planting, interpretive facilities, dry-boat and cycle storage  
- wharves and pontoons  
- “soft access” for landing small boats including seawall steps and beaches.  
Construction of new boat ramps 100% funded by NSW Maritime | http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/harbour/sydney_access.html |
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| Expected April/May 2006 | Planning Reform Funding Program      | DIPNR  | Local Govt.     | Around $3 million statewide for initiatives that include: • local planning strategies (eg to identify growth potential for housing and industry, and to protect high conservation areas, including threatened species habitats) • economic development strategies (eg for job creation, tourism and agriculture) • investigative work (eg development studies for settlements and urban design, identifying transport and infrastructure priorities, or for biodiversity or rivers and foreshores protection) • joint work between two or more councils (eg joint studies to solve subregional planning and infrastructure issues, or councils sharing a planner to assist in new LEP work) • identifying solutions to broader issues that can be applied in other areas (eg natural resource management, planning for rural lands or regional town centres, or management of salinity) • projects to address skill and staff shortages in rural and remote locations • mapping (eg to assist with biodiversity certification or threatened species mapping) • preparation of new LEPs The priority will be to fund preparation of new LEP’s | http://www.dipnr.nsw.gov.au/planningreform.html  Ron Baker  
Sydney Region East  
Tel: 9762 8000 |
| Expected around Apr/May 2006 | The Metropolitan Greenspace Program  | DIPNR  | Local Govt. in Sydney (joint applications are encouraged) | Around $1 million annually of dollar-for-dollar funding for projects that • include open space enhancements such as walking or bike trails, landscaping, tree-planting and bush regeneration • assist local government to plan and improve regionally significant open space • enable more effective public use of these areas by the public • promote partnerships between State and local government • implement the Department’s strategic directions for open space. | http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/programservices/met.html  Belinda Rollason,  
Greenspace Program Coordinator  
Tel: 02 9895 7260  belinda.rollason@dipnr.nsw.gov.au |
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| Expected Apr/May 2006 | Weed Control Coordination                  | NSW DPI        | Local Govt  | Local Control authorities may be eligible for assistance up to a dollar for each dollar contributed for their weed control coordination program. The maximum level of assistance is determined by the Council’s benchmark. Activities funded include:  
- salary and training of weed control coordinator  
- surveys  
- planning strategic programs and integration with regional programs  
- education/extension and publicity  
| Expected Apr/May 2006 | State Priority Weed Projects               | NSW DPI        | Local Govt  | Funds may be available under certain circumstances to individual agencies where a group application is not an option and the actions proposed are deemed by NWAC to be of high priority to Noxious Weed Control in NSW. Priority given to projects which:  
- prevent weeds from establishing in NW or spreading to uninfested regions  
- if the weed was recently identified and authorities have not yet had an opportunity to develop a regional plan  
- include substantial contributions from LCA’s  
| Expected Apr/May 2006 | Regional Weeds Plans and Group Funding    | NSW DPI        | Local Govt  | Funds available to groups of Local Control Authorities (LCA’s) through a group project grant application. Funds are provided to implement approved Regional Weeds Plans. Applications must involve at least 3 appropriate LCA’s and are provided on a dollar for dollar basis.                                                                                                                           | [http://www.agric.nsw.gov.au/reader/grants-applications](http://www.agric.nsw.gov.au/reader/grants-applications) |

Peter Gorham, Noxious Plants Advisory Officer, tel: 4577 0626  
Jo Lynch- Project Officer, tel: 9460 6536 jo@sydneyweeds.org.au  
Rosanna Luca, Project Officer, tel: 9487 1842 rosanna@sydneyweeds.org.au
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<td>Expected</td>
<td>Grants to Voluntary Environment and Heritage Organisations (GVEHO Grants)</td>
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<td>NGO’s and not-for-profit organisations (Very strict eligibility criteria)</td>
<td>Funding of up to $10,000 (although greater amounts possible for exceptional projects) for: • salaries and salary on-costs for executive and administrative staff • utility charges (eg phone, electricity and gas) • supplies • staff and volunteer training • travel • other costs that contribute to the delivery of services and/or projects • Small office and non-office capital items such as computers, video cameras, trailers and specialised equipment to assist delivering activities of the organisation where there is significant and long-term public benefit in the purchase.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.deh.gov.au/programs/gveho/index.html">http://www.deh.gov.au/programs/gveho/index.html</a></td>
