

Investing in a more sustainable future

Victorian Government Sustainability Fund
2017-18 Activities Report



© The State of Victoria Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning 2018



This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International licence. You are free to re-use the work under that licence, on the condition that you credit the State of Victoria as author. The licence does not apply to any images, photographs or branding, including the Victorian Coat of Arms, the Victorian Government logo and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) logo. To view a copy of this licence, visit creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/

ISBN 978-1-76077-295-6 (Print)

ISBN 978-1-76077-296-3 (pdf/online/MS word)

Disclaimer

This publication may be of assistance to you but the State of Victoria and its employees do not guarantee that the publication is without flaw of any kind or is wholly appropriate for your particular purposes and therefore disclaims all liability for any error, loss or other consequence which may arise from you relying on any information in this publication.

Accessibility

If you would like to receive this publication in an alternative format, please telephone the DELWP Customer Service Centre on 136 186, or email customer.service@delwp.vic.gov.au, or via the National Relay Service on 133 677, www.relayservice.com.au. This document is also available on the internet at www.delwp.vic.gov.au

Content

Secretary's foreword	2
Overview	4
What is the Sustainability Fund?	5
Priority Statement	6
Supporting the Priority Statement	8
Evaluation Plan	10
Response to the Victorian Auditor-General's audit	14
The source of the Sustainability Fund	17
Sustainability Fund expenditure over time	18
The balance of the Sustainability Fund	19
Supporting different types of organisations	20
Current programs supported by the Sustainability Fund as at 30 June 2018	42
Sustainability Fund projects funded by grants 2017-2018	54

Secretary's foreword



Our communities are only as strong and healthy as our environment. The sustainable use and re-use of resources strengthens our local economies, creates jobs and reduces our environmental impact. With government help, industry and community groups can work towards creating a sustainable Victoria.

Victoria's landfill levies provide an important mechanism to reduce the amount of waste to landfill. Revenue generated from these levies is used to fund key government environmental agencies, with the remainder transferred to the Sustainability Fund.

Funds from the Sustainability Fund must be allocated in accordance with the *Environment Protection Act 1970*, and the Sustainability Fund Priority Statement.

The Fund's aims are to foster:

- environmentally sustainable uses of resources and best practices in waste management to advance the social and economic development of Victoria
- community action or innovation in relation to the reduction of greenhouse gas substance emissions (mitigation) or adaptation or adjustment to climate change in Victoria.

This report details the Fund's investments from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018. It provides information on the level of funds invested towards each of the Fund's strategic priorities, as well as the broad range of activities taking place across the State to support waste reduction and climate change adaptation and mitigation, and the role the Fund plays in supporting employment, new technology, innovation and resource efficiency.



The case studies contained in this report demonstrate how government is helping the Victorian community respond to current environmental concerns. These targeted programs reduce the need for new landfills, support Victoria's circular economy, assist the transition to a low-carbon economy and respond to the effects of climate change.

The government has invested more than \$600 million from the Fund in environmental projects over the past four State Budgets. Funding has been provided to a range of industry and community groups, such as schools, volunteer groups, researchers and businesses, to take action and lead by example. It will also help Victoria contribute to its greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets for 2020 through to 2050 and lay the foundations for successful climate change adaptation.

The Fund has responded to the recent Victorian Auditor-General's audit report and continues to implement the 14 recommendations made by the Auditor-General including a fully independent committee by September 2018 and a more robust and detailed process to evaluate and recommend projects seeking funds from the Sustainability Fund.

A monitoring and evaluation framework is being piloted to evaluate the overall effectiveness of the Fund and the individual projects supported by it. This framework will provide greater transparency on project outcomes and the overall value the Fund provides.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Sustainability Fund Committee, in particular Freya Marsden as Chair and Joe Groher as Deputy Chair for their leadership, overseeing the Fund's management, responding to the 2018 Victorian Auditor-General's review of the Sustainability Fund and implementation of governance reforms. The role of the Committee in providing impartial advice on projects seeking financial support from the Fund has been a valuable contribution throughout 2017-18.

John Bradley
Secretary

Overview

The Sustainability Fund provides important support to help Victoria become a more sustainable state.

The Sustainability Fund was established by the Victorian Government in 2004 and is governed by the *Environment Protection Act 1970*.

In its 14 years, the Fund has committed almost \$1 billion to hundreds of projects ranging from sustainable transport, water efficiency, improved resource recovery, reduced waste going to landfill and environmental reform. It has also supported programs that educate and inspire people to change to a more sustainable way of life.

Projects have been implemented by various groups, including community organisations, local governments, industry and research institutions, and have provided benefits in both metropolitan and regional Victoria.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning releases an annual activities report. This report details the activities of the Sustainability Fund from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018. It explains how the Fund operates and how funds have been allocated during this period, and each of the programs that have been supported. The report includes case studies to highlight the Fund's achievements over the past year and the individual program grant recipients for 2017-18.





What is the Sustainability Fund?

The Sustainability Fund exists to support programs and government initiatives to deliver a range of waste management, recycling, resource efficiency and climate change programs.

The first funding was released in 2005 by Sustainability Victoria, which administered the Fund until July 2015 when management transferred to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).

The purpose of the Sustainability Fund, as defined by Section 70 of the *Environment Protection Act 1970*, is to foster:

- environmentally sustainable uses of resources and best practices in waste management to advance the social and economic development of Victoria
- community action or innovation in relation to the reduction of greenhouse gas substance emissions or adaptation or adjustment to climate change in Victoria.

Funds are allocated with the joint consent of the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change and the Premier, consistent with the Fund's Priority Statement. The Municipal and Industrial Landfill Levy (MILL) is the sole source of revenue for the Sustainability Fund.

The Sustainability Fund Committee oversees the Fund's management to support transparency and accountability, as well as providing impartial, strategic advice regarding allocations from the Fund.

The members of the Committee during the 2017-18 reporting period have been:

- Freya Marsden, Chair (2016 – current)
- Joe Groher, Deputy Chair (2016 – current)
- John Batho (2018 – current)
- Kath Rowley, DELWP Representative (2016 – current)
- Paul Murfitt, DELWP Representative (March 2017 – current).

Priority Statement

The Priority Statement sets out the priorities of the Victorian Government and guides how funds are invested. The Priority Statement was refreshed in 2015-16 after consulting with the Victorian community, to position Victoria as a leader in resource recovery, waste management and climate change mitigation and adaptation. The statement clarifies how eligible programs will be prioritised to ensure funds are applied in a way that maximises benefits for Victoria.

Sustainability Fund's legislated purpose:

Fostering environmentally sustainable uses of resources and best practices in waste management to advance the social and economic development of Victoria

Strategic priorities:

- making alternatives to landfill more viable and cost competitive through the stimulation, creation and expansion of viable markets for recycled and recovered materials;
- facilitating a network of best practice waste and resource recovery infrastructure which minimises public health and environmental impacts and maximises resource recovery opportunities;
- providing equity in access to, and reducing impacts of, waste and resource recovery services on communities;
- improving waste education and waste management capability to reduce waste generation, recover resources, and prevent littering and illegal dumping; and
- modernising the management of legacy contamination or pollution.

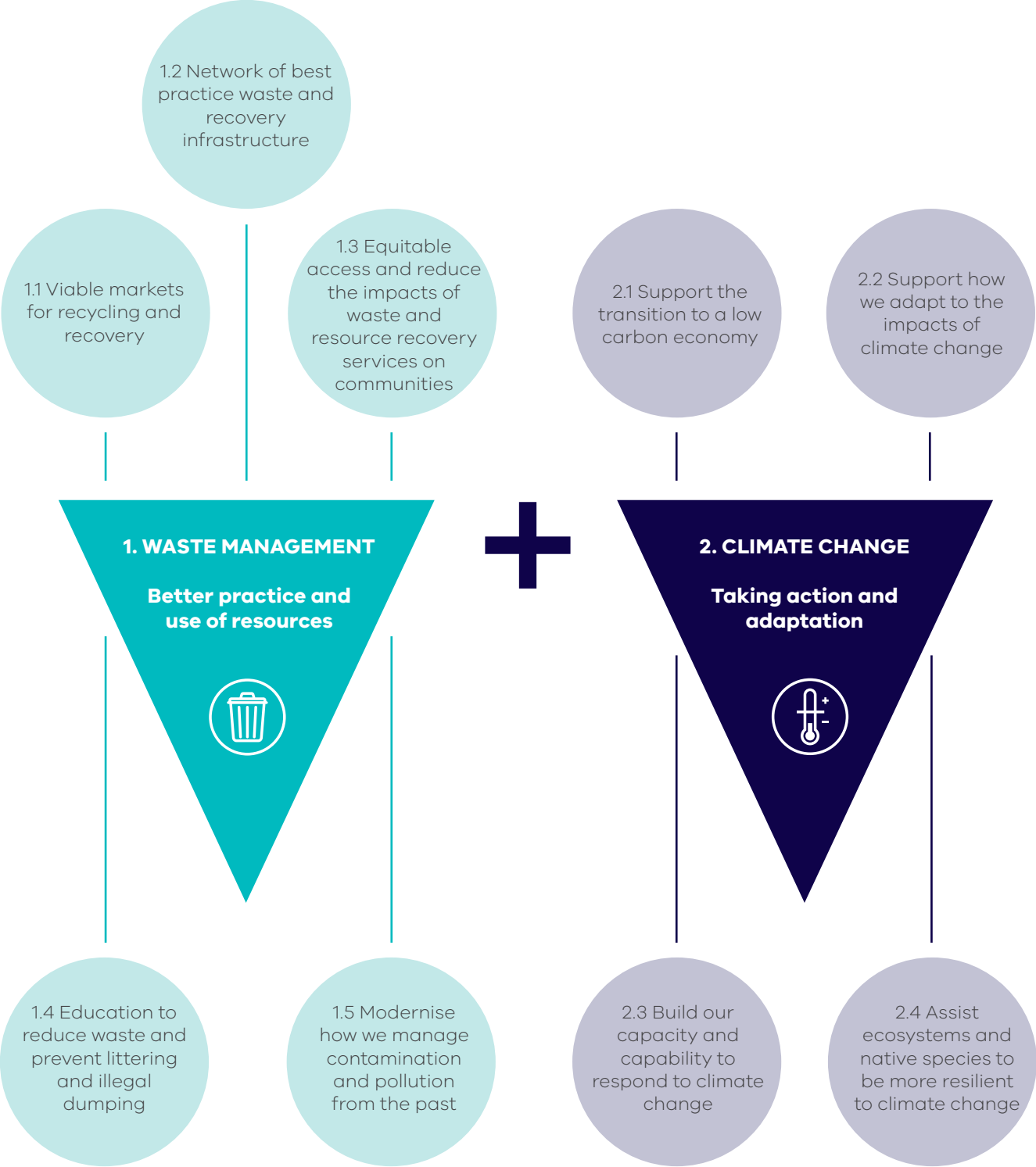
Investment will be guided by Victorian government policies, including the *Environment Protection Act 1970*, the *Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan*, *Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Implementation Plans* and associated regulations and waste management policies.

Fostering community action or innovation in relation to the reduction of greenhouse gas substance emissions [mitigation] or adaptation or adjustment to climate change in Victoria

Strategic priorities:

- supporting individuals, communities and industry to transition to a low carbon economy;
- supporting Victorians to adapt to the impacts of climate change, particularly those most vulnerable and least able to do so;
- building Victorian communities' capacity, capability and skills in responding to climate change; and
- assisting Victoria's ecosystems and native species to be more resilient to climate change and/or support mitigation outcomes.

Investment will be guided by Victorian government policies, including the *Climate Change Act 2017*, Victoria's *Climate Change Framework*, the *Victorian Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2017-20*, *Energy Efficiency and Productivity Statement*, *Renewable Energy Action Plan*, *Biodiversity 2037* and associated regulations and waste management policies.



Supporting the Priority Statement

The Priority Statement sets out the strategic priorities of the Sustainability Fund within its legislated purpose (refer page 6). The following charts illustrate how the Sustainability Fund has allocated investments in 2017-18 across the Fund's strategic priorities.


The chart shows the percentage of Sustainability Fund projects against the waste and climate change strategic priority themes in 2017-18. During the year, 41 per cent of projects invested in waste management and 58 per cent invested in climate change. Note that some funding addresses multiple strategic priorities.

The significant investment demonstrates the government's commitment to restoring Victoria as a leader in responding to the effects of climate change and responding to Victoria's waste and recycling challenges and opportunities.

Investment is guided by government policies, including Victoria's *Climate Change Act 2017*, Climate Change Framework, Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2017-20, Energy Efficiency and Productivity Statement, Renewable Energy Action Plan, Biodiversity 2037 and associated regulations and waste management policies.

