



## **Special Initiatives Program**

To find out when our Special Initiative Program will commence, please contact us by email: [esa@earthshare.org.au](mailto:esa@earthshare.org.au).

### **Innovation and change**

One of the most important parts of our work is our environmental initiatives program. The health and effectiveness of the environment movement and its ability to protect the environment is directly related to our ability to innovate and change with the times. We need to support new and innovative ideas, individuals and organisations and without these new ideas and new energy we will become stuck in old ways and patterns.

If this happens we will ultimately be less able to campaign effectively to protect the planet and ensure equity and fairness in our society.

### **Environmental initiatives support change and innovation**

Historically some of the most important projects have struggled to survive and get funding for no other reason that they were new and untried. Through our environmental initiatives program we try and support important environmental initiatives that might otherwise struggle to find funding, across a variety of areas as defined in our environmental initiatives guidelines.

Earth Share is particularly interested in funding projects which improve the overall self-sufficiency of the environment movement or which are designed to improve co-ordination, efficiency and professionalism.

A particular emphasis will be given to projects which address causes rather than symptoms of environmental problems or which are designed to achieve broader social change rather than simply trying to stop or ameliorate specific developmental or environmental problems.

In addition projects which address issues or problems which are currently not being adequately addressed by the environment movement are likely to receive favorable consideration.

An outline of some of the issues being addressed by member environmental organisations can be found on our site where we discuss environmental issues.

### **Guaranteed competence and responsibility**

Although we are supporting change and innovation we also want to ensure that money is well spent. Therefore all environmental initiatives have to be carefully scrutinised by a special sub-committee and have to be administered by a recognised tax deductible organisation. This ensures that projects are properly administered with full financial accountability.

### **Accountability**

We also ensure that there is full reporting of all expenditure under the Special Initiatives Program and that such expenditure is fully audited. All Special Initiatives must be carried out by Earth Share Australia, one of its member organisations or another approved tax-deductible organisation

### **Commencement date**

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Program commences there will be two annual rounds of funding, in March and September each year. Special Initiatives must be carried out according to our guidelines and must be outlined on our pro-forma Special Initiatives Form, which will be placed on this site once the Special Initiatives program starts.

**Related articles:**

Initiatives guidelines.