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Natural Heritage Trust (NHT)	NHT was set up by the Australian Government in 1997 to help restore and conserve Australia's environment and natural resources.	Must be consistent with the Trust decision making and investment principles set out in the Strategic Plan for National Investment under the Natural Heritage Trust.	\$3 billion in total		The NHT provides funding for environmental activities at a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National and state level Regional level Local level (Envirofunds); 	Various	www.nht.gov.au Australian Government NRM Facilitators Landcare – 08 8999 4573 Bushcare – 08 8999 4429 Coastcare – 08 8999 4456 Rivercare – 08 8999 4507
NHT – National Competitive Component	Intended to support new, innovative and pilot projects that will lead to significant improvements in the sustainable management of natural resources and will most effectively improve regional NRM delivery.	<p>Preference will be given to projects where there is a clear and demonstrated contribution to on-ground resource condition change and/or develop tools for management decision making. Preference also will be given to projects which contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generating and applying better science and/or methodologies to achieving NRM regional targets; Knowledge brokering to meet national NRM requirements; Providing better decision making tools for NRM at the regional level; Increasing community involvement in implementing sustainable NRM; Developing tools and systems to enable NRM bodies to convey NRM data and outcomes to governments to enhance decision making. <p>Proposed activities must be consistent with the following Trust investment principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require a <u>national</u> approach for delivery, noting that on-ground components of national programs can be delivered through the regional process. Arise from an Australian Government legislative requirement, international obligation of Commonwealth jurisdiction or policy. Require Australian Government leadership and/or collaboration with States. Not duplicate activities undertaken by existing programs (eg the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality). 	<p>Round 1 - 10 projects will receive \$5.6m over the three years nationally.</p> <p>Round 2 – 16 projects will receive nearly \$10 million over three years nationally.</p> <p>Unsure of next round details.</p>	3 years	<p>Eligible applicants must be incorporated organisations. These can include private sector research organisations, non-government organisations specialising in the environmental field, incorporated community groups and industry bodies. Universities and Co-operative Research Centres are also eligible to apply.</p> <p>Regional NRM bodies and State/Territory and local government organisations, Australian and State/Territory Government Departments and Australia Government and State/Territory Government directly controlled research organisations are ineligible to apply.</p>	Direct application to DEH via a call for projects.	www.nht.gov.au/ncc/index.html James Windle 02 6274 2750 james.windle@deh.gov.au
NHT – Regional Competitive Component	Intended to support higher-cost, larger scale, multi-regional or cross-jurisdictional, multi-year projects that will lead to significant improvements in the sustainable management of natural resources.	<p>In this round, preference will be given to projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide benefits commensurate with the level of investment; can utilise existing data developed and available from existing resources (e.g., NLWRA); generate cross-regional benefits which may not otherwise be identified as a high priority by individual regions; contain State or third party matching contributions (cash or in kind), though this requirement may be waived if necessary to support activities considered to be essential to achieve priority Australian Government objectives; are focused on one or more of the Round 3 thematic areas for investment (threatened species (individual species or collective) and threatening processes; coastal zone and the marine environment; Ramsar wetlands and their catchments; feral pests; sustainable production; indigenous engagement). <p>Proposed activities must be consistent with the following Trust investment principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require a <u>cross-jurisdictional</u> or multi-regional approach for delivery. Be collaboratively developed and owned by the regional organisations. Be technically sound and have a high probability of achieving 	<p>Round 1 - \$20 mill over 3 years nationally.</p> <p>Round 2 - \$13mill over 3 years nationally.</p> <p>Round 3 - \$20 mill over 3 years nationally.</p>	3 years	Open to regional NRM bodies. Other organisations can develop proposals collaboratively with the NRM regional body for the regional NRM body to submit.	Project proposals must be collaboratively developed and owned by regional bodies. The host or sponsoring region will be responsible for delivering project outcomes. Regional Organisations must submit their proposals with a covering letter to the Commonwealth-NT Joint Steering Committee. Prior to this, interested parties should contact the regional body to develop a project proposal.	www.nht.gov.au/rcc/index.html or from Geoff Rohan on 02 6274 2344 or at geoff.rohan@deh.gov.au

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		<p>outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a clear and demonstrated contribution to on-ground management actions and resource conditions targets and/or develop tools for management decision-making (research projects generally will not be supported). • Be consistent with regional plans and investment strategies for proponent regions. • Generate lasting benefits (i.e., beyond the period of funding). • Be consistent with standard NHT investment requirements. 					
