

Upcoming external funding opportunities...

Key websites:

- www.daff.gov.au
- www.environment.gov.au/grants/
- www.banksiafdn.com
- www.nrm.gov.au
- www.ausindustry.gov.au
- www.heritage.nsw.gov.au
- www.environment.nsw.gov.au

Australia's Farming Future - DAFF

Australia's Farming Future is the Australian Government's \$130 million, four year initiative to improve productivity and help farmers manage climate change and climate variability. It is comprised of a research component, FarmReady, the Climate Change Adjustment Program, Transitional Income support, and Community Networking and Capacity Building activities.

- **FarmReady Reimbursement Grants**

FarmReady Reimbursement Grants assist primary producers and Indigenous land managers to attend approved agricultural and natural resource management training courses. Up to \$1,500 / financial year is available for training plus reimbursement for additional costs associated with attending the training. Approved courses are now available on the website: www.farmready.gov.au

Submission of claims for reimbursement for the 08/09 financial year are due 16th June.

Applications from training providers will be accepted until May 2012.

- **Professional advice and planning grants**

Professional Advice and Planning Grants of up to \$5500 (GST inclusive) are available to assist drought affected farm businesses (in Exceptional Circumstances declared areas) to access professional advice to assist their drought management and recovery processes. The grants may be used for

- obtaining advice such as a farm business viability assessment
- the development of a farm business plan incorporating a drought management and recovery plan, or
- to obtain financial and agronomic advice about what changes may need to be made to ensure that the farm business recovers from the drought.

Closing date: **12th June** Website: <http://www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/drought/assistance/advice>

Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal

- **Small grants for Small Rural Communities Program**

Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to benefit people in small rural and remote communities. Not-for-profit Organisations can apply for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities living in small rural and remote locations in Australia, contributing to their development in social and community welfare, economic, environmental, health, education or cultural areas.

Preference in this round of funding will be given to projects that:

- support communities in hardship in drought affected areas
- community infrastructure
- resettlement of immigrants in rural Australia
- community development involving disadvantaged children or young people.

Applications for this round of funding close **30th September**

Website: <http://www.frrr.org.au/programsDetail.asp?ProgramID=4>

- **Seeds of renewal program**

Seeds of renewal is a small grants program providing funding to small, rural not-for-profit organisations for projects and activities to aid the growth of their community.

What can be funded?

- communities with a population of <15,000
- projects with a charitable purpose
- amounts up to \$10,000
- applications from not-for-profit organisations with an ABN

Preference will be given to projects that demonstrate community collaboration

Closing date: Applications need to be postmarked by 19th June 2009.

Website: <http://www.frrr.org.au/programsDetail.asp?ProgramID=1>

NSW Environmental Trust

The NSW Environmental Trust is an independent statutory body established by the NSW government to support exceptional environmental projects that do not get money from usual government sources. Visit the website for Environmental Trust grants listed below

www.environment.gov.au/grants/envtrust.htm

- **Ecoschools**

60 grants of \$2,500 each are available to support schools to develop best practice in environmental education and innovative solutions to environmental issues. The program will fund school environmental management projects. Schools must be registered on the Sustainable schools NSW website, www.sustainableschools.nsw.edu.au to be eligible to apply.

Closing date: 22nd May 2009

- **Protecting our Places**

Aim: to protect land that is culturally significant to Aboriginal people and to support education projects about the environment and its importance in Aboriginal life.

Grants between \$2,000 and \$35,000 are available.

Closing date: 5th June 2009

- **Restoration and Rehabilitation (community)**

Aim: to facilitate projects that reduce or prevent pollution, the waste stream, or environmental degradation of any form.

Grants between \$5,000 and \$100,000 are available.

Closing date: 29th May 2009

- **Lead Environmental Community Groups**

Aim: to assist eligible lead environmental community organisations by contributing towards their administrative costs. Strict organisational eligibility requirements apply (see website).

Grants of up to \$80,000 are available.

Closing date: 5th June 2009

- **Woolworths "Backing our Farmers" - the Road to Recovery**

Applications are now open for grants for rural communities and farmers throughout Australia. Drought, fires and floods are close to our heart at the moment. The Woolworths Community Infrastructure and Emergency Assistance grants for rural communities and farmers throughout Australia are now available. The Country Women's Association will again be facilitating the grants program on behalf of Woolworths. \$10 million has been donated to individuals and rural communities / farming families over the past two years from this fund.

