

Summary of National Weed Funding Opportunities 2006

Please see other worksheets for opportunities within each state

The websites in bold below are easy to use and provide links to a range of funding opportunities:

Australian Government	GrantsLink website	Information	http://www.grantslink.gov.au/	Learn the types of grants the Australian Government provides and get some general tips on completing your application form. Assistance: Commonwealth Regional Information Service 1800 026 222
Australia Parliamentary Library Social Policy Resources	Guide to Community Grants	Information	http://www.ap.gov.au/library/intguide/sp/spgrants.htm	Links to selected sources of Commonwealth, State and Territory financial assistance to community groups; links to NGO's which may provide community grants; links to commercial services providing grant information.

The following list is divided into large scale grants and small (under \$10K) community type grants.

Large Scale Grants

Due dates in red are before March 2006

Due date	Name	Source	Eligibility	Description	More info
<p>March? 2006 Research and Development Round</p> <p>October? 2006 Cross-regional and National Project Round</p>	Defeating the Weeds Menace	DEH/DAFF	an incorporated association; NRM Regional body; Commonwealth Agency; State/Territory Agency; Tertiary institution; local government council; or an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander corporation, Indigenous community, or council	Scope includes strategic on-ground control and eradication at a regional level, research into cost effective management techniques and bio-controls for key target weeds, and awareness raising campaigns. Focus is on strategic projects that deal with national priority weeds, including WoNS, 'National Environmental Alert List' and priority sleeper weeds. Cross-regional projects should: be strategic, for example, prevent the spread of weeds through catchments, or remove 'outlier' weed areas; deal with national priority weeds; result in sustained benefits across a number of NRM regions; be consistent with regional plans and investment strategies approved under the NHT; address causes rather than symptoms; and consider on-going arrangements to ensure weed problems do not recur; also projects that have a national focus and national application (eg. biological control).	www.daff.gov.au/defeatingweeds or talk to the appropriate WONS Coordinator for more information
Natural Heritage Trust (NHT)					

<p>Round 8 - regular Envirofund Round to open February 2006</p>	<p>NHT Community Funding - Envirofund</p>	<p>NHT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An incorporated association • A body corporate • A company • A trust • A partnership • An individual. <p>Unincorporated groups will need an incorporated "sponsor" Local Govt can develop projects with eligible candidates</p>	<p>Funding up to \$30,000 (\$50,000 for projects of significant public benefit). Projects such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native veg planting • Fencing and stock control • <u>Weed control on public land (if strong biodiversity conservation benefit)</u> • Feral animal control to protect threatened species and ecological communities (within a TAP framework) • Awareness raising that lead directly to on-round conservation benefits • Demonstrations/trials of new resource use methods (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 	<p>www.nht.gov.au/envirofund</p>
<p>Round Two expected to open March 2006</p>	<p>NHT Community Funding - Community Water Grants</p>	<p>DEH & DAFF</p>	<p>Local Govt, community groups, schools, CMA's and NGO's</p>	<p>Up to \$50,000 for on-ground community orientated projects that address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, • <u>improving surface or groundwater health, such as erosion control, creek and riverbank repair, or cleaning up a local creek or wetland.</u> • reducing pollution in rivers, groundwater or coastal areas. 	<p>www.communitywatergrants.gov.au awfcp@deh.gov.au free call 1800 780 730</p>