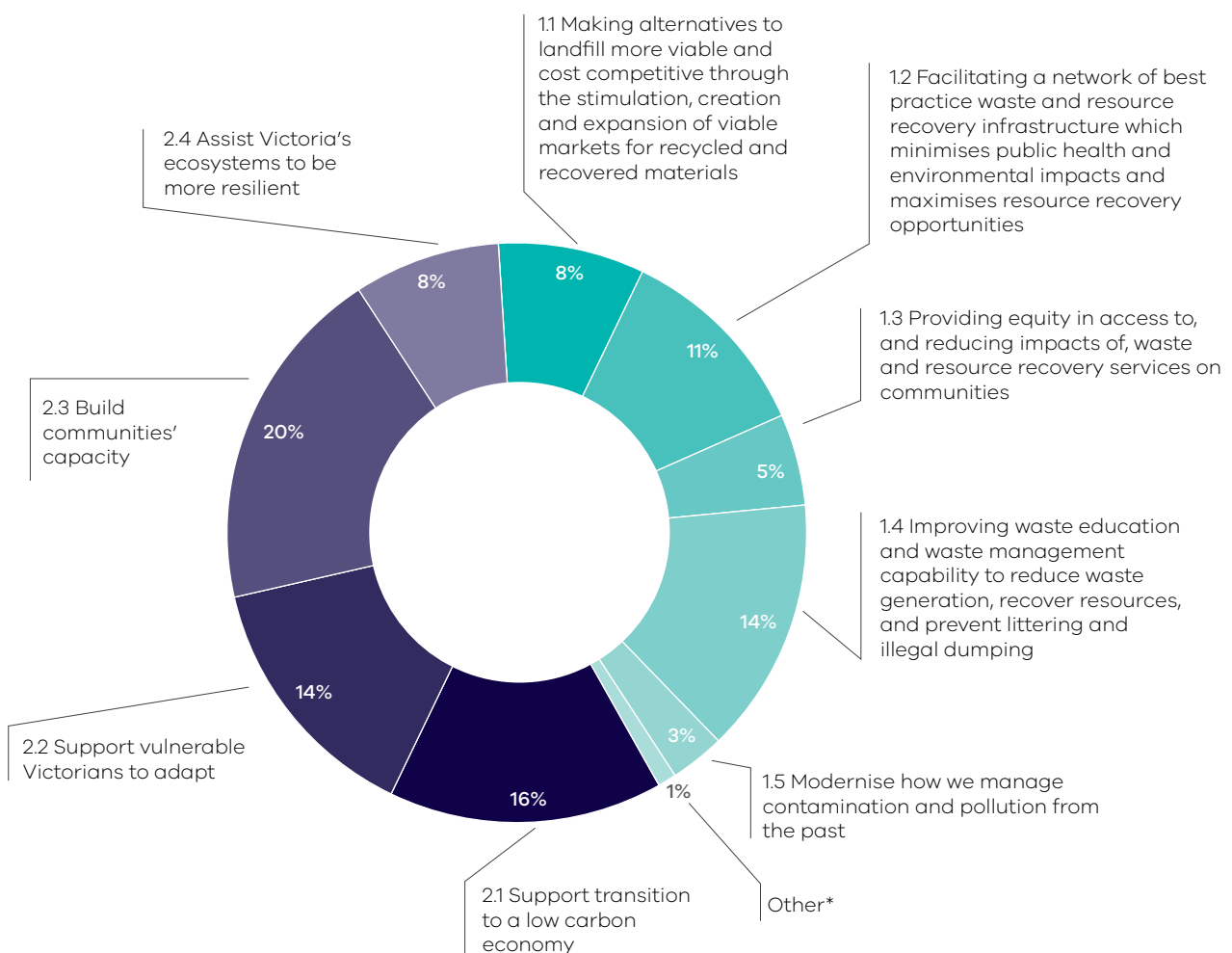
Sustainability Fund

Investment by priority theme

Fund objectives		2017-18
	Address both objectives	\$3.483 million
	Waste	\$34.769 million
	Climate change	\$116.260 million



Percentage of 2017-18 projects by strategic priority in 2017-18



*Strategic Priority areas unlisted in original Memorandum of Understanding for one project.



Evaluation Plan

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) has developed a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, this work commenced before the audit addresses the Auditor-General's recommendation to assess the achievements of the Sustainability Fund ensuring funded programs clearly demonstrate the extent to which programs have contributed to their specified legislative objective(s).

The Framework is in line with DELWP's outcomes framework and Corporate Plan 2018-22.

The Framework's aims are to:

- provide transparency and accountability for the use of the Sustainability Fund
- show achievement against the legislated objectives
- support good decision-making within the Fund
- contribute to broader learnings about initiatives related to sustainability in Victoria.

The Framework provides guidance to funding recipients about how the Sustainability Fund will report against its legislative objectives.

Projects will develop evaluation plans and approaches to collect data that aligns or contributes to the outcome areas and headline indicators proposed.

Data collected will be provided to the Sustainability Fund annually and documented in future activity reports to capture the performance of the projects and outcomes of the Fund.

Projects funded through the 2018-19 Budget cycle will initially pilot the implementation of the Framework. The Framework will be refined following the pilot to ensure an effective and efficient program wide roll out.

The Framework provides common indicators to assess program level outcomes. These are then able to be rolled up to help demonstrate the impact investment from the Sustainability Fund has had in Victoria. Additionally, other fund level evaluation questions will be used to evaluate the overall effectiveness of the Fund.

Below are summaries of the two legislative objectives, their proposed high-level outcomes and headline indicators which will be piloted.



1. WASTE MANAGEMENT

Better practice and
use of resources

Fostering environmentally sustainable
uses of resources and best practices in
waste management to advance the social
and economic development of Victoria

Outcome areas

Environmentally sustainable use of resources	Encouraging economic development	Facilitating social development	Best practice waste management
--	----------------------------------	---------------------------------	--------------------------------

Headline Indicators

Reduction or avoidance of waste going to landfill	Increase in employment (waste)	Number of households / organisations assisted	Number of research outputs
Reduction in material/ water use	Total investment leveraged	Collaborations and partnerships encouraged	Number of organisations implementing improved policies / standards / practices
Increase in materials recovered/ recycled			

Strategic Priorities

1.1	✓	✓		✓
1.2	✓	✓	✓	✓
1.3	✓		✓	✓
1.4	✓		✓	✓
1.5				✓

- 1.1 Viable markets for recycling and recovery
- 1.2 Network of best practice waste and recovery infrastructure
- 1.3 Equitable access and reduce the impacts of waste and resource recovery services on communities
- 1.4 Education to reduce waste and prevent littering and illegal dumping
- 1.5 Modernise how we manage contamination and pollution from the past



2. CLIMATE CHANGE

Taking action and adaptation

Fostering community action or innovation in relation to the reduction of greenhouse gas substance emissions (mitigation) or adaptation or adjustment to climate change in Victoria

Outcome areas					
Reduced greenhouse gas emissions	Community improve capacity to take action on climate change	Facilitating social development	Encouraging economic development	Environmentally sustainable use of resources	Adapting through improved biodiversity
Headline Indicators					
CO2-e emissions reduced or avoided	Number of people adopting positive environmental actions	Collaborations and partnerships encouraged	Increase in employment (cc)	Reduction in electricity use	Area of protection or rehabilitation
	Number of people attending training or receiving support	Number of households / organisations assisted	Total investment leveraged	Reduction in gas use	
			Total household/ organizational savings		
Strategic Priorities					
2.1	✓	✓	✓	✓	
2.2		✓	✓	✓	
2.3		✓	✓	✓	
2.4		✓			✓

2.1 Supporting individuals, communities and industry to transition to a low carbon economy

2.2 Supporting Victorians to adapt to the impacts of climate change, particularly those most vulnerable and least able to do so

2.3 Building Victorian communities' capacity, capability and skills in responding to climate change

2.4 Assisting Victoria's ecosystems and native species to be more resilient to climate change and/or support mitigation outcomes

Baseline data examples available in 2018

Projects will collect baseline data in future years as they transition into the new Framework giving the Sustainability Fund a rich source of data to evaluate the whole of Fund effectiveness into the future.



16.4%
8,165 GWh

Victoria's electricity
generation (renewable)



12,000
partnerships

in climate change
industry (Take 2)



1,600
hectares

of revegetation protected or
enhanced through
departmental-supported
Landcare activities

The framework will support the Fund to report against the outcomes of projects, to help describe the impact the Fund has had on delivering better environmental outcomes for Victorians.

Data provided on projects which closed in 2017-18 described the following outcomes and successes.



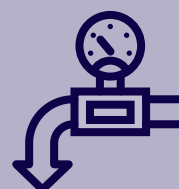
\$4,117,000

saved through resource
efficiency



38,737

trees planted



32,014 Gj

of gas consumption
reduced



238,106
Kilolitres

of water consumption
reduced
(exceeded target)



20,644
tonnes

diverted from landfill by
new organics kerbside
collection services



40,472
tonnes

of materials were diverted
from landfill due to the
Metro Fund.

Response to the Victorian Auditor-General's audit

The Auditor-General conducted a performance audit report into Managing the Municipal and Industrial Landfill Levy. The report was tabled in Parliament on 25 July 2018.

The objective of the audit was to determine whether the MILL distributions are consistent with, and achieving, their legislative purposes. There were three lines of enquiry:

- The financial regularity of the MILL Trust Account and Sustainability Fund.
- Outcomes achieved from the use of the Sustainability Fund.
- Monitoring and reporting on the use of the MILL Trust Account and the Sustainability Fund.

Below is the published management response, identifying the timeline in which recommendations will be implemented (as of 25 July, 2018).

DELWP's Management Action Plan

Recommendations	Agreed Action	Completion Date
<u>Recommendation 1</u> Assess alignment with the legislative purpose and establish a financial acquittal process for distributions made under section 70E(3)(d) (See Section 2.3)	DELWP accepts this recommendation DELWP will extend the financial acquittal process in place for crown land managers to all funding recipients of distributions made under section 70E(3)(d).	September 2018*
<u>Recommendation 2</u> Establish an independent committee to manage inherent conflicts of interest while maintaining access to subject-matter expertise (See Section 3.6)	DELWP accepts this recommendation DELWP supports the replacement of the two DELWP Committee members with independent members and to make available relevant senior executives for advice on funding proposals.	September 2018*
<u>Recommendation 3</u> Review the role of the Sustainability Fund Committee and Sustainability Fund Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • revise and update the committee's terms of reference (role and responsibilities, memberships, managing conflicts of interest, +/- KPIs, rules for decision-making) • clarify the role of the team and the committee in the oversight of project delivery (See Sections 3.6 and 4.2) 	DELWP accepts this recommendation DELWP will review the Terms of Reference for the Committee and clearly document the role of the team and the funding recipient in relation to project delivery.	September 2018*
<u>Recommendation 4</u> Develop clear guidance regarding the treatment of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • applications seeking core administrative costs • eligibility of applications seeking on-going funding (See Section 3.3) 	DELWP accepts this recommendation DELWP will develop guidance on the treatment of core administrative costs and ongoing funding.	September 2018*

Recommendations	Agreed Action	Completion Date
<p><u>Recommendation 5</u></p> <p>Establish processes to ensure all proposals seeking funding from the Sustainability Fund are assessed by the Sustainability Fund Committee before approval by the Minister and Premier (See Section 3.4)</p>	<p>DELWP accepts this recommendation</p> <p>DELWP implemented a process for the 2018-19 Budget to ensure proposals were considered by the Committee before the Minister and Premier. This process has also been embedded in broader government decision-making processes and steps are being taken to strengthen this process for 2019-20.</p>	<p>September 2018*</p>
<p><u>Recommendation 6</u></p> <p>Review the evaluation criteria applied to assessing proposals to clearly reflect the requirements specified in the legislation, Priority Statement and Guidelines (See Section 3.2)</p>	<p>DELWP accepts this recommendation</p> <p>DELWP considers that all requirements are being consistently assessed. To avoid any doubt, the assessment process (template) has been updated to demonstrate clear alignment to the criteria set out in legislation, the Priority Statement and Guidelines.</p>	<p>Implemented</p>
<p><u>Recommendation 7</u></p> <p>Improve the quality of advice provided to the minister by providing the assessment against each evaluation criteria (See Section 3.6)</p>	<p>DELWP accepts this recommendation</p> <p>DELWP considers that all requirements are being provided to the Minister. To avoid any doubt, the advice format (template) has been updated to demonstrate clear alignment to the criteria set out in legislation, the Priority Statement and Guidelines.</p>	<p>Implemented</p>
<p><u>Recommendation 8</u></p> <p>Relate the number of funding agreement milestones to the value and/or complexity of funded programs and link payment milestones to reporting requirements to minimise administrative burden (See Section 4.2)</p>	<p>DELWP accepts this recommendation</p> <p>In developing funding agreements, DELWP has and will continue to meet with funding recipients to clarify milestones that are proportionate to the value and/or complexity of funded programs/projects.</p>	<p>Implemented</p>
<p><u>Recommendation 9</u></p> <p>Examine mechanisms to encourage the earlier development of project plans for approved programs (See Section 4.2)</p>	<p>DELWP accepts this recommendation</p> <p>The project plan development process has been reviewed with all DELWP plans for the 2018-19 budget process now in place. Project plans for any new programs will be established within 60 days of approval.</p>	<p>Implemented</p>
<p><u>Recommendation 10</u></p> <p>Require funding recipients to provide key categories of expenditure in support of the financial acquittal of funding agreements to enable the team to review whether the funds have been used for the purpose intended (See Section 4.2)</p>	<p>DELWP accepts this recommendation</p> <p>All new funding agreements are to contain specific requirements to ensure appropriate financial acquittal processes are in place, and where appropriate include categories of expenditure.</p>	<p>Implemented</p>

Recommendations	Agreed Action	Completion Date
<p><u>Recommendation 11</u></p> <p>Implement the evaluation framework to evaluate outcomes of funded programs to clearly demonstrate the extent to which programs have contributed to the specified legislative objective (See Section 4.6)</p>	<p>DELWP accepts this recommendation</p> <p>DELWP will document the process for capturing program outcomes that contribute to legislative objectives in the Activity Report.</p> <p>The Activity Report details the Fund's investments and is designed to provide information on the scope of work taking place to support waste reduction, climate adaptation and mitigation, as well as the role the Fund plays in contributing to employment, new technology, innovation and resource efficiency. The evaluation framework, currently under development will inform the content of the Activity Report.</p>	September 2018*
<p><u>Recommendation 12</u></p> <p>Identify overall Sustainability Fund outcomes to measure the extent to which expenditure has successfully delivered legislative objectives (See Section 4.6)</p>	<p>DELWP accepts this recommendation</p> <p>See Recommendation 11.</p>	September 2018*
<p><u>Recommendation 13</u></p> <p>Develop a formal process to consistently apply lessons learned including:</p> <p>capturing and storing them centrally to enable them to be considered by the committee when assessing proposals</p> <p>sharing them with agencies to enable them to be considered when developing new program proposals (See Section 4.7)</p>	<p>DELWP accepts this recommendation</p> <p>DELWP will create a central database to capture lessons learned.</p>	December 2018
<p><u>Recommendation 14</u></p> <p>Publish an annual public report for 2018–19 and future years detailing the activities of the Sustainability Fund and outcomes achieved (See Section 4.8).</p>	<p>DELWP accepts this recommendation</p> <p>See Recommendation 11.</p>	September 2018*

*As of 31 August 2018, these actions are on track to be completed by the end of September 2018.

