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Natural Heritage Trust (NHT)	NHT was set up by the Australian Government in 1997 to help restore and conserve Australia's environment and natural resources.	Must be consistent with the Trust decision making and investment principles set out in the Strategic Plan for National Investment under the Natural Heritage Trust.	\$3 billion in total		The NHT provides funding for environmental activities at a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National and state level • Regional level • Local level (Envirofunds); 	Various	www.nht.gov.au Australian Government NRM Facilitators Dave Munday Landcare – 89994573 Liz Brown Bushcare – 89994479 Samantha Fox Coastcare – 89994456
NHT – National Competitive Component	Intended to support new, innovative and pilot projects that will lead to significant improvements in the sustainable management of natural resources and will most effectively improve regional NRM delivery.	Preference will be given to projects where there is a clear and demonstrated contribution to on-ground resource condition change and/or develop tools for management decision making. Preference also will be given to projects which contribute to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generating and applying better science and/or methodologies to achieving NRM regional targets; • Knowledge brokering to meet national NRM requirements; • Providing better decision making tools for NRM at the regional level; Increasing community involvement in implementing sustainable NRM; • Developing tools and systems to enable NRM bodies to convey NRM data and outcomes to governments to enhance decision making. Proposed activities must be consistent with the following Trust investment principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require a <u>national</u> approach for delivery, noting that on-ground components of national programs can be delivered through the regional process. • Arise from an Australian Government legislative requirement, international obligation of Commonwealth jurisdiction or policy. • Require Australian Government leadership and/or collaboration with States. • Not duplicate activities undertaken by existing programs (eg the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality). 	Round 1 - 10 projects will receive \$5.6m over the three years nationally. Round 2 - Funding of up to \$10 million has been set aside over three years nationally. Round 2 closed 18 February 2005, to be announced June 05. Unsure of next round details.	3 years	Eligible applicants must be incorporated organisations. These can include private sector research organisations, non-government organisations specialising in the environmental field, incorporated community groups and industry bodies. Universities and Co-operative Research Centres are also eligible to apply. Regional NRM bodies and State/Territory and local government organisations, Australian and State/Territory Government Departments and Australia Government and State/Territory Government directly controlled research organisations are ineligible to apply.	Direct application to DEH via a call for projects.	www.nht.gov.au/ncc/index.html , James Windle (02) 6274 2750 james.windle@deh.gov.au
NHT – Regional Competitive Component	Intended to support higher-cost, larger scale, multi-regional or cross-jurisdictional, multi-year projects that will lead to significant improvements in the sustainable management of natural resources.	In this round, preference will be given to projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide benefits commensurate with the level of investment; • can utilise existing data developed and available from existing resources (e.g., NLWRA); • generate cross-regional benefits which may not otherwise be identified as a high priority by individual regions; • contain State or third party matching contributions (cash or in kind), though this requirement may be waived if necessary to support activities considered to be essential to achieve priority Australian Government objectives; • are focused on one or more of the Round 3 thematic areas for investment (threatened species (individual species or collective) and threatening processes; coastal zone and the marine environment; Ramsar wetlands and their catchments; feral pests; sustainable production; indigenous engagement). Proposed activities must be consistent with the following Trust investment principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require a <u>cross-jurisdictional</u> or multi-regional approach for delivery. • Be collaboratively developed and owned by the regional organisations. • Be technically sound and have a high probability of achieving 	Round 1 - ? Round 2 - \$13mill over 3 years nationally. Round 3 - \$20 mill over 3 years nationally. Applications closed 4 March 2005.	3 years	Open to regional NRM bodies. Other organisations can develop proposals collaboratively with the NRM regional body for the regional NRM body to submit.	Project proposals must be collaboratively developed and owned by regional bodies. The host or sponsoring region will be responsible for delivering project outcomes. Regional Organisations must submit their proposals with a covering letter to the Commonwealth-NT Joint Steering Committee. Prior to this, interested parties should contact the regional body to develop a project proposal.	www.nht.gov.au/rcc/index.html , or from Geoff Rohan on 02 6274 2344 or at geoff.rohan@deh.gov.au .

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		<p>outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a clear and demonstrated contribution to on-ground management actions and resource conditions targets and/or develop tools for management decision-making (research projects generally will not be supported). • Be consistent with regional plans and investment strategies for proponent regions. • Generate lasting benefits (i.e., beyond the period of funding). • Be consistent with standard NHT investment requirements. 					