<p>Round 9 (2006) of the TSN Community Grants Program is expected to open in April 2006.</p>	<p>Threatened Species Network (TSN) Community Grants</p>	<p>NHT and WWF-Australia</p>	<p>Incorporated community-based organisations (unincorporated groups need State or Local Govt sponsorship). Local Govt can develop projects with eligible candidates.</p>	<p>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 <u>Project applications must be discussed with state TSN Coordinator before being lodged.</u></p>	<p>http://www.wwf.org.au/ourwork/species/tsngrants/</p>
<p>C'wealth funding available for 2006/07</p>	<p>Coastal Catchments Initiative</p>	<p>Department of Environment and Heritage</p>	<p>Local and State Government (<u>projects would involve only aquatic or estuarine weeds, with the weed component likely to be part of a larger catchment-wide project</u>)</p>	<p>Projects regarding land based threats to water quality in a particular estuary system. In the first instance, either State or Local govt presents a very brief case outlining existing or potential threats to the other two parties, and discussions are held on the eligibility of the case. If eligible, a "WQ Improvement Plan" is developed, with funding available for interim projects to develop foundations for plan delivery such as modelling, decision support tools and WQ monitoring coordination. The plan, prepared consistent with the "Framework for Marine and Estuarine Water Quality 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 environmental significance, For example, in the Sydney Basin, Botany Bay is likely to be the only likely candidate (Towra Point Ramsar Wetland).</p>	<p>http://www.deh.gov.au/coasts/pollution/cci/#about Vaughn Cox Water Quality Section Department of the Environment and Heritage (02) 6274 2005 vaughn.cox@deh.gov.au</p>

TBA (funding allocated 2004-2005 to 2006-2007)	Maintaining Australia's Biodiversity Hotspots Programme	DEH	limited to 15 national 'hotspot' areas, but many have relevant WONS/weed problems that may be addressed in a project (see website)	The Australian Government announced funding of \$36 million for the Maintaining Australia's Biodiversity Hotspots Programme. Commencing in 2004-2005, the programme will improve the conservation of Australia's biodiversity hotspots on private and leasehold land by enhancing active conservation management and the protection of existing terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems as habitat for native plants and animals.	http://www.deh.gov.au/biodiversity/hotspots/national.html#where
Main round; closes January 20 2006	Environmental Education Grants Program - Commonwealth Environmental Education grants	DEH	Local Govt State Govt, NGO's, educational institutions, community groups	Funds generally between \$3,000 and \$45,000 (although more available depending on merit). Projects should contribute to the priority areas identified by the National Environmental Education Council, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop strategies to assist in the incorporation of ecologically sustainable development principles into teaching programs and campus activities; • encourage business and industry to develop practices consistent with ecologically sustainable development; • develop resources and consistent approaches to environmental education in the community that reflect sound environmental knowledge and practice. 	http://www.deh.gov.au/education/programs/Environmental Education Section (02) 6274 1290
Landcare	AG funding of \$159.5 million for the National Landcare Program (NLP) from 2004/05 to 2007/08 to encourage on ground action that will result in integrated and sustainable natural resource management at the farm, catchment and regional level (\$40 million in each of 2006/07 and 2007/08)				

Expected by mid 2006	Landcare - Natural Resource Innovation Grants	National Landcare Program	Individuals, incorporated community and "not-for-profit" groups businesses with links to NRM and/or primary production agricultural, forestry and fishery commodity organisations and their closely allied service industries	Funding is available nationally through the NLP Natural Resource Innovation Grants to individuals, incorporated community and other "not-for-profit" groups or businesses with links to natural resource management and/or the agricultural, food, aquaculture or forestry (or related) industries who wish to develop and/or implement, and promote innovative practices, production techniques, technologies or products. Projects in the 05/06 round received funding of up to \$150,000; they must • contribute to increased profitability or output • sustainability of the natural resource base • demonstrate wider applicability across the relevant industries.	http://www.daff.gov.au/landcare National Landcare Program Telephone: (02) 6272 4350 landcare.contact@daff.gov.au or Innovations Program www.landcare.gov.au/nlpinnovations
Next round possibly by mid 2006	Landcare - Community Support Grants	National Landcare Program	Individuals, incorporated community and "not-for-profit" groups businesses with links to NRM and/or primary production agricultural, forestry and fishery commodity organisations and their closely allied service industries	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 better integrate natural resource management into business and property plans. - The NLP funds larger scale, strategic on-ground activities that allow for participation by community landcare and primary industry groups with the capacity to undertake larger projects. Public benefit outcomes are sought and treating NRM issues at source, on-farm is a key objective. Projects up to three years in duration.	http://www.daff.gov.au/content/output.cfm?ObjectID=D2C48F86-BA1A-11A1-A2200060B0A04273 Tel: 6272 4350