The source of the Sustainability Fund

A levy on waste

The Municipal and Industrial Landfill Levy (MILL) acts as a deterrent to increasing our landfill. This levy creates an incentive to re-use, recycle or reduce waste that would otherwise end up in our local tips. The money collected through the MILL funds the agencies and programs that are working to drive better environmental outcomes for Victoria.

The MILL is paid by licensed landfill operators for each tonne of waste deposited, with the cost passed on to the user through gate fees. The MILL is collected by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) then transferred to a trust account managed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).

How levy funds are used

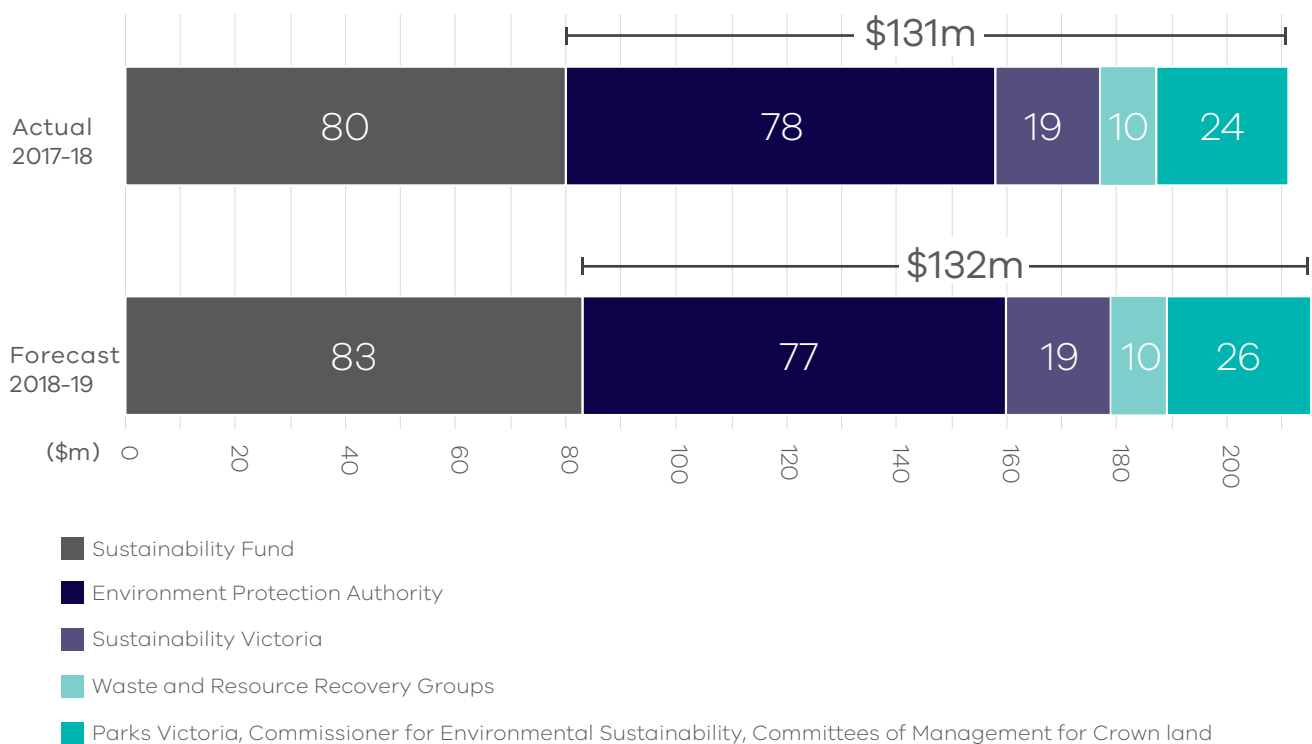
The MILL funds the essential work of environmental agencies and initiatives that improve waste management or take action on climate change.

In 2017-18, \$131 million from the MILL was distributed to environmental agencies, such as the EPA, Sustainability Victoria, Parks Victoria, Waste and Resource Recovery Groups, Commissioner for Environment Sustainability and Committees of Management for Crown land.

The remaining funds were transferred to the Sustainability Fund; this amount totalled \$80 million in 2017-18.

In 2018-19, \$132 million is forecast to be distributed to agencies and the remaining \$83 million transferred to the Fund.

How the Municipal and Industrial Landfill Levy is distributed

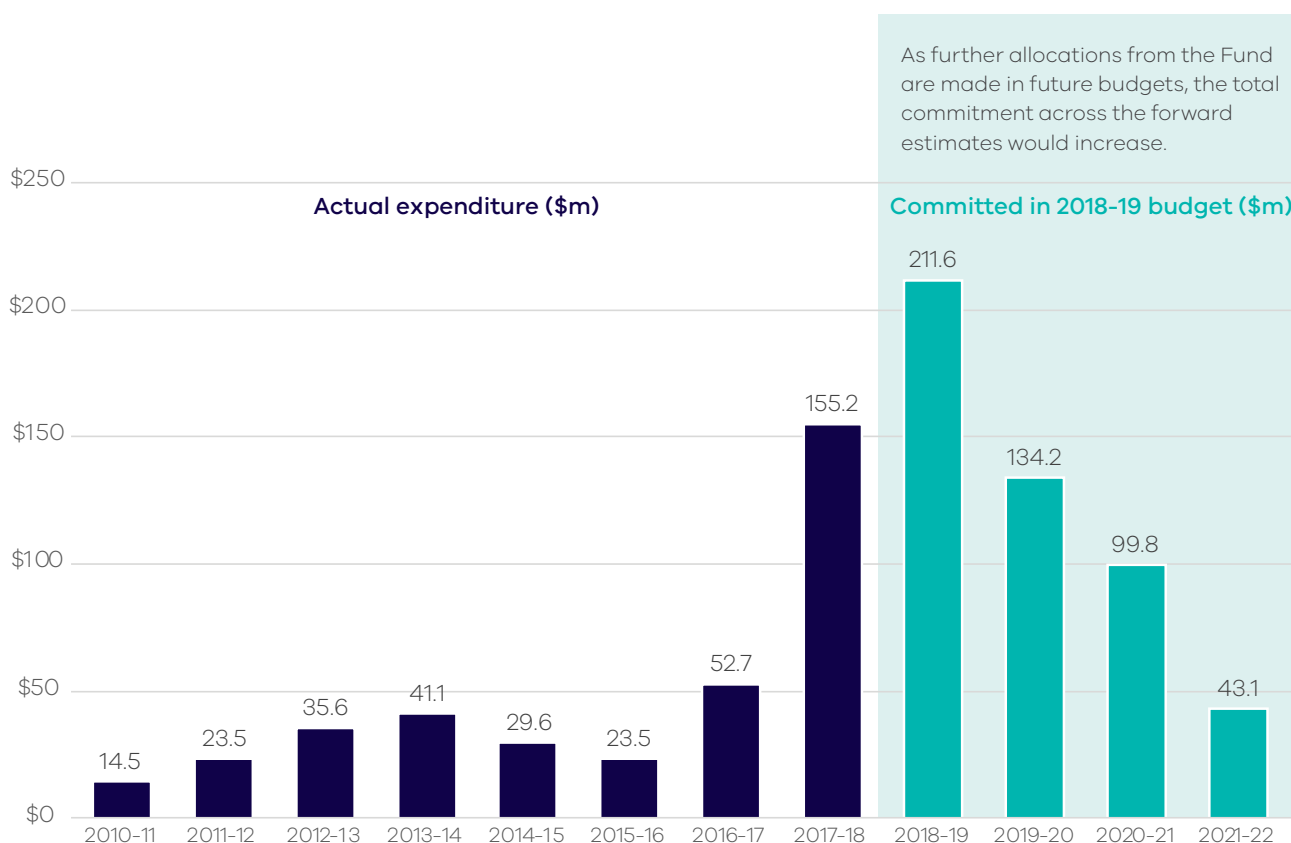


Sustainability Fund expenditure over time

Since 2004 the Sustainability Fund has committed almost \$1 billion to a broad range of sustainability projects and programs across Victoria.

The Sustainability Fund continues to provide support to a range of groups and organisations to deliver better environmental outcomes for Victoria. A total of \$375.7 million was spent from the Fund since 2010-18, with projects ranging from small local community initiatives to large-scale resource recovery investments. The 2017-18 year has seen the highest spend in the Fund's history. Note that the expenditure in 2017-18 includes \$0.760 million for Fund operations, offset by a return of unexpended funds of \$0.113 million paid in the year prior.

The 2018-19 State Budget commitment to sustainability projects across Victoria builds upon last year's commitments, bringing the total committed investment to \$489.7 million over the next four years. This investment is driven by biodiversity projects that support our native flora and fauna to adapt to the effects of climate change, initiatives that focus on transitioning Victoria to a low-carbon economy and lowering greenhouse gases and reducing waste to landfill.



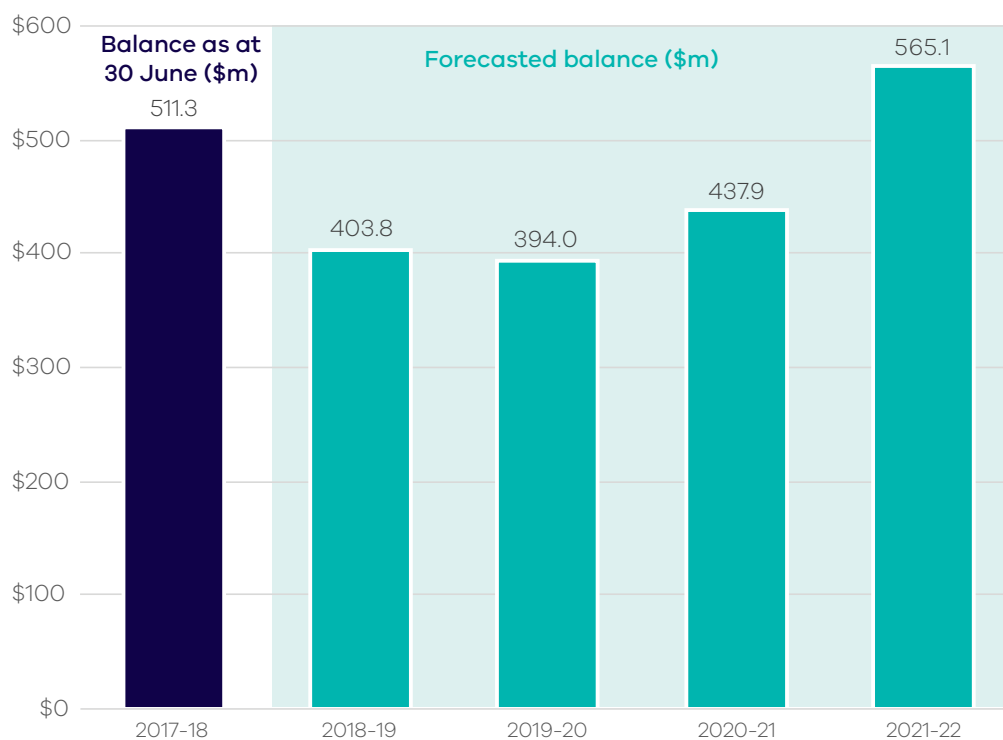


The balance of the Sustainability Fund

The balance of the Sustainability Fund as of 30 June 2018 was \$511.3 million*.

The following shows the forecasted balance of the Fund based on 2018-19 State Budget decisions.

Further allocations from the Fund in future budgets, would be likely to decrease the balance of the Fund across the forward estimates.



*This is an estimated balance. See the DELWP 2017-18 Annual Report for the financial acquittal.



Supporting different types of organisations

In the past year, the Sustainability Fund has assisted 422 organisations to undertake projects that deliver better environmental outcomes for Victoria, by providing funding for delivery agencies to run targeted grant programs.

