

## Climate-related funding available to Western Australian Local Governments

Please note information is current as of 7 June 2023 and will be reviewed quarterly.

Federal Government Funding						
Grant	Administered by	Summary	Examples of successful projects	Applications open	Applications close	Status (as of 7-Jun-23)
<a href="#">Advancing Renewables Program</a>	Australian Renewable Energy Agency	Supports projects that progress the transition to renewable electricity, commercialise clean hydrogen, or support the transition to low emission metals. Projects must have a clear nexus to renewable energy and its enabling technologies. <b>This program is ongoing, until funds are exhausted.</b>	<a href="#">Brimbank City Council</a> (VIC) – project to power the Brimbank Aquatic and Wellness Centre with 100 percent renewable energy. View more projects <a href="#">here</a> .	Ongoing	Ongoing	Open
<a href="#">Australian Heritage Grants</a>	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Supports the protection and promotion of National Heritage listed places. All National Heritage listed places are eligible for funding. <b>Application rounds open annually.</b>	Fraser Coast Regional Council (QLD) - project to study ground water quality to identify public health risks and potential impacts on environmental values. View more projects <a href="#">here</a> .	23-Sep-22	7-Nov-22	Closed
<a href="#">Community Batteries for Household Solar</a>	Australian Renewable Energy Agency	Supports the deployment of 342 community batteries across Australia to lower electricity bills, cut emissions, support storage of excess solar, and reduce pressure on the electricity grid.	Successful projects will be updated here as they become available.	4-Apr-23	30-Jun-23	Open

<a href="#">Disaster Ready Fund</a>	National Emergency Management Agency	Provides up to one billion dollars over five years from 2023/24 to improve Australia's recovery and response capability. The program will curb the devastating impacts of natural hazards by investing in disaster prevention projects. <b>Program delivery will commence from 1 July 2023.</b>	This program has yet to be delivered.	10-Jan-23	6-Mar-23	Closed
<a href="#">Driving the Nation Fund</a>	Australian Renewable Energy Agency	Provides funding to invest in cheaper and cleaner transport, to enable the demonstration and deployment of new zero emissions vehicle technologies. This funding builds on the former 'Future Fuels Fund'. Focus areas for 2023 aim to support innovation in public charging and management of charging. <b>This program is ongoing (except under Targeted Rounds), until funds are exhausted.</b>	Successful projects will be updated here as they become available.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Open
<a href="#">Emissions Reduction Fund</a>	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water	Supports landholder, community, business and government body projects that avoid greenhouse gas emissions, or remove and sequester carbon from the atmosphere. Participants can earn Australian Carbon Credit Units for stored or avoided carbon dioxide emissions, that can be sold to generate income. <b>This program is ongoing, until funds are exhausted.</b>	Bega Valley Shire (NSW) – project to install a landfill gas collection system to capture and combust gas generated from waste. View more projects <a href="#">here</a> .	Ongoing	Ongoing	Open
<a href="#">Fringe Benefits Tax Exemption for Electric Vehicles</a>	Australian Taxation Office	Since July 2022, employers are exempt from paying fringe benefits tax on eligible electric cars they provide to staff, along with associated car expenses.		Ongoing	Ongoing	Open

<a href="#">Future Drought Fund</a>	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Provides funding for initiatives that seek to enhance the public good by building drought resilience. Aims to support Australian farmers and communities to prepare for and become more resilient to the effects of future drought. <b>There are five themes under the Fund, including various grant programs available with different application timelines.</b>	Shire of Pingelly – project to compile video stories of community members’ experiences of drought and the coping mechanisms they used to deal with drought impacts. Successful under the ‘Networks to Build Drought Resilience’ theme. View more <a href="#">here</a> .	Various	Various	Various
<a href="#">Regional Australia Microgrid Pilots Program</a>	Australian Renewable Energy Agency	Supports pilot demonstrations of microgrids in regional and remote communities. Aims to improve the resilience and reliability of electricity supply in these areas, and to overcome barriers to the deployment of microgrid technologies in Australia. <b>Funding is available over the six years from 2021, or until funds are exhausted.</b>	Successful projects will be updated here as they become available.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Open

## State Government Funding

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<a href="#">Carbon Farming and Land Restoration Program</a>	Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development	Supports the agriculture industry's potential to sequester carbon in the landscape and contribute to the State's growing carbon market. Selected projects will contribute to the long-term benefits of the farming industry. <b>Future application rounds are to be announced.</b>	Wilson Inlet Catchment Committee - project to determine viability of converting the Shire of Denmark's green waste to biochar. View more projects <a href="#">here</a> .	10-Nov-22	2-Dec-22	Closed
<a href="#">Carbon Innovation Grants Program</a>	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation	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. <b>Future application rounds are to be announced.</b>	Successful projects will be updated here as they become available.	13-Oct-22	16-Dec-22	Closed
<a href="#">Charge Up Workplace EV Charging Grants</a>	Energy Policy WA	Will provide \$15 million in grants for businesses to co-fund the cost of electric vehicle recharging infrastructure for fleet vehicles, workplace car parks and destination charging. <b>Applications for Round 1 of this grant will be assessed on a first-come first-served basis.</b>	Successful projects will be updated here as they become available.	16-Feb 2023	31-Jul-23	Open

