

Australian Government Community Water Grants

Community organisations can apply for grants of up to \$50,000 for on-ground works that:

- *recycle and reuse water*
- *increase water saving and efficiency*
- *improve river or groundwater health*

To obtain a copy of the Grant guidelines and application form, see <http://www.nrm.gov.au> or phone 1800 780 730.

What sorts of projects will Community Water Grants fund?

On-ground projects will be funded that are community-oriented and have clear public benefits.

What types of projects will be funded?

Water savings/efficiency

- Improving the water efficiency of buildings such as schools by installing water-saving devices.
- Improving water supply infrastructure to reduce losses from evaporation or leakage.
- Capping disused or unnecessary public bores.

Water reuse/recycling

- Using rainwater, greywater, treated effluent or stormwater to maintain open space and sporting fields, or as components of water sensitive urban design along creeks and parks and in buildings.

Surface and groundwater health

- Improving surface or groundwater health, such as erosion and sediment control and catchment and riverbank maintenance.
- Cleaning up a water or wetland.
- Reducing pollution in rivers, groundwater or coastal waterways.

See a link to demonstration projects at www.nrm.gov.au/water-fund

Who is eligible to apply?

Grant recipients may include community groups e.g. service clubs, sporting associations, environment groups including landcare, rivercare, coastcare and 'friends of' groups.

Indigenous and multicultural groups, universities, church groups, local government, catchment management authorities, the community care sector (e.g. hospitals, nursing homes, childcare centres) and non-government organisations are also eligible.