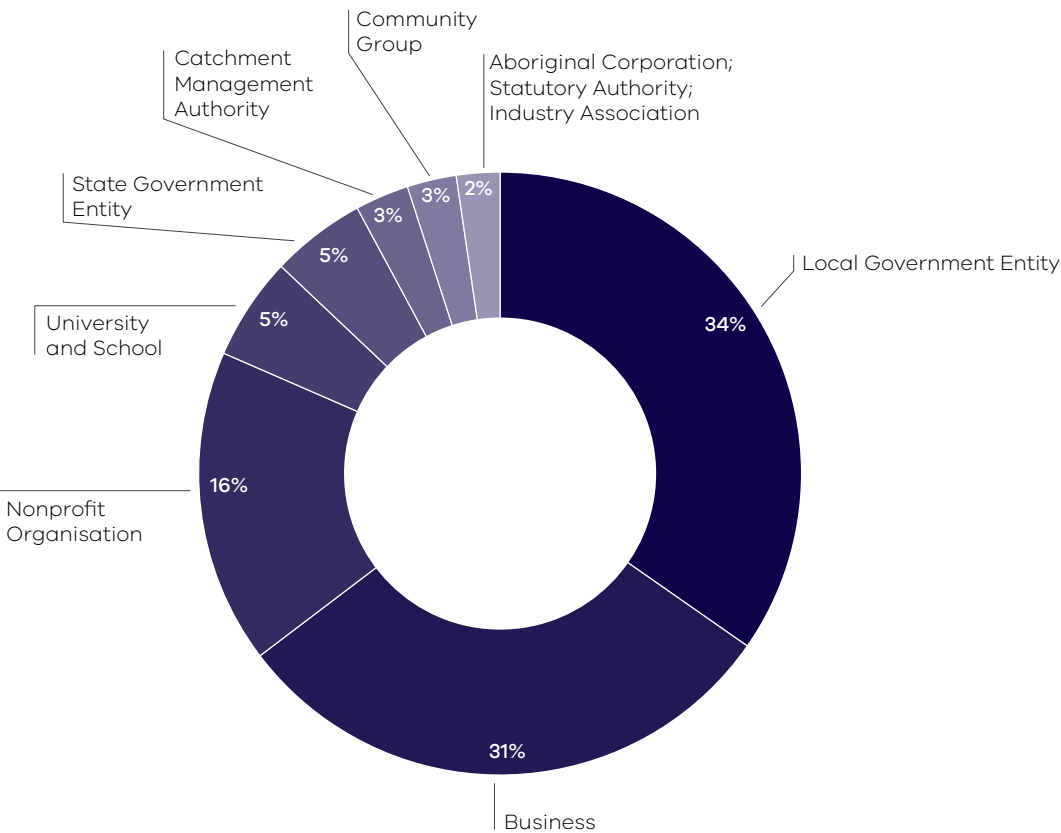
Organisations that receive funding via grant programs include local and state government entities, businesses, not-for-profit organisations, schools, universities and research institutions, and community groups. The diversity of organisations supported is one of the great strengths of the Fund, ensuring that it reaches various communities across the State.

The figure opposite illustrates the extent of different organisations supported through the Fund in 2017-18.

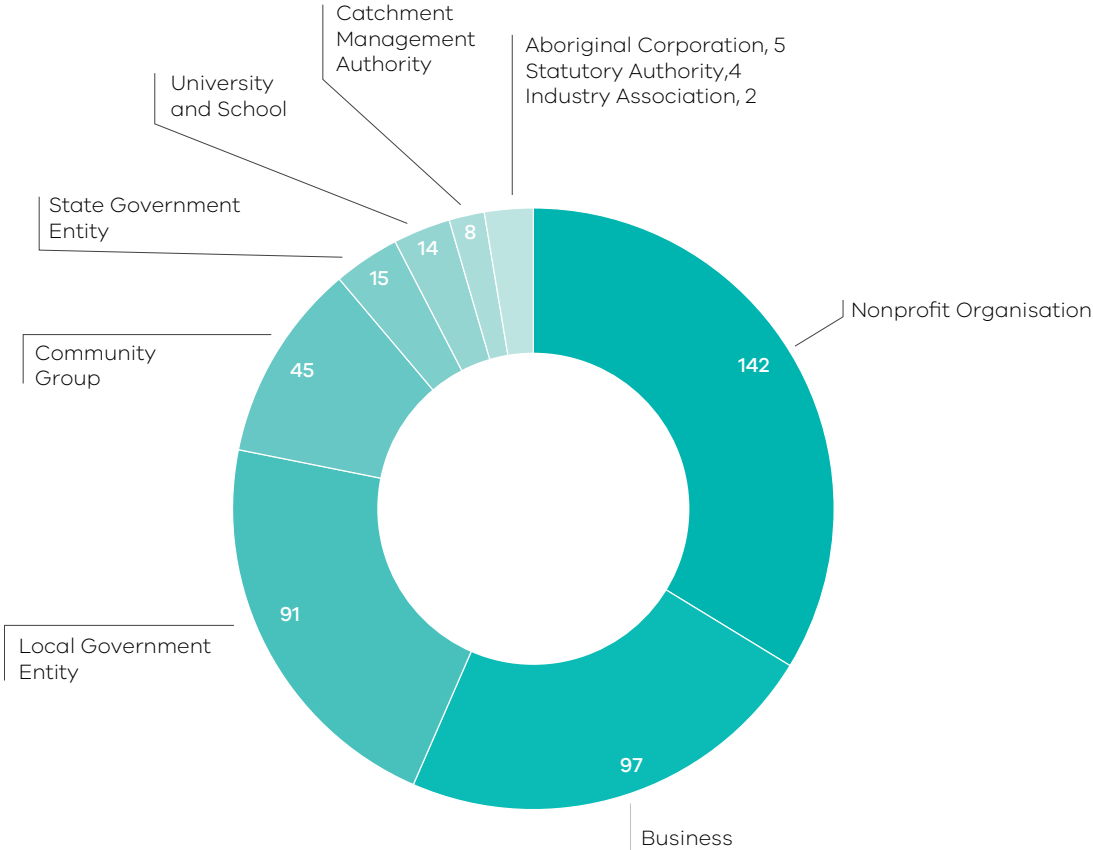
In 2017-18, almost one quarter of grant recipients were local government entities, which received 34 per cent of total grant funding. Local governments tackled the impacts of climate change and waste with projects such as recycling facilities at public pools (City of Bendigo) and a campaign to keep plastic bags out of recycling bins (Rural City of Wangaratta). Other initiatives included the Recycling Rescue Package, which gives councils financial support to improve recycling infrastructure. This support is in addition to the funding and resources developed and provided each year to local government by Sustainability Victoria and the Environment Protection Authority to reduce waste going to landfill and help local councils improve resource recovery.

Entities outside of government play a key role in driving change in the community. Of the total grant recipients in 2017-18, 74 per cent were outside of government and received 59 per cent of total grant funding.

Percentage of 2017-18 grant funds received by sector







Number of 2017-18 grants received by sector





WASTE MANAGEMENT

Programs that received funding in 2017-18

		\$ million
Bringing our EPA into the Modern Era	 page 27	6.026
Community Sustainability Infrastructure Fund		0.020
Contaminated Crown Land Assessment / Remediation		3.975
Getting Full Value	 page 30	1.455
Investing in waste and resource recovery for a growing Victoria		1.294
Investing in waste and resource recovery for a growing Victoria - e-waste landfill ban		2.350
Jobs and Innovation in Resource Recovery - e-waste landfill ban	 page 23	1.250
Jobs and Innovation in Resource Recovery - Household Chemical Collection		0.960
Jobs and Innovation in Resource Recovery - Leveraging private investment in infrastructure		2.672
Jobs and Innovation in Resource Recovery - Organics, Education & Market development strategies		1.070
Managing Victoria's Waste Materials - Illegal Dumping Strikeforce III		2.300
NACRO - Charitable Recycling		0.800
Recycling industry assistance package		6.895
Reducing the environmental impact of plastic bags - transitioning to ban	 page 24	0.160
Remediation of gun club sites		3.000
Understanding and adapting to climate change - Climate Change Framework		0.440
Victorian Litter Plan		0.100
Total		34.769



WASTE MANAGEMENT

Case study: E-waste landfill ban: Infrastructure Support Program

An Infrastructure Support Program is assisting Victorians to recycle their e-waste, ahead of the Victorian Government's forthcoming ban on e-waste entering landfill.



Keeping old tech out of landfill

E-waste, or electronic waste, refers to discarded electronic equipment with a power cord or battery, such as televisions, phones or white goods. They can contain hazardous materials that harm humans and the environment. But they might also contain scarce or valuable materials that can be recovered and reused.

Recycling e-waste reduces its impact on our environment, and supports jobs and investment in the recycling industry.

The Victorian Government's ban on e-waste in landfill begins July 1, 2019. To support the ban, this program aims to:

- inform Victorians of the environmental and health related impacts of e-waste and provide access to information that advises how to appropriately manage e-waste;
- engage stakeholders across the e-waste value chain throughout the ban, to support practical and effective design and implementation;
- ensure that collection, storage, transportation and processing of e-waste is conducted to a high standard; and
- provide support to build the capacity and capability of those managing e-waste.

The government has provided \$15 million of funding for upgrades to e-waste storage and collection infrastructure, to provide 98 per cent of the Victorian community with reasonable access to best practise e-waste disposal points.

The program also includes a public campaign to educate Victorians about the importance of recycling e-waste.

Legislative objective:

The program supports the Fund's strategic priorities of:

- improving waste education and waste management capability to reduce waste generation, recover resources and prevent littering and illegal dumping; and
- facilitating a network of best practice waste and resource recovery infrastructure which minimises public health and environmental impacts and maximises resource recovery opportunities.



WASTE MANAGEMENT



Case study: Reducing the environmental impact of plastic bags – transitioning to the ban

Helping the community ditch plastic bags

Every year Australians use billions of plastic bags, which clog up our waterways and oceans and pose a threat to marine life. It is an urgent environmental problem, but Victorians are stepping up the fight against plastic waste.

The Victorian Government will introduce a legislative ban on single-use, lightweight plastic bags by the end of 2019. By banning single-use plastic bags, we can help manage the long-term impacts of plastic pollution.

In the meantime, the government is working on ways to support retailers and the community transition away from using plastic shopping bags and, instead, seek reusable alternatives.

As part of this effort, the government released the discussion paper [*Reducing the impacts of plastics on the Victorian Environment*](#) and invited Victorians to share their views on how to design an effective ban and what else could be done to reduce the impacts of other single-use plastics.

In the more than 8,000 responses received, there was an overwhelming support for a ban (96 per cent) on lightweight plastic shopping bags.



The most common reasons were:

- they harm the environment;
- they are resource-intensive to produce;
- they have low rates of reuse and recycling; and
- alternatives are readily available.

Most organisations, including retailers and peak bodies which provided submissions, also support a ban. Coles and Woolworths have already phased out lightweight plastic bags in their stores.

The feedback received from the public is being used to develop the best approach to supporting the community to implement the ban. This will ensure the ban, once introduced, is as effective as possible.

The feedback will also help the government prioritise the most effective actions to reduce plastic pollution in our environment.

A reference group of government, industry, retail and community group representatives will be established to help develop the plastic pollution plan and advise the government on how to tackle other types of plastic pollution.

Legislative objective:

This project supports the Sustainability Fund's strategic objective to improve waste education to prevent illegal dumping.



8,000

RESPONSES RECEIVED



96%

FAVOURED A BAN ON
PLASTIC BAGS



WASTE MANAGEMENT



Case study: Waste Strategies Program

Australia only recycles a small proportion of the significant quantities of end-of-life tyres (EOLT) domestically. The remainder are unfortunately exported, landfilled, illegally dumped or stockpiled.

Tyre Market Development Strategy

Victoria has the capability to be a leader in the recycling of materials that reduce the need for landfill and reuse priority materials. The Victorian Government's Waste Strategies Program has three clear aims to:

- establish strong end markets for recovered products to support increased investment in the waste and resource recovery sector across Victoria
- provide higher quality products to industry to support the growth of end market
- provide a consistent approach to waste education and litter prevention activities to support a reduction in waste generation and litter.

The Tyre Market Development Strategy is a project delivered as part of the Waste Strategies Program. The Strategy focuses to support development of the Australian end-of-life tyres recycling sector; address barriers to growth in key tyre-derived products markets in Australia; develop markets for TDPs in road construction; research long-term markets for tyre-derived products in the rail construction sector; and develop new markets for use of TDPs in non-structural civil engineering applications.

Domestic recycling of end-of-life tyres is limited due to the lack of markets for tyre-derived products. In hopes to increase domestic recycling of end-of-life tyres the Strategy discusses and addresses the barriers to growth in key tyre-derived products markets including but not limited to transport costs, regulatory settings, infrastructure costs, retailer disposal fees, and standards and specifications.

Road construction, rail construction and non-structural civil construction sectors present an emerging opportunity for tyre-derived products in Australia.

Legislative objective:

This program assists the Victorian community to better use energy and materials sustainably and encourage its reuse and recovery. The program also leads planning for an integrated waste and resource recovery system that supports the responsible management of waste.



WASTE MANAGEMENT



Case study: Environment Protection Bill 2018

Environment protection legislation passed by the Victorian Parliament creates a more proactive and preventative approach to environmental issues.

A new way forward for environmental protection

The Victorian Government's Environment Protection Amendment Bill 2018 provides the foundation for a transformation of the Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) and Victoria's environment protection laws.

It focuses on preventing waste and pollution impacts rather than managing those impacts after they have occurred.

The Bill was introduced to Parliament on 19 June 2018 and received Royal Assent on 28 August 2018.

The legislation introduced makes changes to enhance the protection of Victoria's environment and human health by more proportionate, risk-based environment protection which includes:

- a preventative approach through a General Environmental Duty (GED)
- a tiered system of EPA permissions to support risk-based and proportionate regulatory oversight
- significant reforms to contaminated land and waste management
- increased maximum penalties
- requirements for more environmental information to be publicly available
- modernising and strengthening EPA's compliance and enforcement powers.

Legislative objective:

This significant work fosters environmentally sustainable uses of resources and best practices in waste management to advance the social and economic development of Victoria.

You can view the legislation at the [Victorian Parliament's website](#).