Can be submitted any time	Landcare - Sustainable Industries Initiative	National Landcare Program	Individuals, incorporated community and "not-for-profit" groups businesses with links to NRM and/or primary production 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 • development of approaches for reporting industry performance in NRM.	http://www.daff.gov.au/content/output.cfm?ObjectID=13D4556FAB25-4572-B14BE36E84610C8A Tel: 6272 4350
Anytime	Green Reserve Program	Australian Government Dept of Employment and Workplace Relations	Land management agencies (can apply on behalf of "care" groups).	Green Reserve involves Australian's between the ages of 40 and 65 who receive the full rate of Newstart allowance in local conservation projects. Working in small teams Green Reserve volunteers contribute 2 days a week for 26 weeks to the project. Green Reserve is an initiative of the Commonwealth Government under Work For The Dole. For more information and for an application form you simply need to complete the Request for Project Assistance Form; access online or ring 03 5333 1483 and to be sent one by post. (project is run by CVA)	http://www.greenreserve.com.au/greenreserve/index.htm
Applications for 2006 are expected to open in May	Australia's Open Garden Grants Scheme	Australia's Open Gardens	Individuals, community groups, not-for-profit organisations, schools, educational institutions.	Australia's Open Garden Scheme Community Grants program for 2005 is providing a total of \$55,000 across Australia for garden-related community projects. Australia's Open Garden Scheme is a self-funding, not for profit organisation that promotes the knowledge and pleasure of gardens and gardening to all Australians. (<u>Potential to include weed displays or information sharing regarding garden weeds</u>).	http://www.opengarden.org.au/grants.htm 03 5428 4557

Applications expected to open mid 2006 (closed in Oct 05)	Recreational Fishing Community Grants Programme	DAFF	legal entity or sponsored by a legal entity (eg LGA, or incorporated community group)	\$15 million over 3 years for projects that enhance recreational fishing opportunities and activities in fresh and salt water. Community projects of high public benefit. EG. maintain and enhance habitats; develop sense of awareness, ownership and responsibility for recreational fishers; foster partnerships. Will support: <u>protecting environment at the water's edge (eg. protecting sensitive habitats; education and awareness raising projects (eg. aquatic pest translocation) - see website for more details.</u>	www.daff.gov.au/recfishinggrants
Anytime, but also in conjunction with NHT funding round	Indigenous Protected Areas Funding	DEH/NHT	Indigenous Groups and cooperative partners.	Indigenous landowners supported to manage their lands for the protection of natural and cultural features. Indigenous Protected Areas component: plus Cooperative Management Component:	www.deh.gov.au/indigenous/ipa/funding.html#who
2006 round TBA (2005 round was in September)	Healthy Soils for Sustainable Farms	LWA/NHT		Aims to accelerate the transition by farmers and resource managers to practices which maintain and restore Australia's soils. The Australian Government has committed \$5 million to 2007-08 for a Healthy Soils for Sustainable Farms Programme (there may be a possibility of incorporating weeds as a component of a larger project). http://www.affa.gov.au/content/output.cfm?ObjectID=563226A4-862F-429F-8D5FEA73D3E999A3	www.lwa.gov.au/funding (check website or call 02-6263-6032 for more details)
Smaller (under \$10K), community type Grants and Funding Opportunities.					
Next round likely to be announced late Jan or early Feb 2006. Check website or ring hotline.	Small Equipment Grants	Dept. of Family and Community Services	Any organisation with at least one volunteer, other than govt organisations. Unincorporated groups will need a sponsor	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.	http://www.facs.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/abou/facs/programs/sfsc-sml_equip_grants_2005.htm or phone: 1800 153 477 facs.internet@facs.gov.au