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| Not clear. Closed for 2005. Next round possibly near end of financial year 05-06. | Strategic Reserve Component | NHT (Regional Funding) | All stakeholders are able to propose a project via CMA’s | Individual projects should be around $400,000. 05/06 budget likely to be around $6 million. Unclear how allocation process works, although it appears that CMA’s develop proposals for projects that are then selected by Commonwealth Govt. Projects may be approved if they • Meet State/C’wealth priorities that CMA’s are unable to meet under standard funding • Address emergency priorities • Are high cost and big return ventures | Melissa Bradbury
NSW State Coastcare Facilitator
9296 1663                                                                 |
| No set timeframe 05/06 budget fully allocated, so C’wealth funding unavailable until 06/07 | Coastal Catchments Initiative | Department of Environment and Heritage | Local Govt State Government | Commonwealth funding allocated on the basis of an agreement between Commonwealth (DEH), State (DEC) and Local Govt. regarding land based threats to water quality in a particular estuary system. In the first instance, either State of Local govt presents a very brief case outlining existing or potential threats (1-2 pages) to the other two parties, and discussions are held re eligibility. If eligible, a “WQ Improvement Plan” is developed, with funding available for interim projects (eg. modelling, decision support tools and WQ monitoring coordination to develop foundations for plan delivery). The plan, consistent with the “Framework for Marine and Estuarine WQ Protection” (see website), will identify the most cost-effective and timely projects for investment by all parties. An important criterion for estuary eligibility is the presence of matters of national env. significance, hence, in the Sydney Basin, Botany Bay, with Towra Point Ramsar Wetland, is the only likely candidate. | http://www.deh.gov.au/coasts/pollution/cci/index.html#about |

Vaughn Cox
Water Quality Section
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<td>National Competitive Component</td>
<td>NHT (National Funding)</td>
<td>NGO's related service providers</td>
<td>Around $3 million per year nationally with priority given to projects that: - generate and apply better science and/or methodologies to achieve regional NRM targets - enhance the NRM decision making tools used at a regional level - increase community involvement - develop tools that enable regional bodies to more effectively report outcomes to Governments.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.nht.gov.au/ncc">www.nht.gov.au/ncc</a></td>
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<td>State-wide Funding</td>
<td>NHT (National Funding)</td>
<td>CMA's NGO’s State Agencies</td>
<td>Funding for projects has ranged between $33,000 and $290,000. Priority will be given to projects that: - are efficiently and effectively implemented at a state/territory level - incorporate a high level of co-ordination and joint investment across a number of regions within - the state/territory - are too broad to be effectively managed by an individual region - are related to institutional reform, particularly land use and planning - will benefit all participating regions.</td>
<td>Judy Christie Sydney Metro CMA Regional Facilitator 9895 7753 Geoff O’Connor Hawkesbury Nepean CMA Regional Facilitator 4868 3829</td>
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<td>Investment strategy reviewed by CMA each year</td>
<td>Regional Allocations (i.e. funding for Three Year Investment Strategy)</td>
<td>NHT (Regional Funding) and NAP</td>
<td>CMA’s All stakeholders are able to lobby the CMA to invest in a particular element of the accredited plan</td>
<td>Funding for the implementation of accredited NRM plans (currently the Blueprints, to be replaced by Catchment Action Plans). Funding secured via Three Year Investment Strategies. The 3YIS is “rolling” in that it is developed each year with 100% of the year 1 budget contracted to projects, 70% for year 2, and 50% for year 3. This round, however, the commonwealth has requested that the Sydney Metro CMA fully allocate year 2. C’wealth funding matched by State Govt. in cash or in-kind [Interim Priority Projects were funded by NHT at around this level to maintain momentum between NHT1 and NHT2]</td>
<td><a href="http://www.nht.gov.au/">http://www.nht.gov.au/</a> envirofund/ Charlie Hewitt Coastcare Facilitator 9970 8401 Emma Beckley Local Govt. CSO Sydney Metro CMA 9895 5965</td>
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<td>TBC</td>
<td>Raising National Water Standards</td>
<td>Aust Govt Water Fund</td>