CLIMATE CHANGE

Programs that received funding in 2017-18

		\$ million
Climate Change Action Package		0.565
Climate Change Innovation & Jobs - Virtual Centre for Climate Change		1.690
Climate Ready Victorian Infrastructure - Critical Coastal Protection Assets		3.973
Community driven action to protect Victoria's unique biodiversity		1.162
Driving Growth in Renewable Energy		2.479
Energy Affordability: Putting Consumers First	 page 30	4.201
Energy Storage Initiative		20.632
Increasing support for Landcare		4.435
Increasing support for Trust for Nature		0.059
Latrobe Valley Package - energy efficiency initiative		1.643
Making Communities Climate Ready - Protection of Priority Victorian Beaches and Foreshores		2.358
Partnering with local government to address weeds and pests		1.000
Protecting Victoria's Environment - Biodiversity 2037		18.800
Saving Energy, Growing Jobs		8.145
Science, Innovation and Excellence - Monitoring coastal flooding, erosion & land stability		1.600
Securing our modern energy future - Energy Efficiency and Productivity Strategy		7.900
Securing our modern energy future - Renewable Energy Action Plan		0.890
Taking Decisive Action on Climate Change	 page 36	1.072
Towards a healthy and resilient marine and coastal future	 page 34	3.385
	 page 32	
Understanding and adapting to climate change - Adaptation Plan 2		2.581
Understanding and adapting to climate change - Climate Change Framework		3.017
Victorian Government Energy Purchasing – Solar Certificate Tender Outcome		14.673
Total		111.260



CLIMATE CHANGE



Case study: Climate Change Research Grants

Driving climate change innovation

Victoria is supporting the next generation of climate change leaders.

The Climate Change Research Grant program gives students and young professionals opportunities to learn about climate research and innovation from the brightest minds and best academic institutions in the field.

The Victorian Government is driving an ambitious climate change agenda to decouple greenhouse gas emissions from economic growth and transition Victoria to a low carbon economy. The program aims to accelerate the rate at which climate innovation occurs by strengthening the profile, networks and knowledge of Victorian early-career academics.

The program has funded a number of opportunities for emerging climate change leaders, including:

- eight scholarships for Victorian post-graduate students to participate in 'The Journey', a three-week climate change training program in Europe
- two scholarships for Victorian early-career academics under the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Climate System Science (ARC CoE).

The program also funded a feasibility study to inform the establishment of the Australian Climate Knowledge Innovation Community (Climate KIC).

Based on a similar initiative in Europe, Climate KIC Australia is a public-private-research partnership that links research, business,

entrepreneurs, investors and government to drive systemic change.

It focuses on three broad themes: net-zero carbon energy, sustainable resilient cities and regional economic transition, including opportunities for Indigenous communities and sustainable tourism.

In August 2017, participants of the Climate Change Research Grant program also took part in the Climate KIC 'Launchpad' boot camp, held in Melbourne, brainstorming and developing ideas for sustainable businesses.

The grant program has had a significant impact on the skills of these postgraduate students.

Not only have they been able to develop innovation, teamwork and design skills, they have a better appreciation of how business and innovation can be used to tackle the challenges of climate change.

The international component of the program was invaluable, expanding the cultural experiences of the participants.

Legislative Objective:

The Climate Research Grants program fosters community action and innovation, building Victorians' capacity to adapt and adjust to climate change.



CLIMATE CHANGE



Case study: Power Changers demand management pilot and the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Benefits Realisation project

Victoria is using smart meters to trial a demand management program and track energy use in real time.

The 'Power Changers' pilot is helping address energy affordability and minimise energy costs for consumers, focusing on assisting those in need.

Powering the future of electricity use

Over the summer of 2017-18, the Victorian Government partnered with Jemena Electricity Networks to run the demand management pilot and Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Benefits Realisation project.

The pilot encouraged participants to make small changes to how and when they use electricity during peak times.

Participants were given access to near real-time energy consumption data from smart meters, as well as personalised tips to help them better manage their energy consumption during peak times.

They were also offered incentives to reduce their energy consumption or shift their consumption outside of peak times.

A smartphone app and online web portal, in addition to regular emails and SMS reminders, facilitated this engagement.

The ability for smart meters to track energy consumption also enabled energy usage targets to be set based on historical usage.

Over 600 households from Alphington, Eaglemont, Fairfield, Ivanhoe, Ivanhoe East and Craigieburn participated in 'Power Changers'.



They were also given the opportunity to donate their rewards to local community groups and schools, or cash in their rewards for gift cards. Participants who donated their rewards managed to raise a total of \$35,000 for local community groups and schools.

Community organisations and schools involved in the program included Darebin Parklands Association, Kildonan Uniting Care, Austin Health, Alphington Primary School and Fairfield Primary School.

The results of the pilot are currently being evaluated, but preliminary findings and anecdotal feedback indicate that participants had a positive experience.

Once pilot evaluation has been complete, key learnings and insights will be shared with stakeholders. Outcomes of this pilot will be used as an evidence base to inform future research and policy, including how best to deliver additional customer benefits, enabled by smart meters.

Legislative objective:

The 'Power Changers' promotes changes in the behaviour of energy consumers, so they either shift or reduce their daily energy use, which leads to a lower energy generation output from coal- and gas-fired generators, resulting in lower emissions. It also further enhances the deployment of automated technologies and efficient energy-pricing structures and incentives, which support customers across Victoria to be more efficient in their energy use.



600

HOUSEHOLDS



\$35,000

RAISED FOR SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY GROUPS



CLIMATE CHANGE



Case study: Habitat resilience and cultural heritage protection at Mt Eliza

Community members along the Mornington Peninsula are working to preserve the area's beautiful coastline and rich cultural history, including the Aboriginal middens that line its shores.

Restoring the coastline, while keeping watch over Aboriginal heritage sites

Middens are concentrations of shells, tools, ash and other debris at sites where Aboriginal people ate their meals. They are culturally significant because they provide evidence about how Aboriginal people lived in the past. And they give today's Aboriginal people a physical connection to their ancestors.

Studying the shells can also tell researchers about changes in climate over centuries.

Friends of Williams Road Beach, a local environmental group, has been protecting registered Aboriginal middens, which were at risk of being overlooked and undervalued by the community.

They have also been restoring the Mt Eliza foreshore and providing cultural awareness training to local scouts.

The coastal foreshore had become infested by invasive weeds, which blow in from depleted habitats nearby. To protect the site, volunteers have implemented an ongoing weed control and re-planting program to improve natural regeneration and resilience of indigenous vegetation.

Funding has also helped volunteers deliver cultural awareness training to local scouts, aiding their understanding of the habitat, middens and health of the shoreline.



Protecting registered Aboriginal middens and educating the community about them ensures that their cultural value is recognised and maintained for future generations.

"It is our belief that informed scouts will care for the environment," says Ann Scholes, co-ordinator of Friends of Williams Road Beach. "As many of our youth scouts go on to leadership, their training is viewed as imperative to the ongoing maintenance of high-profile assets."

The group has erected two signs to increase community understanding of the site's high-profile habitats and cultural heritage, with more planned for the coming years.

With additional consultation and support from their local Coastcare Victoria facilitator, Friends of Williams Road Beach achieved outcomes beyond the initial scope of the project. They developed a new approach to engagement and formed valuable relationships between passionate coastal volunteers, their local Coastcare facilitator and Aboriginal Traditional Owners.

The project was conducted in partnership with Bunurong Land Council and other key stakeholders, such as Aboriginal Victoria and land managers.

Legislative objective:

This project is a great local example of the Sustainability Fund's strategic objective to assist Victoria's ecosystems to be more resilient. Through long-term planning, community engagement and education and sustained efforts, Friends of Williams Road Beach volunteers are continuously improving the resilience of both natural and cultural values in this foreshore environment.



CLIMATE CHANGE



Case study: Improving marine education: Activity Leaders Guide for Marine Volunteers

Victorians who learn about our State's beautiful beaches, oceans and estuaries are more likely to help protect them. That's why we have volunteer educators who raise awareness about Victoria's coastal ecosystems – through everything from beach clean-up days to wildlife seminars.

The teacher's guide engaging more people to protect our coast

A new guidebook to upskill these dedicated volunteers is building their capacity to provide high-quality educational activities for the community.

The *Activity Leaders Guide for Marine Volunteers* documents many years of observations and acquired knowledge about marine education. It contains information on how to plan, organise and deliver an activity. It also has worksheets for activity participants, flora and fauna identification guides, illustrations, tips and more.

The guidebook was developed by the Marine Education and Science Community Centre (MESAC), an important provider of community coastal and marine education at Rickett's Point Marine Sanctuary in Beaumaris.

It has already proven popular with coastal volunteers across Victoria, who have provided positive feedback about its practicality and ease of use.

MESAC president Ray Lewis says the guide enhances educational programs and aids community groups, such as those supported by Coastcare Victoria.



"There is a growing need to train volunteers leading Coastcare's 'Summer by The Sea' activities for reach and depth. Also, to facilitate the running of interpretative activities from rock pool rambles through to Aboriginal cultural heritage," Mr Lewis says.

"Excitingly, there have been interstate enquires about the guide from Coastcare groups in South Australia and Queensland."

MESAC has undertaken a series of "train the trainer" sessions showing volunteers how the guide can help them. The guide has also been used to establish additional volunteer groups at marine sanctuaries in Port Phillip – Jawbone and Point Cook.

Legislative objective:

This project strengthens the ability of volunteers to provide high-quality education activities in coastal and marine environments. And it has helped new and emerging volunteer groups to build their skills to protect and ensure resilience of coastal and marine ecosystems.





Case study: Port Phillip Bay Coastal Hazard Assessment

A new study will model future climate scenarios to define the extent of land around the Bay expected to be threatened by coastal processes.

Baywatch: protecting Port Phillip

The Bay plays a central role in the lives of millions of Victorians. Spanning nearly 264 kilometres, it serves as the entrance to Australia's busiest container port. The area around the Bay is home to 1.3 million people, and it is a popular recreational destination for locals and tourists alike.

The level of population and infrastructure in the area means that the Bay is extremely vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning is undertaking a detailed assessment of coastal hazards, including flooding and erosion, that could affect the Bay's coastline.

The Port Phillip Bay Coastal Hazard Assessment (PPBCHA) started in 2017 and will be completed by June 2020.

The project aims to:

- build on the existing second pass inundation data for the Bay
- identify and fill any critical information gaps
- model future climate scenarios to define the extent of land expected to be threatened by inundation, erosion and groundwater intrusion
- produce data, maps and documentation that are:
 - appropriate to the needs of stakeholders
 - in formats that are most useful for stakeholders to inform decision making



- suitable for a range of applications, including planning decisions and informing on-ground management actions
- easily accessible.

The department, in partnership with key stakeholders, including the Association of Bayside Municipalities, the 10 local councils around the Bay, the Municipal Association of Victoria and Melbourne Water, will use the information to make decisions about any proposed future developments in the area.

"The Association of Bayside Municipalities welcome the opportunity to work closely with the department and our regional and local partners to prepare a Coastal Hazard Assessment for Port Phillip Bay," says Jacquie White, executive officer of the association.

"As coastal land managers, councils are acutely aware of the need for reliable data and information to guide a whole-of-bay approach to regional and local decision-making and action."

The results of the assessment will be made available to the public, where possible, to inform decisions regarding management of existing natural, cultural and economic assets. The information will also help with the management of existing natural, cultural and economic assets.

Legislative objective:

Key stakeholders who have access to the latest information, data and modelling are best able to inform decision-making around asset-planning and protection of the coast. This will support community efforts to take action on – and adapt to – climate change.

"As coastal land managers, councils are acutely aware of the need for reliable data and information to guide a whole-of-bay approach to regional and local decision-making and action."



Case study: Threatened Species Protection Initiative – Mountain Pygmy Possum project

A new tunnel allows populations of the critically endangered Mountain Pygmy Possum to bypass a road to breed, as part of Victoria's efforts to protect native wildlife.

A pathway for endangered marsupials

Small enough to fit in the palm of your hand, the Mountain Pygmy Possum is a mouse-like marsupial that lives in the rocky alpine areas of Victoria and NSW. They were considered extinct until 1966, when one was found alive at a ski lodge in Mt Hotham.

But the tiny possum, Australia's only hibernating marsupial, is now threatened by habitat loss due to climate change and human development. Less than 2,000 remain in the wild.

In particular, the Great Alpine Road in Mt Hotham Alpine Park disrupted the possum's natural breeding grounds.

Through the Fund, the government supported the Mt Hotham Alpine Board to construct a tunnel allowing the possums to bypass the road for breeding.

The tunnel builds on the success of a similar corridor at Mt Higginbotham east, and it is expected to deliver significant benefits to the Mountain Pygmy Possum community.

The possum is just one of the native Victorian species targeted by the Threatened Species Protection Initiative (TSPI), which was established to help endangered species and their habitats.

About one-third of Victoria's terrestrial plants, birds, reptiles, amphibians and mammals, along with numerous invertebrates and ecological communities, are threatened with extinction.

The project provides support to community groups, environmental organisations and agencies to carry out on-ground works and critical activities to help protect threatened species, including:

- securing threatened plants and animals
- reducing human and other direct impacts



- strengthening partnerships and community involvement to improve species resilience in the face of climate change.

Overall, TSPI has funded 213 projects across the following streams:

- 140 Community Volunteer Action (CVA) grants totalling approximately \$2 million to increase community awareness, and improve habitat and the security of sites for threatened species
- 70 Critical Action and Strategic Partnership (CASP) projects across government and not-for-profit agencies totalling more than \$3 million to deliver critical actions and innovations to reduce threats and increase the protection, persistence and management of key threatened species through partnership projects across government, key agency and not-for-profit organisations
- three projects as part of a crowdfunding campaign totalling \$32,000 to pilot a new investment approach for community groups to secure funds.

Legislative objective:

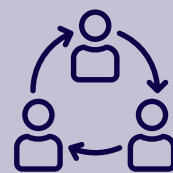
This program supports the Fund's objective to foster community action or innovation in relation to the reduction of greenhouse gas substance emissions or adaptation or adjustment to climate change in Victoria.

It does this by building capacity to manage the effects of climate change, and assisting threatened species to adapt.



140

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER
ACTION GRANTS



70

CRITICAL ACTION AND
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
PROJECTS



3

CROWDFUNDING
CAMPAIGN PROJECTS



CLIMATE CHANGE



Case study: The Climate Change Innovation Marketplaces

Collaboration is key when tackling a complex problem such as climate change.