Possibly mid-2006 announcement (For email notification of the next round, please send an email to gveho@deh.gov.au)	Grants to Voluntary Environment and Heritage Organisations (GVEHO Grants)	DEH	NGO's and not-for-profit organisations (Very strict eligibility criteria)	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.	http://www.deh.gov.au/programs/gveho/index.html
On-going	eTree grants	eTree	Community groups, schools, industry, individuals, not-for-profit organisations and partnerships with government.	Up to \$3000 for eTree grants are available on an on-going basis for revegetation projects involving the planting of native species on public or private land. (It is unclear from the website how projects are selected, however several funded projects include weed control and revegetation).	www.ETree.com.au phone 1800 009 873
As required	Kennards Hire Equipment Grants	Kennards Hire through Landcare	Community groups	Donation of hire equipment and/or vehicles for group projects (whether it's a barbeque or 400 shovels). The Landcare Group must: be able to pick up and return the equipment and/or vehicles from a Kennards Hire outlet, comply with Kennards Hire Conditions of Hire, and use the offer on a community/Landcare benefit project (ie not for personal use).	http://www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=8
Applications are accepted all year round.	Bundaberg Rum Bush Fund – National Small Grants	Bundaberg Rum through Landcare	Landcare and other community groups	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.	http://www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=5

Any time	Westpac Operation Backyard	Landcare Australia Limited	Projects where Westpac staff are involved as volunteers. Must be nominated by staff member.	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 and protecting native habitat.	http://www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=7
In 2006, application dates are: 23 February , 18 May, 3 August, 19 October	Mitre 10 Junior Landcare Grants Program	Landcare Australia	Any school or youth group seeking to educate young Australians about the environment.	The Mitre 10 Junior Landcare Grants Program provides funds of up to \$500 for schools and youth groups across Australia wishing to participate in environmental projects. The program targets major issues relevant to our natural environment including: Energy, Waste/Recycling, Air, Biodiversity, Water and Land. See website for state by state information.	http://www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=6 <u>or at</u> www.mitre10.com.au
Round 1: 31 May 2006 Round 2: 29 September 2006	Australia Post Community Development Grant	Landcare Australia	Any community group undertaking environmental projects, including landcare groups, youth groups and indigenous groups (must be incorporated).	Community groups, including local landcare groups across Australia, can now apply for yearly grants of up to \$3,300 (including GST) to help improve their local community and environment. The grants can fulfil a community groups' "wish list" and directly fund a community project, help buy much needed tools and equipment, or help raise awareness and encourage more community members to get involved. The flexibility in the allocation of funds aims to help groups in their ability to grow within the community.	http://www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=9
31 May and 31 October each year	Australian Bird Environment Foundation Grants	Australian Bird Environment Foundation	Community groups, landowners and individuals	Up to \$3,500 for projects that maintain, improve or extend habitat for birds and other associated native animals and plants. Three types: practical conservation (native plantings, reveg., fencing); research and survey; and public education.	http://www.birdobservers.org.au/Conservation_ABEF.asp

Last working day of Mar, Jun, Sept and Dec	Norman Wettenhall Foundation Grants	Norman Wettenhall Foundation	Individuals and organisations	Up to \$10,000 for projects that meet the following principles; Innovative projects that act as a model for other developments in the future; build community capacity to effect long-term change, and • disseminate information that will benefit the natural environment. Publications of funded studies will be supported; Encouragement of individuals, as well as organisations, is possible provided the project is well planned; Encourage research, education and recording of all aspects of natural living environment.	http://www.nwf.org.au/
Applications are expected to open in early 2006.	Seeds of Renewal Program	Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal	Not for profit organisations with an ABN; <u>Communities that have a population of 15,000 people or less.</u>	Projects in rural and regional Australia. Seeds of Renewal is a small grants program providing funding of up to \$350,000 in total for grants to small, rural and regional Not-for-profit organisations that have projects and activities that aid the growth of their community. Projects with a charitable purpose that contribute to the development of history & heritage, public tourism and <u>environmental areas</u> .	Website: http://www.frrr.org.au/GeneralGrants.asp
Various closing dates or always open (see website)	Holden Community Support Program	Holden	Australian organisations, community groups and educational institutions working with communities.	Support may consist of a partnership, cash donation, or a donation 'in kind'. Donations 'in kind' include materials for fund raising events such as stickers for showbags and items for raffle prizes. It also includes one-off donations of larger objects that serve to assist education and technological innovation. Holden is particularly interested in projects that have a national focus and seek to educate and involve the Australian community in <u>*Restoring and preserving Australia's natural environment</u> * Developing energy efficient strategies and alternative energy options *Applying technologies to achieve environmental gains	http://www.holden.com.au/www-holden/jsp/environmentcommunity/environmentcommunity.jsp?link=communitysupport&heading=guidelines