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<td>Aims to invest in Australia’s national capacity to measure, monitor and manage its water resources. Investment under the Australian Water Fund will be made on the basis that it is consistent with the National Water Initiative (<a href="http://www.pmc.gov.au/nwi/index.cfm#afw">http://www.pmc.gov.au/nwi/index.cfm#afw</a>)</td>
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| Any time          | Sustainable Industries Initiative               | National Landcare Program       | agricultural, forestry, and fishery commodity organisations and their closely allied service industries | Activities funded may include:  
• 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  
Tel: 6272 4350                                                                 |
| Any time          | National priority projects                      | National Landcare Program       | Determined according to nature of project identified by AG                  | Funds projects in high priority areas identified by the Australian Government.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | http://www.daff.gov.au/content/output.cfm?Obj ectID=58F9E43F-95A0-46CE-85A6286176710B18 |
| Currently uncertain if program will continue | Environmental Trust Integrated Environmental Program | Environmental Trust (DEC)      | Local govt  
Community groups  
Industry groups  
Environmental groups, Universities and research organisations  
State government agencies | Grants of more than $500,000 for projects that  
• address priority environmental issues of state significance  
• make a difference to the current overall management of the environmental issue in NSW  
• deliver integrated environmental outcomes or services  
• demonstrate excellent collaboration between agencies, local government and the community  
• are consistent with relevant government policy priorities  
• demonstrate that more appropriate sources of funding are not available  
• are cost effective                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/grants/iep.htm                                                                                     |
<p>| As needed         | Environmental Trust Emergency Pollution Clean-up Program | Environmental Trust (DEC)      | Body conducting clean-up                                                    | Up to $250,000 for emergency clean-up when unclear responsibility means immediate action unable to be taken and will elad to environmental damage. Grant must be repaid upon establishing responsibility.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <a href="http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/grants/cleanup.htm">http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/grants/cleanup.htm</a>                                                  |</p>
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| Any time                      | NSW Fisheries Small Grants Program        | DPI                     | Local Gov. fishing clubs community members      | Up to $5,000 of dollar-for-dollar funding for local or regional projects aimed at enhancing recreational fishing such as:  
• recreational fishing access, facilities and education  
• information and training  
• recreational fisheries research  
| 31 May and 31 October each year | Australian Bird Environment Foundation Grants | Australian Bird Environment Foundation | Community groups, landowners and individuals | Up to $3,000 for projects that  
• maintain, improve or extend habitat for birds and other associated native animals and plants  
• involve the study of the needs of birds in their habitat  
• educate the public to become more aware of birds and their habitat requirements                                                                 | http://www.birdobservers.org.au/ABEF.htm#ABEF%20Grants |
| Last working day of Mar, Jun, Sept and Dec each year | Norman Wettenhall Foundation Grants | Norman Wettenhall Foundation | Individuals and organisations | Up to $10,000 for projects that meet the following principles. Innovative projects are to be encouraged and preferably act as a model for other developments in the future;  
• The results have a long-term effect;  
• Publications of funded studies is regarded as important and will be supported;  
• Encouragement of individuals, as well as organisations, is possible provided the project is well planned; and  
• Dissemination of information, which will benefit the natural living environment.                                                                 | http://www.nwf.org.au/ |
| Applications due 1 Aug 2005 (then 1 Nov 2005, 1 Feb 2006 and 1 May 2006) | Ian Potter Foundation Environment Grants | Ian Potter Foundation | Not-for-profit groups with Deductible Gift Recipient status (i.e. can receive tax deductible gifts) | Funding for projects that  
• develop partnerships with communities, government and the private sector to help prevent irreversible damage to the environment and to encourage the maintenance of biodiversity  
• support programs and policies which are committed to the economic and ecologically sustainable development of land, and the preservation of species  