NHT / NAP – NT Regional Investment Strategy	<p>The outcomes of all activities funded through NHT2 must address the Management Action Targets within the Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan and Regional Investment Strategy. Eligibility for NHT/NAP funding includes, but is not limited to, activities which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enable community and industry groups to identify appropriate sustainable practices to address identified priority NRM issues; • build capacity for natural resource managers to ensure an increase in understanding and uptake of sustainable natural resource management practices; • raise awareness linked to on-ground actions to help land managers learn new ideas or build skills in the sustainable management of natural resources, including land management which considers biodiversity; • support specific measures that are linked to broader NRM activities, such as Property Management Planning, Best Management Practice and Environmental Management Systems; • involve research to fill critical gaps that will help support the adoption of sustainable NRM practices, for example: 	<p>NHT2 funding will generally be advertised in an invitation for investment proposals dealing with the Natural Resource Management priorities set by the Investment Strategy.</p> <p>Some investment areas will be suitable for a broad range of NRM groups whilst the geography or skill base required in some projects may restrict some NRM groups from applying.</p> <p>The programs and indicative funding allocations are listed below and the invitation for proposals will include more detail on requirements for investment proposals in each program area. All investment proposals must fit within these programs or they cannot be funded.</p> <p>The areas proposed for funding allocations are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terrestrial Biodiversity • Land • Inland Waters • Coastal & Marine • Community, Knowledge and Institutions 	<p>Australian Government has committed up to \$20.3 million through the Natural Heritage Trust & National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality for investment in the NT Regional Investment Strategy over the period 2004/05 to 2006/07.</p> <p>The funding available under NHT/NAP for 2004/05 is \$5.5 million and for 2005/06 is \$7.1 million. This means that a total of \$12.6 million will effectively be available in the coming financial year.</p>	3 years		<p>Next round will be called April/May 2007.</p> <p>The NRMB expects to introduce several procurement arrangements outside of the familiar “open competitive tender” process used in the past. These alternative arrangements may include invited tender, preferred supplier, or MoU arrangements as appropriate.</p>	<p>www.nrmbnt.org.au</p> <p>Executive Officer:</p> <p>John Brisbin Natural Resource Management Board (NT) Inc 08 8999 4847 John.Brisbin@nrmbnt.org.au</p> <p>Regional NRM Facilitators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kath Nash (Top End) 08 8999 3493 kath.nash@nrmbnt.org.au • Madonna Mackay (Katherine) 08 8973 8106 Madonna.mackay@nrmbnt.org.au • Michelle Rodrigo (Alice Springs) 08 8951 9255 michelle.rodrigo@nrmbnt.org.au • Karen May (Alice Springs) 08 8951 9264 karen.may@nrmbnt.org.au

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - address climate change issues; - assess land and water capability; - assess current and develop programs for reducing key threats. • prioritise, manage and where necessary conserve biodiversity, including marine and aquatic biodiversity; • work towards regionally co-ordinated natural resource management; • record appropriately and, where relevant, use Indigenous Ecological Knowledge; • prevent or reverse degradation and/or improve productivity, via • manage weeds and pests; • support sustainable enterprise • prevent or mitigate the negative effects of salt water intrusion. • contribute to or promote improved water quality, including • protect aquatic ecosystems; • promote water use efficiency and planning. • have a clear public benefit; • comply with any relevant Territory and/or Australian legislation and other relevant Intergovernmental arrangements; and • utilise the technical, project management skills and the communication networks of the existing network of facilitators and coordinators wherever 						

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	<p>possible to assist with project design and delivery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> encourage partnerships in natural resource management priorities identified in the INRM Plan. 						
