

## Education for Sustainability Grants Program

### Purpose

The objective of the Education for Sustainability Grants Program is to support projects that either directly or indirectly facilitate changes in community attitudes and behaviour in support of sustainable development.

Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) aims to equip individuals, organisations and communities to deal effectively with the complex and inter-related environmental, social and economic challenges they encounter in their personal and working lives, in a way that protects the interests of current and future generations.

Consistent with the priorities of the National Environmental Education Council preference is given to projects in the following areas:

- Further and higher education - to develop strategies to assist in the incorporation of education for sustainable development principles into teaching programs, campus management and activities.
- Business and industry - to encourage business and industry to use education approaches to develop practices consistent with sustainable development.
- Community - to develop community responses to sustainability issues and best practice education for sustainable development.

### General Eligibility

Preference is given to organisations that have the ability to influence and coordinate education for sustainable development activities at a national scale.

Eligible groups may include but are not necessarily limited to:

- Community groups and associations
- Industry associations
- Rural organisations
- Local governments
- Universities and further education institutions
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander corporations, councils or incorporated associations
- Environmental and education groups

The Grants Program provides funding for:

- Activities that will act as a catalyst for systemic change in support of sustainable development;
- Activities that enhance the effectiveness and national coordination of existing education for sustainable development programs, policies or institutions; and
- New and innovative approaches in areas of need in education for sustainable development at the national level.

### Closing Date

Funding is provided annually. The 2008-2009 Education for Sustainability Grants round closed on the 23 February, 2009.

### Limitations

Groups that are not eligible include:

- Commercial enterprises
- Individuals, including personal travel and study

- Individual schools

**Assistance Provided**

Between \$3,000 and \$50,000 will be provided to successful applicants.

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