



Initiative Guidelines

For information on when our Special Environmental Initiatives Program will commence please contact us by email at esa@earthshare.org.au.

Environmental initiatives cycles

1. After the commencement of distribution there will be two environmental initiatives cycles annually, in March and September each year.

Eligibility

1. Any organisation carrying out environmental projects, as defined in Earth Share Australia's Articles of Association and this environmental initiatives policy, shall be eligible to receive environmental initiatives monies, providing that the organisation is eligible under Australian law to receive tax deductible donations.
2. Organisations must be of good standing and repute and Earth Share Australia has an absolute discretion to decide whether any organisation fulfils those criteria. ESA may not under any circumstances provide environmental initiatives funding to organisations which engage in or endorse acts of violence.

Selection of projects

1. Notwithstanding the right of the Earth Share Board of Directors to refuse or veto any proposed Environmental Initiative at their complete discretion, any proposed Special Environmental Initiatives shall be approved by The environmental initiatives committee of ESA comprising three Directors and the Executive Officer/Executive Director (or their proxies) and up to three other people as ex-officio advisers selected by the committee from time to time.
2. Applicants may be provided with reasons for the approval or otherwise of Special Environmental Initiatives but ESA shall not be under any obligation to enter into proponent's of such initiatives about reasons for their approval or rejection.
3. All decisions shall be made public and published in the annual report of ESA.

Distribution of funds and reporting

1. No organisation shall receive any funds until such time as they have provided written evidence of their eligibility to receive tax deductible donations.
2. No organisation shall receive any funds until such time as they have signed a letter of acceptance of the terms and conditions of environmental initiatives as laid down and amended from time to time in the rules of ESA.
3. All special environmental initiatives funding shall be distributed in two or more instalments and no organisation shall receive a second or further instalment until they have satisfactorily completed reporting requirements as set out in the letter of acceptance.



4. No organisation shall be eligible to receive any future special environmental initiatives funding unless they have fully and adequately reported on and acquitted previous environmental initiatives to the satisfaction of ESA.
5. Conditions attached to special environmental initiatives funding shall be identical for ESA member and non-member organisations.
6. ESA will generally notify applicants within two months of the closing date for each environmental initiatives cycle. Cheques will be mailed at approximately the same time.
7. Acknowledgment shall be made of funding from ESA, at the absolute discretion of ESA.

Guidelines

1. All environmental initiatives applications must be on a standard ESA pro-forma environmental initiatives application form.
2. Applications which are not submitted on the pro-forma or which are late will not be considered. Applications shall close on March 1 at COB and September 1 COB or the next working day.
3. All environmental initiatives applications must meet one or more of the principal environmental initiatives criteria to be eligible for funding.
4. Do not include any attachments or additional materials
5. Environmental initiatives funding will not be made for administrative purposes

It is very important that you do not breach these principal guidelines as your application will not be considered if you do.

ESA priorities:

The priorities of Earth Share Australia are as follow s:

- Enhancing human health and welfare via environmental programmes
- Preventing pollution
- Protecting threatened resources, habitats and endangered species
- Stopping oil spills and other environmental calamities
- Conserving natural resources for future generations
- Reducing hazardous and household waste
- Protecting the environment in any other way not inconsistent with the above



Principal environmental initiatives funding criteria

ESA will give priority in application of its environmental initiatives monies to:

1. Projects which have the potential to achieve broad social change objectives rather than projects which simply prevent short term degradation or damage of the environment.
2. Applications which, while achieving environmental goals, also encompass objectives contributing to social welfare and equity.
3. Applications which enhance co-operation both within the environment sector and/or with other sections of the community, including ethnic and Aboriginal communities.
4. Applications which have the potential to improve the overall effectiveness of the environment sector either alone or in co-operation with other community sectors.
5. Applications that improve the financial, human or technical capacity of the environment sector either alone or in co-operation with other sectors of the community
6. Applications that are innovative, creative or "cutting edge" especially where these demonstrate potential long-term benefits to the environment and/or may have difficulty securing funds from elsewhere
7. Applications from start-up projects or organisations, particularly where those applications demonstrate long-term potential to be self-sufficient or have broader cross-movement benefits.
8. Applications falling within one of ESA's current priority areas where the applicant can clearly demonstrate that for practical reasons the application cannot meet any of the above seven principal criteria

Environmental initiatives funding range

The preferred upper limit is \$20,000. Applications for small grants will also be considered