NHT – Regional Investment		To be determined by the INRM Plan	Australian Government has committed up to \$20.3 million through the Natural Heritage Trust for investment in the NT's INRM plan over the period 2004/05 to 2006/07.	3 years		To be determined	<p>www.inrm.nt.gov.au</p> <p>Robyn Delaney 08 8999 4847 Robyn.delaney@nt.gov.au</p>
NHT - Envirofund	The Australian Government Envirofund is the local action component of the Natural Heritage Trust. It helps communities undertake local projects aimed at conserving biodiversity and promoting sustainable resource use.	<p>Projects will need to help achieve one or more of the Trust's 10 areas of activity and fall within the Envirofund's eligible activities.</p> <p>Activities that are eligible for the Australian Government Envirofund include, but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. native vegetation planting or other works to stabilise soil or dunes, reduce groundwater recharge or prevent erosion; 2. fencing or other management techniques to protect and preserve habitat, or manage access to coastal areas 3. controlling stock access to watercourses to protect streamside habitat and improve water quality, such as by installing piping and pumps to locate stock watering points away from watercourses and permanently protecting the area with fencing; 4. weed control on public land, but only where there is a high biodiversity conservation benefit and where it is clearly the most cost effective way of achieving that benefit, otherwise we will only consider weed control activities that are a limited but integral part of projects that address broader natural resource management issues; 5. feral animal control to protect threatened native species or ecological communities where the species or community has been identified in national or State threat abatement or recovery plans; and the relevant regional NRM body is implementing national or State threat abatement or recovery plans in relation to the species or community; 6. native vegetation planting for biodiversity conservation or habitat purposes; or restoration of Indigenous cultural landscapes, community health (for example, dust suppression), bush food or medicine; 7. awareness-raising activities that directly lead to significant local on-ground benefits for biodiversity conservation or sustainable natural resource use; 8. demonstrations or trials of new techniques for sustainable farming, forestry or fishing practices or solutions to local problems; or Indigenous hunting, gathering or fishing if this promotes sustainability (for example, development of species monitoring and harvesting plans); 9. monitoring of water quality, species, habitats, or other natural resources where this will have a clear local benefit for biodiversity conservation or sustainable natural resource management; and will contribute to national, State/Territory or regional data sets; 10. where required to achieve local on ground biodiversity conservation or sustainable natural resource use objectives - relevant skill and knowledge development for resource managers and users through 	<p>\$20 million nationally per year via 2 funding rounds.</p> <p>Round 6 announced April 29</p> <p>In Round 5, the NT received \$186,000.</p> <p>05/06 will only have one round, \$20million available nationally</p> <p>Round 7 expected to open Sept/Oct 05.</p> <p>Two tiers of applications: -tier one up to \$15, 000 with greatly simplified application form and requirements. - tier two for those seeking \$15,000 up to \$50,000 and will also have a simplified application form, although seeking more information than the first tier of application.</p>	Increased to 18 mths from Round 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an incorporated association; • a body corporate; • a company; • a trust; • a partnership; • an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander corporation, council or incorporated association; or • an individual person. 	Direct application to Envirofund Unit, DEH.	<p>www.nht.gov.au/envirofund/index.html 1800 303 863 envirofund@daff.gov.au</p> <p>Regional Facilitators Kath Nash Top End – 8999 3493 Madonna Mackay Katherine – 89738106 Michelle Rodrigo Alice Springs - 89519255</p>

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		<p>education and training, including Indigenous caring for country techniques and application or transfer of traditional Indigenous knowledge (for example, fire management, knowledge of threatened species, plant use and seasonal patterns);</p> <p>11. holding workshops or producing videos, publications or similar resources that build the capacity of local Indigenous and non-Indigenous groups to engage Indigenous communities in natural resource management; and</p> <p>12. identifying, protecting and managing Indigenous cultural heritage resources where there is a significant biodiversity conservation benefit.</p> <p>Applications need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrate clear natural resource management benefits; and/or identify capacity building outcomes in relation to the applicant's skills and knowledge in natural resource management. <p>Preference will be given to projects that take a systematic and coordinated approach to dealing with a problem.</p>					