Various closing dates or always open - see website	Macquarie Bank Foundation Grants	Macquarie Bank Foundation	The Foundation welcomes applications from a diverse range of community-based organisations and initiatives	The Macquarie Bank Foundation funds programs benefiting the communities in which Macquarie has a presence, in the areas of education, the arts, health care and research, welfare and <u>the environment</u> . Within the areas funded, the Foundation looks for opportunities that are innovative, genuinely responsive to the community's needs and that also enable Macquarie to contribute its time and expertise, as well as financial support. Foundation currently contributes more than \$2.5 million a year in community grants to about 200 organisations	http://www.macquarie.com.au/au/about_macquarie/macquarie_in_the_community.htm
Grants Program closed for 2005. Register on website to receive 2006 dates.	CommunityHelp Grants Program	NRMA	Not-for-profit community organisations	The communityhelp Grants program helps to support community organisations that are committed to making the community safer, particularly in the areas of crime and injury prevention, emergency services and the <u>environment</u> . If your organisation is involved in any one of these areas, then you can apply for a one-off grant from \$500 to \$5,000 (including GST).	http://www.nrma.com/pub/nrma/community/help-program/index.shtml
First working day of Feb, May, Aug and Nov	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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 projects designed to preserve the built environment which has cultural significance 	http://www.ianpotter.org.au/2-0_about/2-0-about.html

<p>Early 2006 (closing date for 2005 was in September)</p>	<p>Myer Foundation Natural Environment Grants</p>	<p>Myer Foundation</p>	<p>Aimed mainly at NGO's, not-for-profit organisations and incorporated community groups. Local Govt. eligible but unlikely to be successful</p>	<p>The Foundation has a broad interest in environment issues, including sustainable water and land management, and the preservation of biodiversity. The Foundation will support work that provides solutions to environmental problems, especially in Northern Australia. This region includes the Kimberley, Top End of the Northern Territory, Gulf Country, the Wet Tropics and Cape York Peninsula. Priority will be given to projects that include cultural, social and economic links that provide long term solutions. In assessing applications, 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. enquiries@myerfoundation.org.au</p>	<p>http://www.myerfoundation.org.au/main.asp?PageId=133</p>
<p>Close on 1 July and 15 December each year.</p>	<p>Sunshine Foundation Grants</p>		<p>Applicants must provide an ABN and TCC (Tax Charity Concession) to demonstrate proof of charitable status.</p>	<p>Private family fund that distributes monies to support community projects. Areas supported include: projects that enhance the quality of life (such as conservation and environmental projects, etc). Projects supported by voluntary labour or which are low cost are favoured, as are projects that require "seed funding." Range of \$500-\$5000 more likely to be approved.</p>	<p>www.mgg.com.au/index.htm?http://www.mgg.com.au/sunshine/sunshine.htm</p>

<p>3 times annually 1 March 1 August 1 November</p>	<p>Corporate Community Program</p>	<p>BHP Billiton</p>	<p>Not-for-profit organisations, indigenous and community groups Local Govt. eligible but unlikely to be successful.</p>	<p>Project funding generally in the range of \$50,000 - \$100,000. 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 <u>will benefit communities in regions where BHP Billiton operates</u> • Will have a significant impact in addressing an issue or make a real difference to the community (<u>Limited application to weeds, but could potentially relate to large scale community land mgmt program in rural areas</u>)</p>	<p>http://www.bhpbilliton.com/bb/sustainable/Development/community/support/Guidelines.jsp</p>
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