

The applications will need to show evidence that all sections of the community will have input into the project.
The funding will be offered regularly over the next three years.
Closing dates 5 February, 30 April, 30 July and 22 October.
<http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/community/regional/blueprint/funding/>

Helping youth connect with their communities

Queensland Government funding of \$200,000 is available for a range of projects that help the state's young people become more involved in their communities. Grants of up to \$15,000 will be made for projects that help young people shape policies, programs and services and to participate and engage effectively with their communities. Applications annually with closing date usually in March. Further information is available from 1300 555 954 or www.communities.qld.gov.au.

Indigenous partnership grants for young Australians

This program provides an opportunity for indigenous organisations to obtain support for new initiatives or to support innovation and expansion of existing successful initiatives. Further information is available from 03 9670 5436 or www.youngaustralians.org

Need Further information?

This fact sheet will be updated regularly when more incentives become available.

If you want any advice or assistance with applying for these grants contact:

Cape York Peninsula Landcare Program
Ph 07 4069 5046

Email landcare@capeyorks.com



Grants for Landholders and Community Groups

Grants and other landcare support for Landholders & Community Groups on Cape York Peninsula

Compiled by Cape York Peninsula Landcare Program for land holders on Cape York Peninsula. We have presented the information as provided by the organisations and in providing this information the Cape York Peninsula Landcare Program is not necessarily promoting any grant or NRM incentive, just making the information available for the consideration of individual landholders. This information sheet will be regularly updated by the Cape York Peninsula Landcare Program. Please contact the Landcare Program for more information on these and other incentives (40695046 or landcare@capeyorks.com)



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Australian Government

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
National Landcare Program

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Natural Resource Management Grants open to individual landholders

Landcare Grants from Cape York Peninsula Landcare Program

CYP Landcare Program is providing landcare grants to primary producers and community groups. Grants of up to \$15,000 are available. Applicants will need to contribute your labour and potentially other in-kind contributions to the project. Contact the Cape York Peninsula Landcare Program for further information: PO Box 3 Cooktown, Q 4895, Ph 07 40695046, Fax 07 40696896, Email landcare@capeyorks.com

National Landcare Program Sustainable Practices 2008-09

NLP Sustainable Practices (formerly known as Community Support) will fund activities that significantly increase the uptake of sustainable production and other NRM practices, enhance the knowledge and skills of natural resource managers and improve integration of NRM into management practices at the enterprise level. The activities funded must be consistent with priorities in regional NRM plans. In so doing, the NLP complements the regional NRM arrangements and activities funded by the Natural Heritage Trust. NLP Sustainable Practices also complements the Envirofund, which supports a broad range of small-scale (up to \$50,000) activities. NLP Sustainable Practices will fund larger scale, strategic on-ground activities that allow for participation by landcare and industry groups with the capacity to undertake larger projects.

It is important that you discuss projects with your regional (NRM) organisation prior to submission, to ensure projects are consistent with priorities in regional NRM plans and with your [State Landcare](#)

Myer Foundation

To fund initiatives in community welfare, environment (see below) and the arts etc. with an emphasis on innovation and social development

No upper limit. Open to Incorporated/non-profit and indigenous organizations. Deadline: 14 July Contact: (03) 9207 3040,

Email: enquiries@myerfoundation.org.au,

www.myerfoundation.org.au

Other grants available for Indigenous Communities Indigenous Heritage Grants

The Indigenous Heritage Program for 2006-07 aims to support projects that identify, conserve and promote the Indigenous heritage values of places. The funding program provides Indigenous organisations or not-for-profit bodies with grants up to \$100 000 (GST inclusive).

Individual Indigenous applicants are generally eligible for funding up to \$5000.

Organisation: Department of the Environment and Water Resources. Postal: GPO Box 787 Canberra ACT 2601

Phone: 1800 982 280

<http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/programs/ihp/>

Our Place, Our Future

The Department of Communities has funding available through the Our Place, Our Future initiative for rural and remote communities to increase the capacity to own and manage their future.

The funds are available for building community capacity and revitalising rural image and relationships. This includes enhancing community strengths, such as leadership, networks, organisations and infrastructure, and relationships within and with other areas. It also includes cultural development activities that build social and economic capacity.

Small Grants for Small Rural Communities

These grants, offered by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal will assist projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities living in small rural and remote locations in Australia, contributing to their developing in social and community welfare, cultural and environmental areas. Applications close 31 March and 30 September 2007 and 2008. Further information is available at www.frrr.org.au or 1800 170 020.

Threatened Species Network Community Grants

The grants aim to provide seed funding to assist community groups to take on long term responsibility for conservation and recovery of populations of nationally threatened species and

ecological communities. Applications are invited from incorporated community groups for funding of up to \$50,000 for projects to conserve nationally threatened species and ecological communities. Further information is available by phoning 1800 032 551, email tsngrants@wwf.org.au or online at www.wwf.org.au. Applications close midyear.