Bringing people together in the fight against climate change

More than 400 representatives from Victorian businesses, industry, community, research, not-for-profit and government organisations attended 13 Climate Change Innovation Marketplace events in 2017.

Victoria has significant industry capabilities, including education and professional services that make us well placed to tackle the challenges of climate change. The Marketplace events created a forum for innovators to come together to generate solutions to climate change challenges faced by our economy and communities.

"These events are all about enabling people to come together, to make connections [and] to share ideas," notes Martin Butcher, Engagement Program Manager with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

Events were held in Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Gippsland, Horsham, Melbourne, Mildura, Shepparton, Wangaratta and Warrnambool.

They were designed for participants to:

- make meaningful connections
- identify project ideas and opportunities for collaboration
- refine ideas through engagement with peers.

Attendees at each event were given the opportunity to meet climate change innovators from different sectors and share ideas, develop projects and build a community of practice. With the exception of a brief introduction to the Climate Change Innovation Grants, the content of the Marketplace events was driven entirely by the participants.



The Climate Change Innovation Grant program funded 24 collaborative and innovative projects. The Virtual Centre for Climate Change Innovation project team are assisting high-quality unfunded projects to identify alternative funding and other opportunities for development through future Marketplace events.

The first Marketplace event for unfunded projects was held in Melbourne in May 2017 and included an 'Exhibition of Ideas' for climate change innovators to display and pitch their ideas.

Legislative objective:

The Climate Change Innovation Marketplaces foster community action or innovation in relation to the reduction of greenhouse gas substance emissions or adaption or adjustment to climate change in Victoria.



400

REPRESENTATIVES



13

CLIMATE CHANGE
INNOVATION
MARKETPLACE EVENTS



Current programs supported by the Sustainability Fund as at 30 June 2018

	Expected Priority Outcome	Status as at 30 June 2018
Bringing Our EPA into the Modern Era		
Phase 1 - Government Response to EPA Inquiry	1.5	In progress
The program aims to strengthen Victoria's EPA to more effectively safeguard human health and address Victoria's current and future environment protection challenges, particularly in the face of increasing impacts relating to climate change.		
Climate Change - Climate Ready Victorian Infrastructure - Environmentally Sustainable Development Standards		
Environmentally Sustainable Development Standards	2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 1.1	In progress
The program aims to develop state planning and building system responses to support more comprehensive, integrated and effective consideration of Environmentally Sustainable Development objectives in future decision making about urban developments. The program outcomes involve a range of planning system changes including amendment to the State Planning Policy Framework, changes to the Victoria Planning Provisions and additional guidance through other documentation such as practice notes or reference standards.		
Climate Change - Encouraging ResourceSmart Schools		
ResourceSmart Schools 2016	2.1, 2.3, 1.4	Completed
The program aims to assist schools and early childhood facilities to reduce their environmental impacts by reducing energy and water consumption, waste production and increasing biodiversity in school areas. Reduced energy and water bills will also lead to cost savings.		
Climate Change Action Package		
Climate Change Research Grants	2.3	Completed
This program's objectives are to: a) boost the profile, networks and knowledge of Victorian early career academics in order to advance recognition of Victoria as a leader in climate change; b) accelerate the rate at which climate adaptation and mitigation research and innovation uptake is occurring in Victoria; c) support research to inform climate change policy and strengthen the link between policy and research; and d) enhance the networks between Victorian early career academics and leading institutions overseas through research scholarships for placements or study at respected international climate change institutions to foster leading thinking in Victoria.		
Climate Change Package Grants	2.3	In progress
This program aims to strengthen partnerships between local governments and their communities through the grants program, aiming to further enable local governments to assist their communities and local economies transition to a low carbon future, build resilience and adapt to the impacts of climate change.		
Climate Change Innovation and Jobs		
Waste to Energy	1.2	In progress
This program aims to reduce CO2 emissions generated from waste through the construction of waste to energy facilities. It will support the industry in establishing confidence in the market through demonstration, diversion of organic waste and biomass from landfill, recover energy to replace reliance on high emissions energy, and support greenhouse gas abatement. It also supports the installation of new, or upgrades to, waste to energy facilities to process organic waste in Victoria.		
Virtual Centre for Climate Change Innovation	2.1	In progress
This program aims to strengthen Victoria's role as a leader in climate change by fostering action, innovation and collaboration between businesses, industry, researchers and government to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change.		

	Expected Priority Outcome	Status as at 30 June 2018
Climate Ready Victorian Infrastructure - Critical Coastal Protection Assets		
Critical Coastal Protection Assets This program provides financial assistance to Victorian Coastal Crown land managers to adapt coastal protection assets and land to mitigate the projected effects of climate change including sea level rise, increased coastal storm events and storm surge that will increase the risk of coastal inundation and erosion.	2.4	In progress
Community Driven Action to protect Victoria's unique Biodiversity		
Land Acquisition - Helmeted Honeyeater This land acquisition is for the Yellingbo Conservation Area to increase the area of habitat managed and protected for the endangered Helmeted Honeyeater and to increase the population of the Helmeted Honeyeater by linking it to the Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve.	2.4	In progress
Biodiversity On-Ground Community Action Grants Rd2 This program supports projects which target highly vulnerable species, habitats and mitigation measures to increase the persistence of native species and ecosystems affected by environmental threats such as climate change.	2.4	In progress
Biodiversity Information Uplift Program The Biodiversity Information Uplift Program will build Victorian communities' capacity, capability and skills in responding to climate change; and support management action to assist Victoria's ecosystems and native species to be more resilient to climate change and/or support mitigation outcomes.	2.4	In progress
PV special places: reducing weeds and pests in high value areas This program delivers a weeds and pest animal control program over two years to control priority pest species in key high value areas across the Parks Victoria estate, including in the Alps, Gippsland, Wilsons Promontory, Otways, Mallee, grasslands, urban fringe and the south-west.	2.4	In progress
Increasing support for Trust for Nature The program supports the increase in size and quality of protected areas on private land by working with landholders and the wider community to help mitigate the impacts of climate change on Victoria's natural environment.	2.4	In progress
Pest animal and deer control program This initiative supports the delivery of a conservation pest management program that reduces the threat from introduced invasive animal species and improves the condition and resilience of parks.	2.4	In progress
Biodiversity On-Ground Action This program supports the Victorian Government's new Biodiversity Plan which aims to connect community to nature and ensure that Victoria's natural environment is healthy. This program includes protection and management of biodiversity resources.	2.4	In progress
Community Sustainability Infrastructure Fund		
Community Sustainability Infrastructure Fund The Fund supports Victorian community groups, local government and businesses to achieve improved resource recovery, resource and energy efficiency outcomes or local environmental improvements.	1.2	Completed

	Expected Priority Outcome	Status as at 30 June 2018
Driving Growth in Renewable Energy		
Driving Growth in Renewable Energy The program aims to deliver investment growth, new jobs and environmental benefits by promoting growth in renewable energy, both through facilitation of wholesale market transition from brown coal generation towards renewables, and by increasing the uptake of distributed generation and storage technologies by households, businesses and community groups.	2.1	In progress
Energy Affordability: Putting Consumers First		
Latrobe Valley new energy jobs and investment strategy This program aims to incentivise the growth of the new energy technologies sector in the Latrobe Valley by promoting uptake of renewable energy technologies, supporting best practice project design, building workforce capabilities, and demonstrating business models and integration of supporting technologies. This is being achieved through the delivery of the Latrobe Valley New Energy Jobs And Investment Prospectus in June 2018 and a scholarships and upskilling grants program administered through the Latrobe Valley Authority.	2.1, 2.2, 2.3	In progress
Victorian Energy Compare State-wide advertising campaign and stakeholder engagement This program aims to increase consumer awareness of the Victorian Energy Compare website, and broader energy matters to address cost pressures and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This is through educating consumers about ways to reduce their energy consumption and by further assisting them to make informed energy decisions.	2.3	In progress
Vulnerable Consumer Support This program aims to educate and empower groups that may not be reached by mainstream electricity information campaigns to assist them in making informed decisions about what electricity product or service best suits their consumption pattern. It also informs them on reducing energy usage and subsequently greenhouse gas emissions, relieving cost pressures associated with household energy bills, improving energy literacy of vulnerable consumer households, and increasing awareness of energy efficiency and the benefits of renewable energy.	2.3	In progress
Energy Brokerage Pilot This program will test and examine the need for, and the benefits of an independent energy brokerage service that will help vulnerable Victorian energy consumers gain access to cheaper and more appropriate energy offers.	2.2	In progress
Energy Data Hub Concept Study The Energy Data Hub will enable consumers and, with appropriate safeguards, third parties to access their energy consumption data (consumption interval data collected by smart meters) on a near real-time basis.	2.1	In progress
Victorian Energy Compare - Operational support and continuous improvements This program will enable the delivery of the Victorian Energy Compare website and provide improvements to ensure the website remains current and useful to energy consumers.	2.3	In progress
Advanced Metering Benefits Realisation The purpose of this program is to enable consumers to more effectively use Victoria's state-wide Advanced Metering Infrastructure to better manage their energy consumption and costs.	2.1	In progress

	Expected Priority Outcome	Status as at 30 June 2018
Environment Partnerships: supporting native vegetation and threatened species		
Environmental Partnerships - Supporting Native Vegetation and Threatened Species The key objective of this program is to work with landholders to improve the quality and extent of native vegetation within targeted landscapes. This initiative seeks to deliver strategically important native vegetation and threatened species outcomes and improve transparency and accountability for government and community.	2.4	In progress
Getting Full Value: Victoria's Waste and Resource Policy		
Getting Full Value: Victoria's Waste and Resource Policy Program This program addresses inadequate waste management infrastructure and planning, illegal dumping and littering in the community and a lack of opportunity for economic growth in the waste sector due to the lack of markets for recovered materials.	1.2	In progress
Greener Government Buildings		
Greener Government Buildings Program The program will improve the energy efficiency of government buildings. Government buildings will be retrofitted with more efficient lighting heating and cooling systems, building automation and solar power. This will save future costs in energy bills and cut greenhouse gas emissions.	2.1	Planning
Increasing support for Landcare		
Support for Landcare This program aims to provide support for Landcare facilitators to work with local communities in regional, rural, peri-urban and urban areas to improve the health and resilience of the natural environment.	2.4	In progress
Investing in waste and resource recovery for a growing Victoria		
Improving Landfill & Compositional Waste Data Audits This program aims to improve the methodology and data of landfill compositional audits for Victorian landfills and transfer stations. It further intends to better inform investment in the resource recovery of priority material throughout Victoria; improve the projection model used for the Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan; and provide Victoria's Waste and Resource Recovery Groups with a better understanding of the amount of waste generated and managed in their regions.	1.4	In progress
Waste to Energy Policy This program will develop a whole of government waste to energy policy for Victoria. Key objectives of this program include: Understanding how waste to energy can provide net positive economic, social, environmental and public health outcomes for Victoria; Exploring how waste to energy compares to alternative methods of waste management and energy generation; Allowing the government to provide an evidenced-based response to the growing appetite from industry for waste to energy sector growth; Clarifying the role government should play in any potential expansion of the waste to energy sector; Identifying policy and regulatory settings which would support a whole of government policy position on waste to energy.	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4	In progress

	Expected Priority Outcome	Status as at 30 June 2018
Victorian Market Development Strategy for Recovered Resources	1.1	In progress
<p>The program aims to support the establishment of strong markets for recovered materials and waste to energy in Victoria. Focus is set on priority materials as outlined in the Victorian Market Development Strategy. These include organics, rubber, e-waste, flexible plastics, glass. The program goals include to foster research, development and demonstration of products made from recovered resources; Develop and amend standards and specifications for products made from recovered resources; Encourage the procurement of products made from recovered resources; Arrange product stewardship for shared responsibility across government, industry and the community.</p>		
Waste Education	1.4	In progress
<p>The Waste Education Program aims to develop a consistent narrative for the waste and resource recovery system that will increase community perceptions of waste management as an essential service; help the Victorian community and hospitality businesses to reduce the amount of food waste they generate; work with a targeted industry sector to improve resource recovery; increase the capability and capacity of delivery partners to roll out waste education and behaviour change activities.</p>		
Jobs and Innovation in Resource Recovery		
Waste Strategies Program	1.1	In progress
<p>This program aims to establish strong end markets for recovered products to support increased investment in the waste and resource recovery sector across Victoria, provide higher quality products to industry to support the growth of end markets and to provide a consistent approach to waste education and litter prevention activities to support a reduction in waste generation and litter.</p>		
Leveraging private investment in Resource Recovery Infrastructure - Collaborative Procurement	1.2	In progress
<p>This program forms part of the Resource Recovery Infrastructure Fund and aims to enable the development of coordinated, collaborative processes within local government to improve the state's resource recovery rate by ensuring sufficient types and quantities of waste required to allow commercial viability.</p>		
Non-regulatory support for e-waste landfill ban	1.2	In progress
<p>This program aims to inform Victorians of the environmental and health related impacts of e-waste and how to appropriately manage e-waste as well as engage stakeholders to support practical and effective design and implementation, ensure that collection, storage, transportation and processing of e-waste is conducted to a high standard and provide support to build the capacity and capability of those managing e-waste.</p>		
Resource Recovery Infrastructure Fund	1.2	In progress
<p>This program aims to facilitate investment in waste and resource recovery infrastructure to increase materials recovery in Victoria. This will lead to an increase in jobs and the rate of resource recovery.</p>		
Latrobe Valley Energy Efficiency Program		
Latrobe Valley Solar on Public Buildings	2.1	In progress
<p>This program is focused on delivering renewable energy infrastructure projects to demonstrate community leadership in Victoria's transition to a renewable energy economy. It provides investment and support to the Latrobe Valley community following the closure of the Hazelwood Coal Mine.</p>		
Latrobe Valley Homes Energy Upgrades	2.1, 2.2, 2.3	In progress
<p>This program aims to reduce energy-related costs for participating householders and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in participating council areas. The program will support energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades in 1000 homes of vulnerable Victorians in the Baw Baw, Wellington and Latrobe City Councils areas.</p>		