The Community Infrastructure Grant: Rural communities can apply for funds for community building, infrastructure and maintenance projects, further guaranteeing farming communities not merely survive, but get back on the road to recovery.

Closing date: **30th April**

For more information call 1800 237 876 or see the website: www.woolworths.com.au

All applications will be managed and processed by the CWA

- **Ian Potter Foundation – Environment and Conservation grants**

Small grants of less than \$20,000 are available for research and developmental projects which monitor or trial innovative solutions to environmental problems.

General applications can also be made for grants over \$20,000. The Ian Potter Foundation supports projects that propose finding ways for Australian communities to live sustainably and to preserve biodiversity. Water resources and climate change are the major focus areas.

Website: <http://www.ianpotter.org.au/>

Closing date: **1st June 2009**

- **Ausindustry Clean Business Australia Initiative:**

- **Re-Tooling for Climate Change**

The *Re-tooling for Climate Change* program (\$75m over 4 years) will help small and medium sized Australian manufacturers reduce their environmental footprint, through projects that improve the energy and/or water efficiency of their production

processes. The program provides grants of between \$10,000 and \$500,000, up to a maximum of one third of the cost of each project.

Round 3 closes **1st June**. Website:

<http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/InnovationandRandD/Re-toolingforClimateChange/Pages/Re-toolingforClimateChange.aspx>

- **Green Building Fund**

The *Green Building Fund* (\$90m over 4 years) aims to reduce the impact of Australia's built environment on green house gas emissions, by reducing the energy consumed in the operation of existing commercial office buildings. The program will provide grants through two streams of activity.

Stream A: targets owners of existing commercial office buildings. It supports them to reduce their energy consumption, by retro-fitting and retro-commissioning of these buildings. Grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000 are available, for up to 50% of project costs.

Round 3 closes **30th June 2009**.

Stream B: targets relevant industry associations. It will provide a limited number of grants to develop the knowledge, skills or capability of those involved in the operation of commercial office buildings, to improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions. Grants of up to \$200,000 are available, for up to 50% of project costs.

Round 2 closing date to be announced.

<http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/InnovationandRandD/GreenBuildingFund/Pages/GreenBuildingFund.aspx>

- **Ausindustry Climate Ready Program**

The *Climate Ready* program (\$75m over 4 years) is a competitive grants program providing grants from \$50,000 up to \$5m on a matching funding basis to support research and development, proof-of-concept and early-stage commercialisation activities to develop solutions to climate change challenges.

Round 4 applications close 25th June.

Website:

<http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/InnovationandRandD/ClimateReadyProgram/Pages/ClimateReadyProgram.aspx>

- **Heritage Office NSW: Aboriginal Heritage Projects**

For projects that conserve, promote and increase understanding of Aboriginal heritage and provide interpretation of culturally significant places. Open to aboriginal organisations and community groups.

Applications can be made throughout the year.

Website: http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/02_subnav_01_2009_ind.htm

- **NSW Residential rebate program**

Check the Department of Environment and Climate Change website : <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/rebates/> for details and conditions relating to each rebate program. All receipts for purchases and installation must be kept and submitted. The following rebates are available:

- *Rainwater tank rebate*

Rebates are available up to \$1,500 for the installation of new rainwater storage systems (>2,000L) connected to toilets and washing machines on residential properties in NSW. Tanks must be installed before 30th June 2009.

- *Hot water system rebate*

Up to \$1,200 is available for switching from electric hot water systems to gas or solar hot water. Rates vary depending on the eligibility of your system for renewable energy certificates. Systems must be installed before 30th June 2009.

- *Ceiling insulation rebate*

Provides half the cost of installing ceiling insulation in your home, up to a maximum of \$300. Insulation must be installed before 30th June 2009.

- *Washing machine rebate*

Washing machines purchased for personal use and installed in residential properties, with an energy efficiency rating of 4.5 star are eligible for \$150 cashback until June 30th 2010.

The federal government also has rebates for solar hot water and ceiling insulation through the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts. Visit: www.environment.gov.au/energyefficiency/