BHPBilliton Community Support Program

Funding for a wide cross-section of community organisations conducting programs and providing services including environmental programs directed towards sustainable development and the conservation of native flora and fauna. \$20 000 - \$150 000

Contact the Community Programs Co-ordinator, BHP Billiton Community Trust, GPO Box 86A
MELBOURNE VIC 3001, Telephone: (03) 9609 3770,
Email: Melinda.buckland@BHPBilliton.com, www.bhpbilliton.com

[Coordinator](#) to ensure projects meet NLP objectives.

For funding in 2008-09, projects will need to be developed and submitted on the project application form to the relevant regional organisation in each state and territory by **COB 25/2/2008**. Please see the Guidelines for contact details at the following web address:

<http://www.daff.gov.au/natural-resources/landcare/national-landcare-programme/sustpracs>

Australian Government Envirofund

The Australian Government Envirofund is the local action component of the Australian Government's \$3 billion Natural Heritage Trust. It helps communities undertake local projects aimed at conserving biodiversity and promoting sustainable resource use.

Community groups and individuals can apply for grants of up to \$30,000 or \$50,000 (GST inclusive) to carry out on-ground and other actions to target local problems. Eligible projects include native vegetation planting, fencing to protect remnant vegetation, and monitoring water quality, species, habitats or other natural resources. Indigenous projects that pass on caring for country techniques and traditional knowledge are also eligible, and projects that increase the community's skills and knowledge for undertaking on-ground projects, as well as demonstrations of new techniques for sustainable farming, forestry or fishing, are also eligible.

Envirofund Grants are usually advertised annually early in the year with a closing date in April. For more information on this grant - Envirofund Hotline on 1800 303 863. www.nht.gov.au/envirofund

Natural Heritage Program

Organisation: ENVIRONMENT AUSTRALIA

Address: Heritage Assistance and Projects Section,
Australian and World Heritage Group

PO Box 787, Canberra, ACT 2601

Telephone: 1800 653 004 or (02) 6274 1111

Internet Address:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/>

The program supports the conservation of places of cultural significance - built and indigenous heritage. Funding will predominantly be for on-ground works. Available: \$10 000 to \$250000

Natural Disaster Relief Assistance

Open to private owners, not-for-profit organisations and local government authorities

Deadline: April each year.

QRAA Queensland Government

Organisation: Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority

Program: Natural Disaster Assistance for Primary Producers

Telephone: 1800 623 946

Internet Address: www.qraa.qld.gov.au

Finance can be obtained for requirements including the following:

- Replanting/restoration/reestablishment of affected areas
- Sustenance
- Essential property operations
- Payment of rent, rates
- Replacement of farm buildings
- Restocking

For further information regarding the eligibility criteria for Natural Disaster Loans, please contact Freecall 1800 623 946

Australia Post/Junior Landcare Grants Program

These grants of up to \$550 offered to provide funds for schools and youth groups across Australia wishing to participate in environmental projects that encourage ownership through involvement. Applications close around May and further information is available from www.landcareaustralia.com.au or 1800 151 105.

Australia Post/Landcare Community Development Grants

Community groups can now receive assistance to help them make a difference to their environment and community. Program provides funds of up to \$3,300. Any incorporated group. Applications close around May and further information is available from www.landcareaustralia.com.au or 1800 151 105.

Mitre 10 Junior Landcare Grants Program

Through the Mitre 10 Junior Landcare Grants Program, any school or organisation that would like to involve their students in landcare projects, in conjunction with local landcare groups, can apply for grants to assist them with the cost of their projects. The program targets major issues relevant to our natural environment including:

Water quality/conservation

Waste reduction/recycling

School Gardens

Biodiversity

Land

Schools and youth groups can access further information about the Grants Program through the Mitre 10 website -

www.mitre10.com.au.

ments.

There are other specialist grants available. Contact the Cape York Peninsula Landcare Facilitators for information about these.

Community Awareness Grant

Grants for up to \$5000 (excluding GST) are available to community groups such as Landcare, Coastcare, Bushcare and Waterwatch. These grants are used to help community groups develop small projects promoting the importance of natural resources in our lives, while encouraging Queenslanders to become involved in looking after these resources. These grants will fund activities that strengthen community understanding of the importance of our natural resources and encourage people to become involved in natural resource management activities.