NHT – National Feral Animal Control Program	Established under the Natural Heritage Trust to develop and implement, in cooperation with State, Territory and Local Governments, a program to reduce the damage to agriculture caused by pest animals.	<p>NFACP will support a wide range of activities which will assist the development and adoption of best practice pest management.</p> <p>Possible activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large-scale field projects, involving a wide range of stakeholders, which have research and demonstration objectives. Smaller-scale field studies of control techniques and/or pest animals (e.g. assessment of density: damage relationships). Extension activities including material development which promote the objectives of best practice pest management. Development of more efficacious, cost-effective and/or humane techniques and strategies. Desktop studies which will provide information or frameworks to support decision-making related to vertebrate pest management. <p>The focus of NFACP is applied research/demonstration projects which are likely to have a direct link to improved pest management at the property level. NFACP will generally not support pure background research (e.g. ecology/biology of pest animals).</p> <p>As NFACP is a national program under the Natural Heritage Trust, only projects addressing pest management issues of national significance are likely to be considered. Research and management approaches supported under NFACP must have relevance beyond the project area and results are to be disseminated widely at the end of the project.</p> <p>Research projects are expected to have sound experimental design and analysis methodology, including the incorporation of monitoring frameworks which will allow the nature and value of pest impact reduction resulting from management to be quantified.</p>	<p>Available funds under NFACP are approximately \$500 000 per year. It is anticipated that projects funded will be of the order of \$10 000 to \$100 000 per year.</p> <p>Unsure when next round will be open.</p>	Both medium-term, up to 3 years, and shorter-term projects will be considered.	The Program is open to government and non-government agencies and community groups. Preference will be given to projects that involve collaboration between a number of appropriate government and/or non-government agencies and involve community-based groups in their design and implementation.	There is one funding round per year. When preparing an application you must contact Quentin Hart.	<p>Quentin Hart 02 6272 3801 quentin.hart@brs.gov.au</p> <p>http://www.affa.gov.au/content/ouput.cfm?ObjectID=D2C48F86-BA1A-11A1-A2200060B0A06278</p>
NHT – Weeds of National Significance	National investment stream for research and development relating to the control of 10 of the Weeds of National Significance (WoNS).	<p>WoNS are: Alligator Weed; Athel Pine; Bitou bush/Boneseed; Bridal Creeper; Cabomba; Hymenachne; Mimosa; Pond Apple; Salvinia; Willows (except Weeping Willows, Pussy Willow and Sterile Pussy Willow). Proposals should have a national focus and be for research and development relating to the biological, chemical, mechanical and/or integrated control of these WoNS.</p>	<p>Call in June 2004.</p> <p>Unsure of future funding.</p>	1 – 2 years.			<p>Roberta Thorburn 02 6274 2164 roberta.thorburn@deh.gov.au</p>

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<p>Defeating the Weed Menace</p>	<p>Identify Australia's most threatening weeds and implement measures for management including strategic on-ground control and eradication at a regional level, research into cost effective management techniques and bio controls for key target weeds and awareness raising campaigns.</p>	<p>Focus is on higher cost, larger scale, multi regional or cross jurisdictional multi year projects. Projects need to complement weed control actions identified in individual accredited Natural Resource Management Plans and Investment Strategies.</p> <p>Consists of two components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National research and development component including bio-control measures for those weeds identified as targets for biological control, and nationally applicable projects on innovative weed management techniques and industry weed management best practice guides. 2. Cross regional projects which focus on strategic weed control actions that obtain sustained benefits across many natural resource regions. 	<p>\$32m over 4 years Call for multi year projects expected later in 2005.</p>	<p>Multi year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commonwealth Agencies • State and Territory Agencies • NRM Regional Bodies • Tertiary Institutions • Local Government • Indigenous groups • Other community groups 	<p>Application forms will be available when call for funding made.</p>	<p>Jeanette Muirhead Natural Resource Management Policy Branch Dept. Environment and Heritage Jeanette.muirhead@deh.gov.au 02 6274 2231 NT Contact Liz Brown Bushcare – 89994429</p>
<p>National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP)</p>	<p>The NAP tackles two of Australia's most serious environmental threats: salinity and water quality. Regional planning and investment at a regional level is the principal delivery mechanism for the NAP. At this level the NAP is jointly delivered with the Natural Heritage Trust.</p>	<p>Proposals must be consistent with one or more of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contribute to the objectives of the NAP and be consistent with identified priority areas of activity; • have a focus on key water quality or salinity issues; • be consistent with any existing plans; • have community support; • have a demonstrated need for early commencement (such as the opportunity to avoid more significant impacts, the window of opportunity is small, or the opportunity to link with other activities); • support continuity and momentum in existing community capacity; and • represent value for money. 	<p>\$1.4 billion over seven years in total. Approx \$500,000 to NT per year. Investment through the INRM Plan so application/tender process will be as for NHT Regional Delivery.</p>	<p>1-3 years.</p>	<p>NT regions which have been identified are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darwin-Katherine • Part of the Ord River system 	<p>Funding will be delivered via the INRM Plan. Application process to be determined.</p>	<p>www.napswq.gov.au/</p>