<a href="#">Coastal Management Plan Assistance Program</a>	Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage; Western Australian Planning Commission	Assists coastal land managers to prepare and implement long-term management strategies that address challenges posed by climate change, coastal hazards, population growth, and competing land uses. Also assists in developing community appreciation for the coast and facilitating informed community input into local decision making about coastal planning issues. <b>Application rounds open annually.</b>	Shire of Dundas – project to develop the Shire’s coastal planning strategy. View more projects <a href="#">here</a> .	17-Mar-23	1-May-23	Closed
<a href="#">Coastwest Grants</a>	Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage; Western Australian Planning Commission	Supports land managers and community organisations in strategically responding to the growing impacts of coastal hazards. Aims to help plan for, manage, and protect the coast from the impacts of coastal hazards, to ensure long-term sustainable land use and development along the coast. <b>Application rounds open annually.</b>	City of Greater Geraldton - project to support a combination of brushing, direct seeding and weed control to enhance resilience of the area. View more projects <a href="#">here</a> .	17-Mar-23	1-May-23	Closed
<a href="#">Coastal Adaptation and Protection Grant</a>	Department of Transport	Supports projects that identify and manage coastal hazards. Seeks to preserve and enhance coastal assets for the general public, build partnerships with local coastal managers, and help them understand and adapt to coastal hazards. The Department of Transport also provides non-financial assistance. <b>Application rounds open annually.</b>	City of Fremantle - project to rebuild sand dunes and the upper beach of Port Beach. View more examples <a href="#">here</a> .	17-Mar-23	1-May-23	Closed

<a href="#">Drainage for Liveability</a>	Water Corporation; Department of Water and Environmental Regulation	Supports the transformation of stormwater drains and basins, as well as the increase of green open spaces in the urban environment. This program supports projects that aim to integrate water systems planning with land use planning. <b>This program is ongoing.</b>	City of Bayswater – project to reinvigorate a drainage area at Peters Place Reserve, Morley.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Open
Local Government Support Program - Gnangara Groundwater Allocation Plan	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation; Water Corporation	Will assist nine Local Governments in the Gnangara groundwater allocation area to reduce groundwater use by 10 per cent from 2028, under the Gnangara groundwater allocation plan. <b>Further details on this program are yet to be announced.</b>	This program has yet to be delivered.	TBA	TBA	TBA
<a href="#">Lotterywest – Grassroots Community-led Grants</a>	Lotterywest	Supports initiatives that achieve outcomes for WA communities across five priority areas: thriving community; connected cultural experiences; protected sustainable ecosystems; smart innovative society; and active healthy people. <b>This program is ongoing.</b>	<a href="#">South Coast Alliance Incorporated</a> – funding used for projects that address climate adaptation and mitigation in the Great Southern. View more examples <a href="#">here</a> .	Ongoing	Ongoing	Open
<a href="#">National Disaster Risk Reduction Grants</a>	State Emergency Management Committee	Supports projects that reduce disaster risk in Western Australia. <b>Funding is available annually, over the five years from 2019 to 2024.</b>	Shire of Dundas – grant to assess exposure and vulnerability of freight and supply chain infrastructure to bushfire in the southern Goldfields. More <a href="#">here</a> .	24-Apr-23	29-May-23	Closed
<a href="#">Regional Climate Alliance Program (Pilot)</a>	WALGA; Department of Water and Environmental Regulation	Supports WA Local Governments to take action on climate change, energy and sustainability through regional partnerships. <b>Funding for the pilot project has finished, but further funding may be announced in the future.</b>	Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils Regional Climate Alliance – read more <a href="#">here</a> .	16-Feb-22	10-May-22	Closed

<a href="#">Western Australian Bicycle Network Grants Program</a>	Department of Transport	Supports initiatives that aim to enhance the safety, connectedness and convenience of cycling networks across WA. This grant includes two categories – one provides funding for bicycle infrastructure and planning, and one provides funding for Councils to employ an Active Transport Officer.	Examples of successful projects include the design and construction of shared or separated bike paths, construction of protected bike lanes, and development of feasibility and concept plans or community cycling plans.	6-Oct-22	3-Nov-22	Closed
<a href="#">Waterwise Greening Scheme</a>	Water Corporation	Provides the opportunity for Water Corporation-endorsed 'Waterwise Councils' to receive up to \$10,000 of co-funding each year to support waterwise greening initiatives. <b>This program is ongoing.</b>	Funding has been used for various initiatives, including Waterwise verge subsidies and Waterwise garden and verge workshops.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Open
<a href="#">Zero Emission Vehicle Rebate</a>	Department of Transport	Encourages the purchase of zero emission vehicles, providing a \$3,500 rebate after purchasing an eligible vehicle. There is no limit to the number of vehicles each person or business can receive the rebate for. <b>This program is ongoing, until funds are exhausted.</b>	Successful projects will be updated here as they become available.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Open