NHT - Envirofund	<p>The Australian Government Envirofund is the local action component of the Natural Heritage Trust. It helps communities undertake local projects aimed at conserving biodiversity and promoting sustainable resource use.</p>	<p>Projects will need to help achieve one or more of the Trust's 10 areas of activity and fall within the Envirofund's eligible activities.</p> <p>Activities that are eligible for the Australian Government Envirofund include, but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. native vegetation planting or other works to stabilise soil or dunes, reduce groundwater recharge or prevent erosion; 2. fencing or other management techniques to protect and preserve habitat, or manage access to coastal areas 3. controlling stock access to watercourses to protect streamside habitat and improve water quality, such as by installing piping and pumps to locate stock watering points away from watercourses and permanently protecting the area with fencing; 4. weed control on public land, but only where there is a high biodiversity conservation benefit and where it is clearly the most cost effective way of achieving that benefit, otherwise we will only consider weed control activities that are a limited but integral part of projects that address broader natural resource management issues; 5. feral animal control to protect threatened native species or ecological communities where the species or community has been identified in national or State threat abatement or recovery plans; and the relevant regional NRM body is implementing national or State threat abatement or recovery plans in relation to the species or community; 6. native vegetation planting for biodiversity conservation or habitat purposes; or restoration of Indigenous cultural landscapes, community health (for example, dust suppression), bush food or medicine; 7. awareness-raising activities that directly lead to significant local on-ground benefits for biodiversity conservation or sustainable natural resource use; 8. demonstrations or trials of new techniques for sustainable farming, forestry or fishing practices or solutions to local problems; or Indigenous hunting, gathering or fishing if this promotes sustainability (for example, development of species monitoring and harvesting plans); 9. monitoring of water quality, species, habitats, or other natural resources where this will have a clear local benefit for biodiversity conservation or sustainable natural resource management; and will contribute to national, State/Territory or regional data sets; 10. where required to achieve local on ground biodiversity conservation or sustainable natural resource use objectives - relevant skill and knowledge development for resource managers and users through education and training, including Indigenous caring for country techniques and application or transfer of traditional Indigenous knowledge (for example, fire management, knowledge of threatened species, plant use and seasonal 	<p>Round 9 will open for applications in February 2007 and will cover the normal range of activities funded by the Envirofund. Register to receive a copy of the Australian Government Envirofund Guide and Application Form for Round 9 when it becomes available.</p>	18 mths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> an incorporated association; a body corporate; a company; a trust; a partnership; an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander corporation, council or incorporated association; or an individual person. 	<p>Direct application to Envirofund Unit, DEH.</p>	<p>www.nht.gov.au/envirofund/index.html</p> <p>1800 303 863</p> <p>envirofund@daff.gov.au</p> <p>Regional NRM Facilitators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kath Nash (Top End) 08 8999 3493 kath.nash@nrmbnt.org.au Madonna Mackay (Katherine) 08 8973 8106 Madonna.mackay@nrmbnt.org.au Michelle Rodrigo (Alice Springs) 08 8951 9255 michelle.rodrigo@nrmbnt.org.au Karen May (Alice Springs) 08 8951 9264 karen.may@nrmbnt.org.au

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		<p>patterns);</p> <p>11. holding workshops or producing videos, publications or similar resources that build the capacity of local Indigenous and non-Indigenous groups to engage Indigenous communities in natural resource management; and</p> <p>12. identifying, protecting and managing Indigenous cultural heritage resources where there is a significant biodiversity conservation benefit.</p> <p>Applications need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrate clear natural resource management benefits; and/or • identify capacity building outcomes in relation to the applicant's skills and knowledge in natural resource management. <p>Preference will be given to projects that take a systematic and coordinated approach to dealing with a problem.</p>					