	Expected Priority Outcome	Status as at 30 June 2018
Making communities climate ready - protection of priority Victorian beaches and Foreshores		
Beach Renourishment	2.4	In progress
This program aims to maintain beaches and sandy coastlines to protect vulnerable areas of the coast from erosion, inundation and land instability (i.e. cliffs) hazards caused by the sea, thereby protecting foreshore Crown land and critical infrastructure. It also aims to reduce potential economic loss to coastal communities and reduce government public liability exposure due to deterioration of built and natural assets on coastal Crown land.		
Managing Victoria's Waste Materials - Illegal Dumping Strikeforce program		
Managing Victoria's Waste Materials - Illegal Dumping Strikeforce III	1.4	In progress
This program aims to avoid an increase in illegal dumping of industrial waste in Victoria; Continue to develop EPA's understanding of illegal dumping; and achieve change within the community and industry towards illegal dumping, resulting in a long-term drop in illegal dumping activities.		
Partnering with local government to address pests and weeds		
Peri-urban weed management partnerships	2.3	In progress
The program aims to increase the number of Victorians acting to protect nature in the project areas; improve the condition of key native habitats within the project areas; and reduce weed threats to key native habitats across tenures and at a landscape scale. Partnership grants are available to local government to manage landscape scale management of weeds on public land assets.		
Protecting Victoria's Environment		
Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act Reform Implementation	2.4	In progress
This program aims to ensure that the <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988</i> (FFG Act) can provide a modern framework for biodiversity protection and management in Victoria and strong and effective protection for Victoria's native species and important habitats. This program will support the effective implementation of the final package of reforms to the FFG Act.		
Biodiversity Enabling Actions	2.3, 2.4	In progress
This program aims to: link biodiversity, science and decision support systems to ensure effective investment, prioritisation, awareness and support for communities to deliver biodiversity outcomes; implement frameworks that guide coordinated investment in monitoring and research resulting in addressing priority knowledge gaps, improved decision making and reporting; increase participation of Victorians in biodiversity management and collaboration of effort through the establishment of Biodiversity Response Planning; and support implementation of Victoria's Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2017-2020.		
Marine Environment Targeted Actions	2.4	In progress
This program aims to restore marine environments across Victoria, increase community and stakeholder awareness on marine environments and to establish strategic partnerships to deliver marine environment on-ground actions with industry, other agencies and non-government organisations.		
Targeted On-Ground Biodiversity Actions	2.4	In progress
This program aims to reduce the decline and pressure on biodiversity and threatened species; implement a range of grant incentive programs to protect and improve biodiversity resources on public and private land and across a range of natural environments; and promote engagement to a broader range of Victorians as a collective response to protect and conserve biodiversity.		

	Expected Priority Outcome	Status as at 30 June 2018
Native vegetation regulations reform and reporting This program aims to ensure effective regulation of native vegetation removal, including updates to the regulatory system and the support and development of the offset and credit market as well as improvements in compliance and annual reporting.	2.4	In progress
Recycling Industry Assistance Package		
Temporary Relief Funding The program will provide temporary relief funding to assist councils in meeting the immediate cost pressures resulting from changed recycling market conditions, specifically for the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018.	1.1	In progress
Recycling Industry Strategic Plan The Recycling Strategic Plan outlines a pathway to a more resilient recycling market in Victoria, so it can continue to provide important benefits for the Victorian community, economy and environment.	1.1	In progress
Regional Organics Strategy		
Regional Organics Strategy This program aims to increase the recovery of organics away from landfill through the commission of up to four large infrastructure projects for the reprocessing of organic waste in regional Victoria and expand or develop organic source separation systems and/or processing facilities in smaller regional and rural centres. New or existing markets for recycled organics to complement these systems and facilities will also be developed.	1.2	Completed
Landfill Levy Relief Program		
National Association of Charitable Recycling Organisations (NACRO) - Charitable Recycling This program provides financial assistance to charitable recycling organisations to manage the impact of illegal dumping.	1.4	In progress
Plastic Bags Reduction initiative		
Reducing the environmental impact of plastic bags - transitioning to ban This program provides the preparatory work required for an effective transition to the ban on plastic bags in Victoria, with the long-term objective of reducing plastic bag litter, plastic bag consumption and contamination of recycling streams by plastic bag waste.	1.4	In progress
ResourceSmart Schools		
ResourceSmart Schools 17-18 This program aims to embed sustainability into Victorian schools by improving infrastructure and school behaviour and operations, teaching practices, student learning and community engagement to reduce school resource consumption and improve biodiversity.	1.4	In progress
Saving Energy Growing Jobs		
Home Energy Assist: EnergySmart Public Housing The objectives of the program are to: deliver savings in energy costs for public housing tenants; contribute to the knowledge regarding the current energy efficiency of the Victorian public housing stock; reduce greenhouse gas emissions arising from energy use in Victorian public housing; and support climate change adaptation in Victorian public housing.	2.2	In progress

	Expected Priority Outcome	Status as at 30 June 2018
Boosting Business Productivity	2.1	In progress
This program aims to equip more than 1000 small and medium sized businesses with the know-how, skills and tools and connect them to alternative finance, to help businesses cut energy costs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve productivity and unlock further co-benefits.		
Household Component and Cross Sectoral Measures	2.1, 2.3, 2.3	In progress
This includes activities to expand the Victorian Energy Upgrades program, improve the energy efficiency of rented homes and consumer access to information that helps with more informed choices about housing that is energy efficient. The activities also include work at the national level to develop and improve energy efficiency standards for appliances and buildings.		
Home Energy Assist: Healthy Homes	2.1	In progress
This program aims to improve thermal comfort and energy efficiency in up to 1,000 homes of Victorians on low incomes who have health problems and vulnerabilities to temperature extremes. The program will collect Australian-first robust statistical evidence on the link between energy efficiency and health.		
Science, innovation and excellence - modelling and feasibility studies		
Modelling and feasibility	2.2	In progress
A scoping study on the costs of climate change impacts on social determinants of health and wellbeing. It incorporates the cost to government and the Victorian economy that might accrue from these downstream effects.		
Monitoring coastal flooding, erosion land stability	2.3	In progress
The aim of this program is to provide communities with information on coastal condition, change, hazards, and the expected impacts associated with climate change that will facilitate evidence-based decision making.		
Securing Our Energy Future		
Better Commercial Buildings	2.1, 2.3	In progress
The Better Commercial Buildings program supports commercial buildings to evaluate and implement building energy efficiency improvements. It aims to support building owners, agents, tenants and facilities managers to identify, implement and monitor energy efficiency improvements in commercial buildings and tenancies in Victoria.		
Unlocking Innovative Finance	2.1, 2.2, 2.3	In progress
The program goal is to increase the uptake of financial products by small-scale organisations, to increase investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy in Victoria. It also aims to make recommendations on how Government should unlock finance to small-scale organisations in Victoria.		
Renewable Certificate Purchasing Initiative (RCPI) and Solar Trams	2.1	In progress
The overall objective of the RCPI program is to accelerate the development of renewable energy projects in Victoria; promote job creation and economic development in regional Victoria where renewable energy projects are located; promote investor confidence in Victoria's renewable energy sector; demonstrate visible leadership in tackling climate change by committing to a meaningful TAKE2 pledge for the transport sector; and contribute to decarbonising Victoria's electricity sector.		

	Expected Priority Outcome	Status as at 30 June 2018
Energy Storage Initiative To deploy two battery storage projects of 20 megawatts minimum capacity in western Victoria. The projects will strengthen the Victorian electrical system by improving reliability and security of the electricity network and drive the development of clean technologies.	2.1	In progress
Industry Sector Productivity Strategies The program aims to develop energy productivity strategies for industry sectors which will guide and facilitate businesses to improve their energy efficiency to address cost pressures, make economic outcomes more efficient, and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	2.1	In progress
Toward Zero Emission Homes - Beyond 6-star The objective of this program is to improve the energy efficiency of new homes. This will reduce energy costs for residents, improve thermal comfort and health and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	2.1	In progress
Volume Home Builders Zero Net Carbon homes will be critical to lowering emissions across the residential sector sufficiently to meet the Victorian Government's 2050 zero net emissions target. This program aims to increase consumer demand for zero net carbon homes and improve supply of these homes by volume builders.	2.1	In progress
Securing Our Energy Future (continued)		
Towards Zero Emission Homes - Improving As-built Compliance The objective of this program is to improve the energy efficiency of new homes in Victoria by improving as-built compliance with energy efficiency standards. This will reduce energy costs for residents, improve thermal comfort and health and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	2.1	In progress
Energy Efficiency Skills and Training The program objective is to build skills and capacity related to energy efficiency. This will occur through training of the trades and professions who deliver energy efficiency services to Victorian homes and businesses. It will also build the capacity of businesses, to maintain and apply these skills.	2.1	In progress
Home Energy Assist: Affordable Retrofits This program aims to improve the energy efficiency of the homes of low income, vulnerable, and disadvantaged Victorians and lower their energy bills.	2.1, 2.2, 2.3	In progress
Microgrid Demonstration Initiative The Microgrid Smart Trials program aims to facilitate innovative, market driven commercial microgrid demonstration projects to enable lower energy costs, more reliable power and reduced emissions to support our transition to a low carbon economy. The projects are developed by or include a wide set of relevant stakeholders.	2.1	In progress
Sustainability Fund - Remediation of Surplus Government Land		
Contaminated Crown Land Assessment / Remediation Land remediation works will serve to advance social development by improving the health of ecosystems and their communities, by producing sites of higher beneficial use and social amenity; serve to advance economic development in Victoria by transforming under-utilised sites into sites of increased commercial value. The management and/or removal of contaminants also directly mitigates ongoing risks and therefore the economic costs associated with contamination exposure and migration.	1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5	In progress

	Expected Priority Outcome	Status as at 30 June 2018
Taking decisive action on Climate Change		
Wave climate data to improve coastal climate modelling and projections This program aims to improve the quality of Victoria's wave climate data and the accuracy of modelled projections of the present and future effects of climate change on coastal hazards.	2.3	In progress
Coastal Hazard Assessment for Port Phillip Bay This program collects information about current and future climate change related coastal erosion and inundation that will help Victorians to deliver better decision making for Port Phillip Bay. The information and mapping data collected will help to make decisions regarding management of existing built/natural/cultural assets, as well as inform any proposed future development and emergency response planning.	2.2, 2.3	In progress
Supporting regions to adapt to Climate Change This program assists to develop regional priorities for adaptation based on the impacts the region is likely to experience, the needs and values of regional communities, and work undertaken to date.	2.3	In progress
Communicating up-to-date climate science and impacts This program delivers on the commitment in the Climate Change Adaptation Plan to publish authoritative, up-to-date information, accessible and easy to use information about climate change. It will also deliver on the legislative requirements for a Climate Science Report under the new Climate Change Act.	2.3	In progress
Threatened Species Protection Initiative		
Threatened Species Protection Initiative The initiative aims to maximise Victorian Government investment to protect threatened species and habitats to increase the persistence of vulnerable species on the face of the climate change.	2.4	In progress
Timber Plantation Investment Strategy		
Plantation Establishment This program establishes a timber plantation in the Latrobe Valley, to support the long-term sustainability of Victoria's timber harvesting industry.	-	Planning
Towards a Healthy and Resilient Marine and Coastal Future		
Coastal Environments Programs 2 This program aims to protect the coastal and marine environment from the impacts associated with climate change. It will help strengthen coastal economies and contribute to safe and healthy coastal communities for the enjoyment of all Victorians.	2.3, 2.2, 2.4	In progress
Collaborative Council - Sustainability Fund Partnership This program supports innovative sustainable business practices of the Ministerial Statement on Local Government. It seeks to further efficiency in areas such as local government procurement, waste management, planning, infrastructure investment and human services.	1.2	In progress

	Expected Priority Outcome	Status as at 30 June 2018
Transition Funding Program		
Victorian Local Sustainability Accord - Phase 3 This program will continue to strengthen and maintain the partnership between state and local governments to assist councils to address environmental sustainability and climate change issues.	2.3	In progress
Victorian Local Sustainability Accord - Phase 2 The program aims for state and local governments to continue to work together to explore and develop local climate measures; build Victoria's capacity to adapt to climate change; and reduce overall levels of vulnerability to climate change.	2.3	In progress
Understanding and Adapting to Climate Change		
Climate Change Adaptation Plan2 This program will help build a detailed understanding of Victoria's exposure to climate change risks and impacts. It also seeks to catalyse planning for integrated and effective climate change adaptation, and foster governance and a regulatory environment that supports effective adaptation across government.	2.2, 2.3	In progress
Leverage Local Government Action to Reduce Emissions This program targets a minimum of 20 disadvantaged councils in regional and rural areas to reduce their energy consumption due to poorly performing building assets and support local government climate mitigation action.	2.3	In progress
Business Case/Procurement Strategy Advanced Waste Resource Recovery Technology This program aims to investigate and provide the evidence base to procure residual waste processing solutions to transition residual waste streams away from landfills in metropolitan Melbourne. This includes outlining the process for councils to cost-effectively procure waste management options that achieve better environmental outcomes than existing facilities.	1.2	In progress
Productive Partnerships The program objectives are to build strategically important local and international partnerships to share knowledge, expertise and resources to assist Victoria on its pathway to net zero emissions by 2050 and to climate resilience; and assist delivery of Victoria's climate change policy agenda as outlined in the Victorian Climate Change Framework and required under the <i>Climate Change Act 2017</i> .	2.1	In progress
Unlocking the potential of contaminated Crown land - Remediation of former Gun Club sites		
Environmental Management of Victorian Shooting Ranges The objective of the program is to remediate and manage a contaminated site adjacent to a shooting range at Wangaratta in accordance with legislative and project-specific requirements and ensure the site is managed in a way which is suitable for the future land use by mitigating public health risk and ongoing environmental damage.	1.5	In progress