Applications close Tuesday the 30th October 2007

For more information phone the grants coordinator on (07) 3239 3860

Or visit http://www.regionalnrm.qld.gov.au/get_involved/community_grants.html

Communityhelp Grants

These grants, provided by NRMA support community organisations that help reduce risk in the areas of crime and injury prevention, emergency rescue services, and the environment. Community and not-for-profit organizations can apply for grants of up to \$5,000. For more information email

<http://www.nrma.com.au/pub/nrma/community/help-program/>

Gambling Community Benefit Fund

Gambling Community Benefit Fund aims to develop, strengthen and enhance the capacity of community organisations to provide community services and activities through one-off grants. A maximum of \$30,000 usually applies. For more information Ph 1800 633 619 or 3247 4284 or email gcbf@treasury.qld.gov.au

Environmental Management Systems Incentives Program

The EMS Incentives Program encourages the adoption of sustainable management practices through a cash reimbursement for activities associated with the development and implementation of an Environmental Management System (EMS). The program provides a cash reimbursement of 50% of costs up to \$3,000 to eligible primary producers. Therefore if you spend \$5,000 you will get \$2,500 back or if you spend \$6,000 you will get \$3,000. However, if you spend \$10,000 you will only get \$3,000 back!

Who is eligible for the EMS Incentives Program?

- The applicant must be an Australian resident, or be a business registered in Australia;
- The applicant must be a primary producer as defined by the Australian Taxation Office;
- The applicant must have the authority to represent the primary production enterprise;
- The primary production enterprise must have a taxable income of less than \$45 000; and
- There must be a plan in place for the primary production enterprise that documents essential EMS elements and is consistent with existing Catchment/Regional plans. It is not necessary to have a certified EMS in place.
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While this scheme is primarily for EMS, advice to the CYP Landcare Program from the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) has indicated that there is flexibility in what Centrelink see as 'environmental plans'. We have been told that properties with Property Plans, Weed and Pest Plans, undertaking the Savannah Plan (GLM+ program), or similar planning programs can apply for funding through this incentive scheme. However the landholder will be still required to show that the planning work is consistent with existing Natural Resource Regional Plans, catchment plans and local council plans. Landcare staff can help you with this section of your application.

Here's some examples of the activities the Incentives Program will pay for:

- obtaining professional advice to help develop an EMS, including assessment of environmental impacts and biodiversity, mapping of salinity, environmental monitoring, assessment of water quality, surface and groundwater flow;
- establishing trees and shrubs for salinity control, to stabilize or prevent erosion and as windbreaks;
- fencing to exclude stock or vermin; establish or protect native vegetation and wildlife habitat; protect remnant vegetation; or to separate land classes; and
- eradication/extermination of weeds or pests that are detrimental to the land.

For further information www.daff.gov.au or www.centrelink.gov.au. Both sites use the search option to find -EMS Incentives Program. Phone free call: 1800 050 585

Resource Management Loans

Organisation: Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority

Program: Resource Management Loans

Telephone: 1800 623 946

Internet Address: www.qraa.qld.gov.au

Assist producers to achieve sustainable development by improving the management of their natural resources. Max loan \$300,000. No fees or charges. Low interest rates fixed for 1, 3 or 5 year terms. Repayment terms up to 20 years.

For improving existing irrigation systems and water use efficiency, controlling erosion, erect new or improve fencing, reclaim degraded areas, improve control of pests and weeds, and manage vegetation.

Better Earth and Green Corps

Organisation: AUSTRALIAN CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

Internet Address: www.conservationvolunteers.com.au

Conservation Volunteers Australia can assist your landcare project by involving the community in managed teams of volunteers. Better Earth projects usually run for five days Monday to Friday, and also on weekends. A program can be developed to achieve your landcare priorities.

Conservation Volunteers Australia is a not-for-profit organisation. This is not a free program but the volunteers pay to take part and CVA can access corporate funding to help cover costs for the teams.

Conservation Volunteers Australia provides:	Project Partner provides:
Manage the volunteers	Project planning and preparation
Volunteers	Materials required
Conservation Volunteers Australia vehicle	All specialised tools and safety equipment
Accommodation and insurance coverage	Accommodation
Aid equipment	
Tools	

Grants for community groups

While individual landholders can not apply for these funds directly, the Cape York Peninsula Landcare Program can help landholders and community groups to submit applications. Joint applications which involve neighbouring properties are likely to be more successful and projects which can demonstrate benefits to the community as a whole in relation to environmental improve-

Land for Wildlife

courages and supports landholders to provide habitat for native plants and animals on their property. It is a free, voluntary program, and landholders can leave at any time. The program offers landholders a variety of benefits which include: free advice and assistance on managing wildlife habitat with other land uses, recognition and support for your contribution to nature conservation in Queensland, opportunities to share ideas and experiences through the Land for Wildlife network and publications.

The program is designed for any landholder who has natural areas of vegetation like rangelands, vegetation along watercourses, or shelter belts. All types of small and large properties are eligible for Land for Wildlife status, such as farms, bush blocks, parks, school grounds - even golf courses and cemeteries. Land can be government owned or owned by individuals, organisations, and community groups.

