

# Green grants and annual awards

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## Grants

Grant Name	Program aim	Typical grant \$	Comments	Deadlines
<b>Federal</b>				
Commercialising Emerging Technologies (COMET)	To increase the commercialisation of innovative products, processes and services.	\$5,000 - \$120,000	<a href="http://www.ausindustry.gov.au">www.ausindustry.gov.au</a> (under "ausindustry products")	Continuous
Ethanol Production Grants	To encourage the use of biofuels in Australian transport.	38.143 cents/litre for eligible ethanol	<a href="http://www.ausindustry.gov.au">www.ausindustry.gov.au</a> (under "ausindustry products")	Continuous
Export Market Development Grants (Austrade)	To encourage small and medium sized businesses to develop export markets.	Up to \$150,000 (50% of expenses, above \$15,000 threshold)	Expenses can be claimed from the beginning of the next financial year. <a href="http://www.austrade.gov.au/exportgrants">www.austrade.gov.au/exportgrants</a>	Applications open July 1 and close November 30, each year.
Australian Government Envirofund	To help communities conserve biodiversity and promote sustainable resource use.	Up to \$50,000	Available to community groups and individuals. <a href="http://www.nht.gov.au/envirofund">www.nht.gov.au/envirofund</a>	Round 10 closed July 20.
Community Water Grants	Improve water resource management through practical on ground work.	Up to \$50,000	<a href="http://www.communitywatergrants.gov.au">www.communitywatergrants.gov.au</a>	Expected to open early June.
Low Emissions Technology Demonstration Fund	Demonstrate the commercial potential of new technologies to deliver long-term, large scale greenhouse gas reductions.	Minimum \$20m for up to one third of expenditure	<a href="http://www.ausindustry.gov.au">www.ausindustry.gov.au</a> (under "ausindustry products")	Next round expected 2008-09.
Photovoltaic Rebate Programme	Encourage use of PV panels on homes and community buildings.	Up to 50% of costs of a system to 2kW	<a href="http://www.grenhouse.gov.au">www.grenhouse.gov.au</a>	Continuous
Renewable Energy Development Initiative	Support early stage activities regarding renewable energy technologies.	\$50,000 to \$5m, 50% of costs	<a href="http://www.ausindustry.gov.au">www.ausindustry.gov.au</a> (under "ausindustry products")	Continuous
Renewable Energy Equity Fund	Provides venture capital to assist small companies to commercialise R&D in renewable energy technologies.	Up to \$3m	<a href="http://www.cvcreef.com.au">www.cvcreef.com.au</a>	Continuous

## Prizes

Award Name	Funding body	Purpose/no. categories	Deadline for applications	Award ceremony	More from
Banksia Environmental Awards	Government and corporate	Recognises the vision, pursuit and practice of environmental excellence. (13 awards)	Entry fee applies. Opens in November and closes in May	July	<a href="http://www.banksiafdn.com">www.banksiafdn.com</a>
Australian Engineering Excellence Awards	Engineers Australia	Celebrates excellence in engineering including environmental innovation.	Divisional winners enter the national awards.	November	<a href="http://www.engineersaustralia.org.au">www.engineersaustralia.org.au</a>
Australian Museum Eureka Prizes	Government, associations, corporate and philanthropic	Rewarding science research and innovation, leadership, journalism and education (4 categories, 20 prizes)	Closes early May. Opens late February	August 21	<a href="http://www.australianmuseum.net.au/eurek">www.australianmuseum.net.au/eurek</a>
Australian Packaging Awards	Government and corporate	Recognises outstanding achievement in packaging. (13 categories, 2 on environment)	Entry fee applies. Judging takes place in July. Entries close June.	October 4	<a href="http://www.pca.org.au">www.pca.org.au</a>
UN Association of Australia – World Environment Day Awards	Government and corporate	Focuses on 'Think Global, Act Local' to recognise community activity. (8 categories)	Entry fee applies. Closes mid-May	June	<a href="http://www.unaavictoria.org.au/pages/awards-program.php">www.unaavictoria.org.au/pages/awards-program.php</a>
National Awards for Local Government	Department of Transport & Regional Services	Rewards outstanding achievement in Local Government. (15 categories, 3 on environment)	Entries close June	October 23	<a href="http://www.dotars.gov.au/local/awards">www.dotars.gov.au/local/awards</a>
Brian Robinson Fellowship	Government and Corporate and Philanthropic	Nurture young people making a significant contribution to sustainability in Victoria.	Closes March. Opens February.	June	<a href="http://www.brianrobinsonfoundation.org.au">www.brianrobinsonfoundation.org.au</a>