

Environment-related funding available to Western Australian Local Governments



Advancing Renewables Program

STATUS CONTINUOUSLY OPEN

Funded by ARENA

Administered by ARENA

Through the program ARENA funds low emissions projects or activities.

Successful Local Government Example

Brimbank City Council – project to power the Brimbank Aquatic and Wellness Centre with 100 percent renewable energy.

Accelerating the Local Government Transition to BEVs in Western Australia

STATUS CLOSED

Funded by ARENA

Administered by WALGA

Project to harness the buying power of Local Government to reduce cost of transition to electric vehicles.

Successful Local Government Example

WALGA welcomes funding support for Councils to shift to EVs in WA

Driving the Nation Program

STATUS CONTINUOUSLY OPEN

Funded by ARENA

Administered by ARENA

The Driving the Nation Program is an ongoing program developed to enable the demonstration and deployment of new zero emissions vehicle technologies. 2023 Focus Area Innovation in Charging.

Disaster Ready Fund

STATUS OPEN

Funded by NEMA

Administered by Australian Government

The Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) is the Australian Government's flagship initiative for disaster resilience and risk reduction. NEMA is currently designing Round Three. This will provide up to \$200 million in 2025-26.

Successful Local Government Example

The City of Joondalup Bushfire Risk Reduction Project

Carbon Innovation Grants Program

STATUS CLOSED

Funded by DWER

Administered by DWER

Aims to build the capacity of heavy industry sectors to transition to net zero emissions by 2050. Will fund feasibility studies and trials that help to avoid, reduce or offset carbon emissions from heavy industry processes, with a focus on supporting innovative technologies for carbon abatement and sequestration. Future application rounds are to be announced.

Charge Up Workplace EV Charging Grants

STATUS OPEN

Funded by DEMIRS	The WA Government is encouraging the spread of electric vehicle chargers by co-funding about 50% of their cost with \$15 million of grants.
Administered by Energy Policy WA	
<i>Successful Local Government Example</i>	Shire of Katanning workplace charging

CoastWest Grants

STATUS CLOSING LATE JANUARY 2025

Funded by DPLH	Support to enable coastal land managers to proactively plan and manage their coastline. Up to \$60,000 for projects that support education, conservation and protection of coastal areas.
Administered by CoastWA	

Lotterywest

STATUS CONTINUOUSLY OPEN

Funded by Lotterywest	Lotterywest offers grants which support communities to sustain and enhance WA's unique species and environments.
Administered by Lotterywest	
<i>Successful Local Government Example</i>	More than 30,000 trees and seedlings will be planted in the Goldfields-Esperance region to enhance the urban canopy and increase biodiversity

WA Bicycle Network Grants

STATUS CLOSED

Funded by Department of Transport	A State Government initiative that provides funding to Local Governments to deliver active transport infrastructure.
Administered by WA Bicycle Network	
<i>Successful Local Government Example</i>	Awarded Projects

Australian Carbon Credit Unit Scheme

STATUS CONTINUOUSLY OPEN

Funded by DCCEEW	LGs can run projects under the ACCU Scheme, such as reforestation, improving soil carbon, managing vegetation, and enhancing energy efficiency.
Administered by Clean Energy Regulator	
<i>Successful Local Government Example</i>	City of Armadale Landfill Gas Flaring Project



Community Energy Upgrades Fund

STATUS OPEN

Funded by DCCEEW

Administered by DCCEEW

This program provides \$100 million in co-funding for energy upgrades at local government facilities.

Urban Greening Grant Program

STATUS CLOSED

Funded by DCCEEW

Administered by WALGA

\$1.6 million of grants to Local Governments throughout Perth and Peel region to increase urban canopy and understorey.

Successful Local Government Example

Town of East Fremantle Greening Our Town

Community Trail Planning Grants

STATUS CLOSED

Funded by DLGSC

Administered by DLGSC

Up to \$50,000 for projects that support the Trail Development Process.

Successful Local Government Example

City of Albany Poikclerup Mountain Bike Trail Network Stage 4

Tree Recovery Package (PSHB)

STATUS CLOSED OPENS EARLY 2026

Funded by DWER and DPIRD

Administered by DWER

The Cook Government has allocated \$7.2 million to help local governments and other agencies plant up to three trees for every one lost to PSHB.

Community Stewardship Grants

STATUS OPEN

Funded by DPIRD

Administered by State NRM Program

The grants are designed to facilitate the conservation and sustainable management of the State's natural resources by supporting local community groups to undertake stewardship of natural resources in their local area.

Successful Local Government Example

2023-24 Community Stewardship Grants

Emergency Actions for Threatened Species Grants

STATUS OPEN

Funded by DCCEEW

Administered by DCCEEW

Successful Local Government Example

These grants are designed to provide timely interventions when there is a high risk of imminent extinction for native species.

Shire of Augusta-Margaret River received a grant to protect the Western Ringtail Possum.

Saving Native Species Grants

STATUS OPEN

Funded by DCCEEW

Administered by DCCEEW

Part of the program to support implementation of the Threatened Species Action Plan. Eligible applicants will be contacted.

Feral Cat Management Grant

STATUS OPEN

Funded by DPIRD

Administered by State NRM Program

Grants must address one of more of the objectives of the WA Feral Cat Strategy

Community Water Supplies Partnerships Program

STATUS CLOSED

Funded by DWER

Administered by DWER

Successful Local Government Example

Grants of up to \$100,000 for community water supply improvements in dryland agricultural areas receiving fewer than 600 mm average annual rainfall.

Shire of Dandaragan received funding to improve water infrastructure and ensure a reliable water supply for the community.

Emergency Actions for Threatened Species Grants

STATUS CLOSED

Funded by DBCA

Administered by DBCA

Successful Local Government Example

These grants are part of efforts to protect and restore the Swan Canning Riverpark, ensuring the health and sustainability of these important waterways.

City of Belmont Garvey park Foreshore Restoration Project.

Plastic Free Riverpark Program

STATUS CLOSED

Funded by DBCA

Administered by Swan Canning Riverpark

Reducing single-use plastic packaging in and around the Swan and Canning Rivers. To be eligible Local Governments must be on the Swan or Canning Rivers, or within 2km of the shoreline.

Successful Local Government Example

City of Bayswater received a \$5000 events grant for zero waste initiatives at the Avon Descent and Christmas Carols.

Healthy Estuaries WA Program

STATUS OPEN

Funded by DWER

Administered by DWER

This program focuses on improving the health of several key estuaries in WA.

Successful Local Government Example

City of Mandurah received funding to implement projects aimed at improving the health of the Peel-Harvey Estuary.

Waterwise Greening Scheme

STATUS OPEN

Funded by Water Corp and DWER

Administered by Water Corp

Provides the opportunity for Waterwise Councils to receive up to \$10,000 of co-funding each year to support waterwise greening initiatives.

Successful Local Government Example

City of Joondalup 2022-2023 Waterwise Verge Rebate Program

Community Rivercare Program

STATUS CLOSED

Funded by DBCA

Administered by Swan Canning Riverpark

Provides funding for community-led projects that improve river health and biodiversity.

Successful Local Government Example

The City of Gosnells focused on improving fish habitats by restoring sections of the riverbank.

Gnangara Waterwise Councils Grant Program

STATUS CLOSED

Funded by Water Corp and DWER

Administered by Water Corp

The Gnangara Waterwise Councils Grants Program is a joint initiative between Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) and Water Corporation that focuses on the local governments with large groundwater entitlements that are also most at risk of the urban heat island effect.

Successful Local Government Example

City of Joondalup received 600k for Community Parks and Public Open Space Groundwater Savings Program