Landholders can also get together with a group of neighbours and join Land for Wildlife to conserve habitat for a particular species of native animal, or to manage natural vegetation across properties or catchments.

How to apply

Once your property is registered with Land for Wildlife, you will receive an attractive sign and certificate to recognise your efforts.

You will also receive professional information, support and advice on conserving native plants and animals, as well as solutions to environmental and wildlife management problems.

For more information, contact: Katherine Sinclair-Smith, Land for Wildlife Coordinator, (07) 4921 4820,

email: ksinclairsmith@qld.greeningaustralia.org.au

Conservation Covenants and Wildlife Refuges

A conservation covenant is a voluntary agreement between a landowner and an authorised body to help the landowner protect and manage the environment on their property. It is usually registered on the title of the land and can apply to all or part of a property. Although there are exceptions, it is usually permanent. The terms of the agreement are negotiated between the landowner and the covenant provider and may only be changed with the agreement of both parties.

Conservation covenants are designed to protect the natural values of an area such as its native vegetation, wetlands, wildlife and related habitat, and areas of cultural significance. They can also include areas that have been rehabilitated. Covenants are not about stopping the use of an area, but ensuring that any use is compatible with the natural values to be looked after. A management plan would typically be prepared by, or in consultation with, the landowner, setting out practical strategies to make sure the natural values are protected. For example, the plan may include details of how weeds and pest animals are to be managed, or how and when controlled burning may occur.

Nature refuges are a type of Conservation Covenant. Nature refuges are voluntary conservation agreements between a landholder and the Queensland Environmental Protection Authority. A nature refuge is a category of protected area under the Nature Conservation Act 1992.

More than 95 landholders across Queensland manage nature refuges on their properties, protecting rare and threatened ecosystems, plants and animals, while maintaining and enhancing property enterprises as diverse as grazing, cropping, horticulture and ecot-

ourism. If you think your property has outstanding value for native plants and animals, you might consider negotiating a conservation agreement to create a nature refuge and further contribute to the conservation and protection of Queensland's biodiversity.

There are some financial incentives and land tax reimbursements for Conservation Covenants.

For information on Conservation Covenants in Queensland contact either your local Department of Natural Resources and Mines or EPA office for more information. Nature Refuges: Dan Murphy, Environmental Protection Authority, Regional Extension Officer. Phone 4091818 or email at dan.murphy@epa.qld.gov.au www.epa.qld.gov.au/nature_conservation/nature_refuges.

Also contact your local For independent advice on Conservation Covenants in general contact the Nature Refuge Landholders' As-

Australian Bird Environment Foundation

sociation - Queensland Inc Telephone: (07) 3844-0417

The Australian Taxation Office also has information on conservation covenant concessions on their website at <http://ato.gov.au/nonprofit/content/19507.htm>.

The Australian Bird Environment Foundation (ABEF) is a Trust Fund established to support practical, on ground, conservation activities. Small grants (up to \$3,500) are available to conservation projects Australia-wide. ABEF Grants have supported projects of three types: practical conservation such as native plantings for re-vegetation and fencing of remnant vegetation; research and survey of the needs of Australian birds and their habitats and public education such as provision of information brochures, signage and posters.

Projects may be carried out on public or private land and by individuals or groups. Each project must have a clearly defined goal and should aim for completion within a twelve month period even though it may be part of a larger, longer-term plan.

Applications for grants close twice a year - May 31st and October 31st. For more information www.birdobservers.org.au or by phoning the Secretary on 03 9877 5752.

NatureAssist

NatureAssist is a financial incentive of the Nature Refuge Program, designed to assist Queensland landholders to protect and manage their property's unique natural values through the provision of funding, land tax rebates and the security of a perpetual nature refuge agreement. Funding may be sought for virtually any activity, so long as the activity in question either maintains or improves the natural values found on your particular property.

Typically, these activities may include:

- fencing to protect environmentally sensitive areas
- establishing watering points away from sensitive areas like mound springs
- eradicating or controlling weeds and other pests
- establishing a property management plan
- rehabilitating or revegetating unique ecological values or
- simply managing areas to allow for natural regeneration.

The closing date to submit an expression of interest form is 30 June 2006.

NatureAssist Contact Details NatureAssist State Coordinator Adam Marks, EPA Brisbane ph: 1800 603 604 or 3006 4613 fax 3227 6386

You can also get more information from their web site:

The CYP Landcare Program was told on the phone by EPA staff that applications for Management assistance will be assessed competitively on conservation value, value for money (ie is the fence overly expensive), and in-kind contribution from the applicant. Assistance can include funds for loss of income from removing land from production.

Local EPA contact: Nature Refuge Officer Atherton: Keith Smith 4091 8177 keith.smith@epa.qld.gov.au.

Land for Wildlife is a voluntary, non-binding program which en-