NHT – National Feral Animal Control Program	Established under the Natural Heritage Trust to develop and implement, in cooperation with State, Territory and Local Governments, a program to reduce the damage to agriculture caused by pest animals.	<p>NFACP will support a wide range of activities which will assist the development and adoption of best practice pest management.</p> <p>Possible activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large-scale field projects, involving a wide range of stakeholders, which have research and demonstration objectives. • Smaller-scale field studies of control techniques and/or pest animals (e.g. assessment of density: damage relationships). • Extension activities including material development which promote the objectives of best practice pest management. • Development of more efficacious, cost-effective and/or humane techniques and strategies. • Desktop studies which will provide information or frameworks to support decision-making related to vertebrate pest management. <p>The focus of NFACP is applied research/demonstration projects which are likely to have a direct link to improved pest management at the property level. NFACP will generally not support pure background research (e.g. ecology/biology of pest animals).</p> <p>As NFACP is a national program under the Natural Heritage Trust, only projects addressing pest management issues of national significance are likely to be considered. Research and management approaches supported under NFACP must have relevance beyond the project area and results are to be disseminated widely at the end of the project.</p> <p>Research projects are expected to have sound experimental design and analysis methodology, including the incorporation of monitoring frameworks which will allow the nature and value of pest impact reduction resulting from management to be quantified.</p>	<p>Available funds under NFACP are approximately \$500 000 per year. It is anticipated that projects funded will be of the order of \$10 000 to \$100 000 per year.</p> <p>Unsure when next round will be open.</p>	Both medium-term, up to 3 years, and shorter-term projects will be considered.	The Program is open to government and non-government agencies and community groups. Preference will be given to projects that involve collaboration between a number of appropriate government and/or non-government agencies and involve community-based groups in their design and implementation.	There is one funding round per year. When preparing an application you must contact Quentin Hart.	<p>Quentin Hart 02 6272 3801 quentin.hart@brs.gov.au</p> <p>http://www.affa.gov.au/content/output.cfm?ObjectID=D2C48F86-BA1A-11A1-A2200060B0A06278</p>
NHT – Weeds of National Significance	National investment stream for research and development relating to the control of 10 of the Weeds of National Significance (WoNS).	<p>WoNS are: Alligator Weed; Athel Pine; Bitou bush/Boneseed; Bridal Creeper; Cabomba; Hymenachne; Mimosa; Pond Apple; Salvinia; Willows (except Weeping Willows, Pussy Willow and Sterile Pussy Willow). Proposals should have a national focus and be for research and development relating to the biological, chemical, mechanical and/or integrated control of these WoNS.</p>	Unsure of future funding.	1 – 2 years.			<p>Roberta Thorburn 02 6274 2164 roberta.thorburn@deh.gov.au</p>

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<p>Defeating the Weed Menace</p>	<p>Identify Australia's most threatening weeds and implement measures for management including 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.</p>	<p>Focus is on higher cost, larger scale, multi regional or cross jurisdictional multi year projects. Projects need to complement weed control actions identified in individual accredited Natural Resource Management Plans and Investment Strategies.</p> <p>Consists of two components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National research and development component including bio-control measures for those weeds identified as targets for biological control, and nationally applicable projects on innovative weed management techniques and industry weed management best practice guides. 2. Cross regional projects which focus on strategic weed control actions that obtain sustained benefits across many natural resource regions. 	<p>\$40m over 4 years</p>	<p>Multi year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commonwealth Agencies • State and Territory Agencies • NRM Regional Bodies • Tertiary Institutions • Local Government • Indigenous groups • Other community groups 	<p>Application forms will be available when call for funding made.</p>	<p>http://www.nrm.gov.au/investm ent/index.html#defeating</p> <p>Jeanette Muirhead Natural Resource Management Policy Branch Dept. Environment and Heritage Jeanette.muirhead@deh.gov.au 02 6274 2231 NT Contact Mike Misso, Australian Government NRM Facilitator (Bushcare) – 08 8999 4429 Mike.misso@nt.gov.au</p>
<p>National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP)</p>	<p>The NAP tackles two of Australia's most serious environmental threats: salinity and water quality. Regional planning and investment at a regional level is the principal delivery mechanism for the NAP. At this level the NAP is jointly delivered with the Natural Heritage Trust.</p>	<p>Proposals must be consistent with one or more of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contribute to the objectives of the NAP and be consistent with identified priority areas of activity; • have a focus on key water quality or salinity issues; • be consistent with any existing plans; • have community support; • have a demonstrated need for early commencement (such as the opportunity to avoid more significant impacts, the window of opportunity is small, or the opportunity to link with other activities); • support continuity and momentum in existing community capacity; and • represent value for money. 	<p>\$1.4 billion over seven years in total. Approx \$500,000 to NT per year.</p> <p>Investment through the INRM Plan so application/tender process will be as for NHT Regional Delivery.</p>	<p>1-3 years.</p>	<p>NT regions which have been identified are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darwin-Katherine • Part of the Ord River system 	<p>Funding will be delivered via the NT Regional Investment Strategy.</p>	<p>National website: www.napswg.gov.au/</p> <p>NRM Board (NT) Inc Website: www.nrmbnt.org.au</p> <p>Executive Officer:</p> <p>John Brisbin Natural Resource Management Board (NT) Inc 08 8999 4847 John.Brisbin@nrmbnt.org.au</p> <p>Regional NRM Facilitators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kath Nash (Top End) 08 8999 3493 kath.nash@nrmbnt.org.au • Madonna Mackay (Katherine) 08 8973 8106 Madonna.mackay@nrmbnt.org.au • Michelle Rodrigo (Alice Springs) 08 8951 9255 michelle.rodrigo@nrmbnt.org.au • Karen May (Alice Springs) 08 8951 9264 karen.may@nrmbnt.org.au