<p>National Landcare Program (NLP)</p>	<p>The NLP encourages landholders to undertake landcare and related conservation works by supporting collective action by communities to sustainably manage the environment and natural resources.</p>	<p>The aim of the NLP is to increase engagement by industry and resource users, including community landcare groups, in landcare and NRM activities, with a focus on developing alliances with sustainable primary industries. Industry groups not currently engaged will be targeted and the Program extended to industry organisations and other industries such as the forest, fishing and processing industries. Where appropriate, the engagement of local government would also be encouraged. The principal goal from the investment in landcare is increased profitability, competitiveness and sustainability of Australian primary industries. Public benefit outcomes are sought and treating NRM issues at source, on-farm, will continue to be a key objective. This will include encouraging, on a voluntary basis, continuous improvement and adoption of best practice NRM and sustainable resource use, including integration of conservation into farming systems and engaging land managers by linking NRM to profitability.</p>	<p>The Australian Government announced funding of \$159.5 million for the National Landcare Program over the next 4 years with \$39.3 million in 2004-05, \$40.2 million in 2005-06 and \$40 million in each of 2006-07 and 2007-08.</p>				<p>www.landcare.gov.au</p> <p>Matt Bolam 08 89815976 mattbolam@bigpond.com</p>
<p>NLP - Community Support Proposals</p>	<p>Community Support funds local and regional landcare activities consistent with priorities in accredited, regional NRM plans and investment strategies.</p>	<p>The program supports Landcare, community and industry groups to maintain the Landcare commitment and effort nationally. The program also focuses on increasing industry, community and local Government engagement in NRM with emphasis on participation and contribution to the regional planning process. The program encourages the further adoption of sustainable and innovative practices of primary producers to increase their skills and knowledge through sharing of information on Landcare practices.</p>	<p>\$29.1 million in 2004-05, \$30 million in 2005-06 and \$29.8 million in each of 2006-07 and 2007-08 nationally. Approx \$1million provided per year to NT. Next round to open 8 June 05.</p>	<p>1,2 or 3 years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landcare Groups • Primary Industry Groups 	<p>Direct application via regional body.</p>	<p>www.landcare.gov.au</p> <p>Matt Bolam 08 89815976 mattbolam@bigpond.com</p>

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<p>NLP – Natural Resource Innovation Grants</p>	<p>The objective of the Natural Resource Innovation Grants is to encourage people engaged in farming, food, aquaculture and forest industries to contribute to sustainable production by developing and adopting innovative practices, production techniques, technologies and products. New and innovative water-related activities are also encouraged.</p>	<p>Projects to develop, adopt, implement and deliver innovative practices, production techniques, technologies or products. Projects must contribute to increased profitability or output, and sustainability of the natural resource base, and will need to demonstrate wider applicability to the relevant industries. Each application will be assessed on a competitive basis, taking into account merit, level of innovation, feasibility and potential to meet program objectives.</p>	<p>Total grant funds are \$1.5 million in 2004-05. Generally maximum funding per project will be \$150,000. Next round possibly August 05</p>	<p>Generally 1 year</p>	<p>Funding is available to individuals, incorporated community and other “not-for-profit” groups, or businesses with links to natural resource management and/or the agricultural, food, aquacultural or forestry (or related) industries</p>	<p>Direct application via regional body.</p>	<p>www.landcare.gov.au</p> <p>Matt Bolam 08 89815976 mattbolam@bigpond.com</p>
<p>Threatened Species Network Community Grants</p>	<p>The grants program encourages communities to take long-term responsibility for the ongoing health of our natural environment, specifically targeting the needs of species and ecological communities recognised as threatened by the Australian Government</p>	<p>In order to be considered for funding , proposals should demonstrate their ability to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. help remove threats to populations of threatened species or endangered ecological communities which are considered a national priority for conservation. 