

## Grant Focus: Environment and Sustainability

<b>Council Staff contact</b> - applicants requesting over \$5,000 are required to contact a Council Officer to discuss your proposal. All other applicants are also encouraged to discuss proposals.	
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<b>Grant Focus</b>	
Grants under this focus area provide financial assistance to local community organisations and groups for activities and projects that meet an environmental need in the community and which include an educational and/or capacity building component that supports Council's environmental priorities.	
<b>Priorities/Criteria</b>	
Applications must identify a need for the project in the community Applications should address one or more of the following environment and sustainability priorities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce greenhouse gas emissions</li> <li>• Encourage water savings</li> <li>• Protect and enhance our natural environment</li> <li>• Reduce waste, increase recycling or reduce litter</li> <li>• Promote composting and/or food waste recovery</li> <li>• Foster shared responsibility, ownership and empowerment of the community to care for the environment</li> <li>• Assist the community to become more climate resilient and/or adapt to the local impacts of climate change</li> <li>• Support an integrated, innovative and equitable transport system</li> </ul>	
<b>Educational and/or awareness raising component:</b>	
All applications submitted under this focus area must include an element of education and/or awareness raising that will build the capacity of the community to understand and respond to local environmental concerns.	
<b>Example applications/proposals</b>	
Environmentally focussed workshops and presentations	Waste reduction programs, including upcycling and repurposing activities
Litter clean up and education events	Biodiversity and conservation activities
Nature connection programs	Gardening and composting activities
Local food production and kitchen garden programs	Environmental Leadership activities
<b>Items/proposals that are ineligible</b>	
Projects that do not include an educational or awareness raising component	Costs of existing and/or ongoing projects, programs or services
Wages or salaries of existing employees or contractors	Projects that are intended to take place on land owned by public entities other than Council for which permission has not already been granted
Operational ongoing costs of an organisation	