<p>National Landcare</p>	<p>The NLP encourages landholders to undertake</p>	<p>The aim of the NLP is to increase engagement by industry and resource users, including community landcare groups, in landcare</p>	<p>The Australian Government</p>			<p>Next round for 2006/07 possibly in November 2006</p>	<p>www.landcare.gov.au</p>

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<p>Programme (NLP)</p>	<p>landcare and related conservation works by supporting collective action by communities to sustainably manage the environment and natural resources.</p>	<p>and NRM activities, with a focus on developing alliances with sustainable primary industries. Industry groups not currently engaged will be targeted and the Program extended to industry organisations and other industries such as the forest, fishing and processing industries. Where appropriate, the engagement of local government would also be encouraged. The principal goal from the investment in landcare is increased profitability, competitiveness and sustainability of Australian primary industries. Public benefit outcomes are sought and treating NRM issues at source, on-farm, will continue to be a key objective. This will include encouraging, on a voluntary basis, continuous improvement and adoption of best practice NRM and sustainable resource use, including integration of conservation into farming systems and engaging land managers by linking NRM to profitability.</p>	<p>announced funding of \$159.5 million for the National Landcare Program over the next 4 years with \$39.3 million in 2004-05, \$40.2 million in 2005-06 and \$40 million in each of 2006-07 and 2007-08.</p>				<p>Geri Lee NT State Landcare Coordinator 08 89815976 landcare@ntca.org.au</p>
<p>NLP - Community Support Proposals</p>	<p>Community Support funds local and regional landcare activities consistent with priorities in accredited, regional NRM plans and investment strategies.</p>	<p>The program supports Landcare, community and industry groups to maintain the Landcare commitment and effort nationally. The program also focuses on increasing industry, community and local Government engagement in NRM with emphasis on participation and contribution to the regional planning process. The program encourages the further adoption of sustainable and innovative practices of primary producers to increase their skills and knowledge through sharing of information on Landcare practices.</p>	<p>\$29.1 million in 2004-05, \$30 million in 2005-06 and \$29.8 million in each of 2006-07 and 2007-08 nationally. Approx \$1million provided per year to NT.</p>	<p>1,2 or 3 years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landcare Groups • Primary Industry Groups 	<p>Next round for 2006/07 possibly in November 2006</p> <p>Direct application via regional body.</p>	<p>www.landcare.gov.au</p> <p>Geri Lee NT State Landcare Coordinator 08 89815976 landcare@ntca.org.au</p>

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<p>NLP – Natural Resource Innovation Grants</p>	<p>The objective of the Natural Resource Innovation Grants is to encourage people engaged in farming, food, aquaculture and forest industries to contribute to sustainable production by developing and adopting innovative practices, production techniques, technologies and products. New and innovative water-related activities are also encouraged.</p>	<p>Projects to develop, adopt, implement and deliver innovative practices, production techniques, technologies or products. Projects must contribute to increased profitability or output, and sustainability of the natural resource base, and will need to demonstrate wider applicability to the relevant industries. Each application will be assessed on a competitive basis, taking into account merit, level of innovation, feasibility and potential to meet program objectives.</p>	<p>Total grant funds are \$1.5 million in 2004-05. Generally maximum funding per project will be \$150,000.</p>	<p>Generally 1 year</p>	<p>Funding is available to individuals, incorporated community and other “not-for-profit” groups, or businesses with links to natural resource management and/or the agricultural, food, aquacultural or forestry (or related) industries</p>	<p>Applications for the 2006-07 funding round closed on Monday 18 September 2006. Unsure of next funding round.</p> <p>Direct application via regional body.</p>	<p>National Contact: 1800 657 220 nlpinnovations@daff.gov.au www.landcare.gov.au</p> <p>NT Contact: Geri Lee NT State Landcare Coordinator 08 89815976 landcare@ntca.org.au</p>