2. be consistent with any Action or Recovery Plan for the species or ecological community 3. be for hands on work 4. encourage the local community to take on responsibility for on going management within a short period of time 5. be site specific and not necessarily cover the entire range of the species or ecological community 6. be focussed substantially in the public interest and must not include activities that are the primary responsibility of a government agency or benefit a business 7. be promoted by the Threatened Species Network as models of best practice for threatened species and ecosystem conservation elsewhere in Australia. <p>Grants are provided for activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habitat restoration • Weeding and feral animal control • Monitoring and surveying species populations • Fencing • Fire management • Propagating and planting of threatened species plants 	<p>½ million available for Round 8</p> <p>Applications for up to \$50 000</p> <p>Round 8 closes Friday 3 June 2005</p>	<p>1 year Oct 05 – Oct 06</p>	<p>Incorporated community groups</p> <p>Incorporated regional or catchment management organisations where the majority of members are non-government community reps.</p>	<p>Application form available from the TSN Coordinator or at www.wwf.org.au</p> <p>National Assessment Panel scheduled to meet in July 05.</p> <p>Projects recommended by the Panel are referred to the Commonwealth Minister for Environment & Heritage for final approval.</p>	<p>Arid Rangelands Coordinator Colleen O’Malley 08 8952 1541 rangelands@wwf.org.au</p> <p>Northern Savannas Coordinator Jarrad Holmes 08 8941 7554 savannas@wwf.org.au</p>

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<p>Australian Govt Community Water Grants</p>	<p>Established under the National Water initiative. It will be important that projects: •are community orientated and have public benefits; •involve practical on-ground works to save or protect water resources; and •comply with relevant planning, health and environmental regulations and or guidelines.</p>	<p>Examples of projects that may be funded include: <i>Water savings/efficiency</i> •Projects that will improve the water efficiency of community buildings, such as schools. •Improvements to town water supply infrastructure to reduce losses from evaporation or leakage. •Capping disused or unnecessary bores that tap into groundwater. <i>Water reuse/recycling</i> •Using rainwater, greywater, treated effluent or stormwater to maintain community grounds and sporting fields. <i>Surface and Groundwater Health</i> •Projects that improve surface or groundwater health, such as erosion control, creek and riverbank repair, or cleaning up a local creek or wetland. •Projects that reduce pollution in rivers, groundwater or coastal areas.</p>	<p>\$200 million will be available over the next 5 years for Community Water Grants funding of up to \$50,000. Two funding rounds expected in 05/06.</p>		<p>Grant recipients may include community groups, schools, local government, Catchment Management Authorities and non-government organisations</p>	<p>Direct application to DEH upon funding round opening.</p>	<p>Further information will be made available on the Australian Government Natural Resource Management web site (www.nrm.gov.au) as it becomes available. Further queries can be directed to cwg@deh.gov.au or free call 1800 780 730</p>
<p>Community Water Grants – Demonstration Projects</p>		<p>Demonstration projects provide actual examples of projects and organisations the Community Water Grants programme will support. These projects demonstrate how communities can make a big difference by employing simple but clever solutions to save water or improve the health of their local waterways.</p>	<p>27 demonstration projects funded nationally, worth \$1 million 2 in the NT (see handout with full list of demo projects)</p>				<p>www.nrm.gov.au/water-fund/demonstration-round</p>
<p>Environment Grants</p>	<p>These Grants will be made available to community groups and individuals annually to address a wide range of environmental issues including biodiversity protection and environmental education</p>	<p>The grant scheme has three components: <u>Operational Grants</u>: to provide operational support for non-government environment organisations. <u>School Project Grants</u>: are available to schools for environmental activities and projects done by schools, on school grounds, throughout the Territory <u>Individual Project Grants</u>: to provide support for individual projects put forward by the community that seek to: Mitigate environmental impacts Improve environmental quality Promote conservation Increase environmental awareness (Examples: See handout of full list of 04-05 projects)</p>	<p>Applications for grants sought once per year. 2005/06 program closes 27 May 2005 Announced in July 05. Total funding pool is \$460 000 per year. Individual Project Grants not capped but applicants are encouraged to keep applications within \$10 000. Grants >\$10K will be considered where projects have exceptional merit. School Project Grants capped at \$2 000. Operational Grants negotiated annually upon application.</p>	<p>12 months</p>	<p>Eligible non-government organisations will: -Be incorporated, not for profit community organisations; -Conduct all or most of their work in the Territory; -Have published audited accounts and annual reports; and -Not retain unacquitted funding from previous NT Government grants. Projects relating to litter or recycling are not eligible for funding, these proposals may seek funding support through the Litter and Recycling Grant program.</p>	<p>Direct application to NT Office of Environment and Heritage. Projects assessed by panel of OEH and Conservation & Natural Resources DIPE staff and recommendations made to Minister for Environment & Heritage.</p>	<p>Ms Sharman Lewis Office of Environment and Heritage Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment GPO Box 1680 DARWIN NT 0801 Phone: 8924 4525 Fax: 8924 4053 email: enviromentgrants.dipe@nt.gov.au</p>