• to foster a broad public awareness of the environmental challenges facing urban and rural Australia  
• assist communities which are threatened with serious economic hardship due to the degradation of land and water resources, to develop policies to manage the social, economic and cultural changes needed for survival  
• assist projects designed to preserve the built environment which has cultural significance                                                                 | http://www.ianpotter.org.au/2-0_about/2-0-about.html |
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<td><strong>George Alexander Foundation Grants</strong></td>
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<td>Grants available to develop partnerships with communities, government and the private sector to prevent irreversible damage to the environment and to encourage the maintenance of biodiversity</td>
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| Applications due 1 Aug 2005 (then 1 Nov 2005 and 1 Mar 2006) | **Corporate Community Program** | BHP Billiton | Not-for-profit organisations and community groups Local Govt. eligible but unlikely to be successful | Project funding generally in the range of $50,000 - $100,000. In general, preference is given to projects that:  
- Are directed at solving problems in a sustainable way rather than providing short-term relief from symptoms or long-term dependency  
- Will become self-sustaining over a period of time, or will continue to provide benefits to the community after the project is completed and funding has ceased  
- Provide opportunities for involvement of BHP Billiton employees  
- Are national/international and will benefit communities in regions where BHP Billiton operates  
- Will have a significant impact in addressing an issue or make a real difference to the community | [http://www.bhpbilliton.com/bb/sustainable Development/community/support Guidelines.jsp](http://www.bhpbilliton.com/bb/sustainable Development/community/support Guidelines.jsp) |
<p>| Run quarterly applications due 15 Feb 15 May 15 Aug 15 Nov | <strong>Project AWARE Foundation Grants</strong> | Project AWARE Foundation | Local Govt. Educational and research organisations Community groups Businesses | Micro grants up to $1,000 for localised grass roots efforts, such as beach and underwater cleanups, mooring buoy programs, research projects, local education and public awareness programs. Macro grants up to $5,000 for large-scale regional, national or international efforts such as broad-based education and public awareness programs and high profile conservation projects. | <a href="http://www.projectaware.org/asiapac/english/grants/">http://www.projectaware.org/asiapac/english/grants/</a> |
| Expected early 2006 | <strong>Myer Foundation Natural Environment Grants</strong> | Myer Foundation | Aimed mainly at NGO’s, not-for-profit organisations and incorporated community groups. Local Govt. eligible but unlikely to be successful | The Foundation will support work that increases the Australian community’s understanding of, and response to, problems associated with climate change. Priority will be given to projects that enable communities to participate effectively in discussions about environmental issues and ecological health, and empower them to provide long term solutions to their problems. | <a href="mailto:enquiries@myerfoundation.org.au">enquiries@myerfoundation.org.au</a> |</p>
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<td><strong>Bundaberg Rum Bush Fund – National Small Grants</strong></td>
<td>Bundaberg Rum through Landcare</td>
<td>Landcare and other community groups</td>
<td>Funding of $1,000 to $5,000 to address water quality issues within the local area. This may be within a river, lake, stream, creek, or as part of the wider catchment.</td>
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<td>Jenny Quealy <a href="mailto:jquealy@landcareaustralia.com.au">jquealy@landcareaustralia.com.au</a> (02) 9412 1040</td>
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<td>As required</td>
<td><strong>Kennards Hire Equipment Grants</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Westpac Operation Backyard</strong></td>
<td>Landcare Australia Limited</td>
<td>Projects where Westpac staff are involved as volunteers. Must be nominated by staff member.</td>
<td>Up to $5,000 for projects such as • rehabilitating degraded recreation areas • making roadways more wildlife friendly • restoring coastal dunes, bushland and other areas for native flora and fauna • preventing erosion • supporting the ongoing survival of species • protecting native habitat.</td>
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<td><strong>The Mullum Trust Grants</strong></td>
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<td>Environmental and conservation projects with a community focus</td>
<td>This fund provides various amounts funding for projects with an environmental or conservation project with a community focus. Preference will be given to projects that have a welfare or education component.</td>
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