<p>Threatened Species Network Community Grants</p>	<p>The grants program encourages communities to take long-term responsibility for the ongoing health of our natural environment, specifically targeting the needs of species and ecological communities recognised as threatened by the Australian Government</p>	<p>In order to be considered for funding , proposals should demonstrate their ability to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. help remove threats to populations of threatened species or endangered ecological communities which are considered a national priority for conservation. 2. be consistent with any Action or Recovery Plan for the species or ecological community 3. be for hands on work 4. encourage the local community to take on responsibility for on going management within a short period of time 5. be site specific and not necessarily cover the entire range of the species or ecological community 6. be focussed substantially in the public interest and must not include activities that are the primary responsibility of a government agency or benefit a business 7. be promoted by the Threatened Species Network as models of best practice for threatened species and ecosystem conservation elsewhere in Australia. <p>Grants are provided for activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habitat restoration • Weeding and feral animal control • Monitoring and surveying species populations • Fencing • Fire management • Propagating and planting of threatened species plants 	<p>½ million available for Round 8</p> <p>Applications for up to \$50 000</p>	<p>1 year</p>	<p>Incorporated community groups</p> <p>Incorporated regional or catchment management organisations where the majority of members are non-government community reps.</p>	<p>Application form available from the TSN Coordinator or at www.wwf.org.au</p> <p>Projects recommended by the Panel are referred to the Commonwealth Minister for Environment & Heritage for final approval.</p>	<p>Arid Rangelands Coordinator Colleen O'Malley 08 8952 1541 rangelands@wwf.org.au</p> <p>Northern Savannas Coordinator Jarrad Holmes 08 8941 7554 savannas@wwf.org.au</p>

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<p>Australian Govt Community Water Grants</p>	<p>Established under the National Water initiative. It will be important that projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •are community orientated and have public benefits; •involve practical on-ground works to save or protect water resources; and •comply with relevant planning, health and environmental regulations and or guidelines. 	<p>Examples of projects that may be funded include:</p> <p><i>Water savings/efficiency</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Projects that will improve the water efficiency of community buildings, such as schools. •Improvements to town water supply infrastructure to reduce losses from evaporation or leakage. •Capping disused or unnecessary bores that tap into groundwater. <p><i>Water reuse/recycling</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Using rainwater, greywater, treated effluent or stormwater to maintain community grounds and sporting fields. <p><i>Surface and Groundwater Health</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Projects that improve surface or groundwater health, such as erosion control, creek and riverbank repair, or cleaning up a local creek or wetland. •Projects that reduce pollution in rivers, groundwater or coastal areas. 	<p>\$200 million will be available over the next 5 years for Community Water Grants funding of up to \$50,000.</p> <p>We expect Round 3 to open for applications in early 2007. Subscribe for information on Round 3 as it becomes available.</p>		<p>Grant recipients may include community groups, schools, local government, Catchment Management Authorities and non-government organisations</p>	<p>Direct application to DEH upon funding round opening.</p>	<p>Visit the website - http://www.communitywatergrants.gov.au/</p> <p>Further queries can be directed to cwg@deh.gov.au or free call 1800 780 730</p>
<p>Environment NT Grants</p>	<p>These Grants will be made available to community groups and individuals annually to address a wide range of environmental issues including biodiversity protection and environmental education</p>	<p>The grant scheme has three components:</p> <p><u>Operational Grants:</u> to provide operational support for non-government environment organisations.</p> <p><u>School Project Grants:</u> are available to schools for environmental activities and projects done by schools, on school grounds, throughout the Territory</p> <p><u>Individual Project Grants:</u> to provide support for individual projects put forward by the community that seek to:</p> <p>Mitigate environmental impacts Improve environmental quality Promote conservation Increase environmental awareness</p> <p>(Examples: Preview successful projects from 06-07 projects)</p>	<p>Applications for grants sought once per year.</p> <p>2005/06 program are now closed. Unsure of next round.</p> <p>Total funding pool is \$460 000 per year.</p> <p>Individual Project Grants not capped but applicants are encouraged to keep applications within \$10 000. Grants >\$10K will be considered where projects have exceptional merit.</p> <p>School Project Grants capped at \$2 000.</p> <p>Operational Grants negotiated annually upon application.</p>	<p>12 months</p>	<p>Eligible non-government organisations will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be incorporated, not for profit community organisations; -Conduct all or most of their work in the Territory; -Have published audited accounts and annual reports; and -Not retain unacquitted funding from previous NT Government grants. <p>Projects relating to litter or recycling are not eligible for funding, these proposals may seek funding support through the Litter and Recycling Grant program.</p>	<p>Direct application to Department of Natural Resources, Environment and The Arts (DNRETA).</p> <p>Projects assessed by panel of DNRETA staff and recommendations made to Minister for Environment & Heritage.</p>	<p>http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/environment/grants/environment/index.html</p> <p>Environment Protection Agency Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts PO Box 496 PALMERSTON NT 0831</p> <p>Ph: 08 8924 4525</p> <p>Fax: 08 8924 4053 email: environmentgrants@nt.gov.au</p>