

**NRM Funding Programs Summary**  
**Current as at 9<sup>th</sup> May 2005**

Program	Objectives	Funding themes/preferences	Funding Information	Project Duration	Who can apply?	Application process	Further info
<b>NHT – National Competitive Component</b>	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.	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generating and applying better science and/or methodologies to achieving NRM regional targets;</li> <li>• Knowledge brokering to meet national NRM requirements;</li> <li>• Providing better decision making tools for NRM at the regional level; Increasing community involvement in implementing sustainable NRM;</li> <li>• Developing tools and systems to enable NRM bodies to convey NRM data and outcomes to governments to enhance decision making.</li> </ul> <p>Proposed activities must be consistent with the following Trust investment principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Require a <u>national</u> approach for delivery, noting that on-ground components of national programs can be delivered through the regional process.</li> <li>• Arise from an Australian Government legislative requirement, international obligation of Commonwealth jurisdiction or policy.</li> <li>• Require Australian Government leadership and/or collaboration with States.</li> <li>• Not duplicate activities undertaken by existing programs (eg the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality).</li> </ul>	<p>Round 1 - 10 projects will receive \$5.6m over the three years nationally.</p> <p>Round 2 - Funding of up to \$10 million has been set aside over three years nationally.</p> <p>Round 2 closed 18 February 2005, to be announced June 05.</p> <p>Unsure of next round details.</p>	3 years	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Direct application to DEH via a call for projects.	<p><a href="http://www.nht.gov.au/ncc/index.html">www.nht.gov.au/ncc/index.html</a>,            James Windle            (02) 6274 2750  <a href="mailto:james.windle@deh.gov.au">james.windle@deh.gov.au</a>.</p>