	Expected Priority Outcome	Status as at 30 June 2018
Waste Reduction Program		
Advanced Organics Processing Technology <p>This program aimed to assist organisations to use food waste to generate a source of heat and/or energy on-site. The purpose of this program was to support an emerging technology (anaerobic digestion) that recovers food waste and creates renewable energy for a sector that is currently only recovering ten per cent of its food waste.</p>	1.2	Completed
Victorian Litter Plan <p>The program aims to provide resources and a framework to address litter and illegal dumping issues in local communities; build and share evidence for what does and does not work to prevent local litter and illegal dumping issues; and establish a state-wide evidence base for further investment and prioritisation regarding litter and illegal dumping funding and resources.</p>	1.4	In progress
Yarra and Port Phillip Bays environmental programs		
A Cleaner Yarra and Port Phillip Bay <p>The program addresses public health, environmental and economic risks of poor water quality in the Yarra River and Port Phillip Bay caused by stormwater, litter, pollution and waste water.</p>	1.4	In progress

Sustainability Fund projects funded by grants 2017-2018

Program – Better Commercial Buildings Grant Program

This program is managed by Sustainability Victoria

Description: Supports commercial buildings to evaluate and implement building energy efficiency improvements.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Brighton Savoy Motel	Brighton Savoy – Better Commercial Buildings Evaluate and undertake commercial building energy upgrades/improvements	\$4,500
Wheelers Hill Shopping Centre	Wheelers Hill Shopping Centre – Better Commercial Buildings Evaluate and undertake commercial building energy upgrades/improvements	\$5,000

Program – Building Victoria's Organics Recovery Grant Program

This program is managed by Sustainability Victoria

Description: Supports rural and regional Victoria to recover large quantities of organic waste from landfill and divert organic waste streams to new or existing processing facilities.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
City of Greater Geelong	Building Victoria's Organics Recovery – Geelong Build a Composting Facility that will recover green organics, turning it into compost to be used on council land like parks and ovals, and by local farmers.	\$250,000

Program – Community Sustainability Infrastructure Fund

This program is managed by Sustainability Victoria

Description: Supports Victorian community groups, local government and businesses to achieve improved resource recovery, resource and energy efficiency outcomes or local environmental improvements (infrastructure projects).

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Kia-Ora Piggery Pty Ltd	Kia-Ora Piggery Waste Food Value Adding and Anaerobic Waste to Energy Expansion of waste food de-packaging facility and installation of a methane cogeneration plant.	\$112,000

Program – Improving Resource Recovery Grant Program

This program is managed by Sustainability Victoria

Description: Supports Local Government waste and education projects to improve resource recovery from kerbside services.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Bass Coast Shire Council	Reducing Contamination in Holiday Home Kerbside Bins in Bass Coast Test engagement approaches for people who stay in holiday homes to determine the impact on kerbside bin contamination rates during the summer period in Cowes.	\$5,015
City of Greater Bendigo	Introduction and Promotion of Recycling at Recreation Reserves Trial the introduction of recycling bins, along with associated signage and engagement strategies aimed at improving resource recovery from recreational facilities in Bendigo.	\$6,300
City of Port Phillip	Recovering More Electronic Waste in the City of Port Phillip Reduce e-waste contamination in kerbside bins. Reduce e-waste contamination in kerbside general waste bins. Increase diversion of e-waste to the resource recovery centre.	\$7,500
Mount Alexander Shire Council	Worm Habitat Street – Food Scraps Diversion Trial Test the effectiveness of Worm Habitat Wheelie Bin infrastructure to recycle food waste and divert it from landfill. Promote the management of food waste at the point of source, promoting home composting /worm farming initiatives and trialling its effectiveness as a method to viably manage food organics on a larger scale.	\$8,500
Moyne Shire Council	Bincentives – Incentives for the Appropriate Disposal of Food Organics Encourage the correct use of the Food Organics and Garden Organics kerbside bin by testing a range of incentives. Reduce food waste contamination in the general waste bin.	\$8,500
South Gippsland Shire Council	Improving Resource Recovery in South Gippsland Test and measure how engaging with schools and supermarket shoppers in Leongatha and Korumburra impacts resource recovery and contamination of kerbside services.	\$8,500
Wangaratta Rural City Council	Don't Bag It! Reduce the level of soft plastic contamination in kerbside recycling bins through an educational campaign including material recovery facility tours and workshops.	\$8,500
Wyndham City Council	Wyndham City School Recycling Home Detectives Program Improve recycling rates in school communities in Wyndham.	\$6,000

Program – Investment Support Grants

This program is managed by Sustainability Victoria

Description: Supports Victorian small-medium enterprises (SMEs) with the acquisition, lease or development of resource recovery infrastructure (including expansion) as well as activities that lead to investment in plant and equipment.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Bullock Proof Energy	Bullock Proof Energy Fund the enabling works of an on-farm biodigester of animal biosolid waste to turn into electricity for on-farm use and supply to the grid.	\$30,000
Circular Food Pty Ltd	Circular Food Pty Ltd Fund research and development necessary to enable Circular Food to develop (1) its pilot plant facility and later (2) a full-scale commercial plant in Somerton.	\$10,000
Close the Loop Pty Ltd	Close the Loop Pty Ltd Support Close the Loop to acquire new equipment and undertake further product testing to enable the use of soft plastics waste as an asphalt additive.	\$30,000
Envirostream Australia Pty Ltd	Envirostream Australia Pty Ltd Fund the purchase and installation of equipment and supporting infrastructure to enable the recovery of lithium-ion batteries.	\$40,000
GDP Industries	GDP Industries Fund a polystyrene compactor to increase potential annual throughput.	\$40,000
Polymer Holdings	Polymer Holdings Support the installation of an expanded production line and shredder to enable the reprocessing of plastic strapping sourced from three local users.	\$35,000
Quantum Recycling Solutions Pty Ltd	Quantum Recycling Solutions Pty Ltd Support the upgrade of Quantum's equipment to double e-waste processing capacity.	\$10,000
Resource Resolution Pty Ltd	Resource Resolution Pty Ltd Support and speed up the Resource Resolution anaerobic digestion project to financial close.	\$40,000

Program – Litter and Illegal Dumping Grants

This program is managed by Sustainability Victoria

Description: Supports land managers to address the issues of littering in retail areas affecting waterways and the illegal dumping of waste in green spaces.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Baw Baw Shire Council	Security Poles and Cameras to help Reduce Illegal Dumping Purchase and install camera poles and high quality security cameras at illegal dumping hot spots.	\$7,000
Cardinia Shire Council	Reducing Illegally Dumped Rubbish through CCTV and Signage Purchase and install surveillance cameras at local dumping hot spots and install metal signs advising of monitoring at sites.	\$1,000
City of Kingston	Don't Waste Our Green Wedge Purchase and install a surveillance camera to monitor hot spot dumping areas. Implement a media campaign and illegal dumping educational resource to raise awareness of illegal dumping sites.	\$1,818.18
Corangamite Shire Council	Lismore - Street Litter Cleanup Conduct litter audits. Purchase and install compactable litter bins and develop and implement an education campaign.	\$3,000
Greater Shepparton City Council	Bin It for A Greater Shepparton Conduct litter audits of retail precincts, install signage and develop campaign messages.	\$3,000
Greater Shepparton City Council	Changing Illegal Dumping Behaviour Purchase and install surveillance cameras at green space hotspots, install signage, develop campaign messages.	\$3,000
Yarra City Council	Keeping a Retail Strip Litter Free Conduct visual litter audits, install signage on recycling bins and develop campaign messages.	\$3,000

Program – Local Government Energy Saver Program

This program is managed by Sustainability Victoria

Description: Stream 2 – Supports resource constrained regional councils to undertake Detailed Facility Energy Audits on local government-owned facilities and buildings.
Stream 3 – Supports resource constrained regional councils to implement energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades on priority local government-owned facilities and buildings.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Bass Coast Shire Council	Stream 2 - Bass Coast Shire Detailed Facility Energy Audits at Council owned facilities.	\$19,983
Corangamite Shire Council	Stream 2 - Corangamite Shire Detailed Facility Energy Audits at seven Council owned facilities.	\$24,968
Glenelg Shire Council	Stream 2 - Glenelg Shire Detailed Facility Energy Audits - Portland Heating Precinct.	\$25,000
Horsham Rural City Council	Stream 2 - Horsham Rural City Council Detailed Facility Energy Audits at four Council owned facilities.	\$6,000
Murrindindi Shire Council	Stream 2 - Murrindindi Shire Council Detailed Facility Energy audits at fourteen Council owned facilities.	\$12,091
Northern Grampians Shire Council	Stream 2 - Northern Grampians Detailed Facility Energy Audits at five council owned facilities in St Arnaud and Stawell.	\$8,000
Pyrenees Shire Council	Stream 2 - Pyrenees Shire Detailed Facility Energy Audits at four Council owned facilities.	\$10,000
Southern Grampians Shire Council	Stream 2 - Southern Grampians Shire Detailed Facility Energy Audits at four Council owned facilities.	\$10,000
Swan Hill Rural City Council	Stream 3 - Swan Hill Municipal Offices Battery Storage Initiative Support for installation of battery storage on Beverage and Splatt Streets in Swan Hill.	\$20,155
Towong Shire Council	Stream 2 - Towong Shire Council Detailed Energy Audits on fifteen Council owned facilities.	\$13,753
Yarriambiack Shire Council	Stream 3 - Yarriambiack Shire Council Facility Upgrades Provision of lighting upgrades at Yarriambiack Shire facilities.	\$6,000

Program – Love Food Hate Waste Local Activity Grants

This program is managed by Sustainability Victoria

Description: Supports local government organisations, waste and resource recovery groups (WRRGs), community organisations and education institutions to deliver local activities aimed at raising community awareness of the problem of food waste, and how to avoid it.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
East Gippsland Shire Council	Love Food Hate Waste at East Gippsland Farmers Markets Interactive food waste avoidance stalls at four farmers markets in East Gippsland, and promotion of these events.	\$1,000
Glen Eira City Council	Food Waste Event with Pop-up Community Education Resource Food waste pop-up community education resource to be displayed at a community event.	\$2,000
Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Group	Love Food Hate Waste - Grampians Fork to Fork Series of food waste avoidance workshops across the Grampians region.	\$10,000
Melbourne Farmers Markets	Love Food Hate Waste Hub on Wheels Co-branded mobile food waste information hub to hold interactive workshops at the University of Melbourne Farmers Market.	\$8,000
Monash City Council	Scrap Food Waste in Monash Food waste awareness campaign and program including workshops, film screenings and food waste reduction kits.	\$7,000
St Aloysius Catholic Primary School Queenscliff	St Aloysius Love Food Hate Waste Range of food waste events and activities and promotion of food waste management strategies to students and their communities.	\$2,000
St Louis de Montfort's Primary School	All You Need is Love Food Hate Waste Garden to Kitchen program addressing food waste with visits and workshops.	\$10,000
Whitehorse City Council	Quest to Find DUELI's Best Waste-Free Masterchef "Waste-free Masterchef" program. Food waste cooking competition, recipe book and promotion.	\$5,000
Worawa Aboriginal College Limited	Connecting to Tucker - Walking in Two Worlds in the Garden Food waste education program, establish a kitchen garden and program to integrate the project across the school curriculum and programs.	\$7,000
Youth Food Movement	Give Food Waste the Flip: Food Waste Messaging for Millennials Online campaign testing effective methods of engagement with millennials about food waste.	\$10,000

Program – Research and Development – Recovered Glass Fines and Flexible Plastics

This program is managed by Sustainability Victoria

Description: Supports Research Institutes in partnership with Industry to undertake research projects that lead to an increase in the use of recovered glass fines and/or, flexible plastics in new or existing products or processing approaches.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Melbourne University	Lightweight Concrete R&D Grant Project Melbourne University in partnership with PrefabAus are undertaking research to test the application of recycled glass in lightweight concrete blends.	\$50,000
Monash University	Alternative Energy R&D Grant Project Monash University in partnership with Potters are investigating the novel applications for the utilisation of waste glass fines in 3D printing. This project will assess different waste glass composites in 3D printing approaches and their viability as components of advanced printed structures.	\$22,500
Monash University	Railway Sleeper R&D Grant Project Monash University in partnership with Integrated Recycling Pty Ltd are conducting research to determine what other recycled plastics are suitable and cost effective to make composite recycled plastic sleepers.	\$62,500
RMIT University LaTrobe Street	Glass Repurposing R&D Grant Project RMIT in partnership with Alex Fraser and Mark Douglas Designs are undertaking research to investigate innovative alternative processing approaches to yield high quality glass fines for use in innovative applications.	\$37,169
Swinburne University of Technology	Glass in Pavement R&D Grant Project The purpose of the research is to determine the suitability of glass fines as a supplementary material with recycled crushed rock in cement treated bound pavement applications.	\$25,000
Swinburne University of Technology	Plastics and Glass in Footpaths R&D Grant Project To create a new blend of concrete footpaths that reduces the overall carbon footprint.	\$25,000
Victoria University – Footscray Campus	Structural Plastics R&D Grant Project Research to explore concept development for reprocessing glass fines as an additive to recycled plastic to enhance the plastic mechanical and fire properties.	\$49,924

Program – Resource Recovery Infrastructure Fund Infrastructure Grants - Round 1 (Metropolitan Melbourne)

This program is managed by Sustainability Victoria

Description: Supports Metropolitan councils and private enterprises (businesses) for resource recovery infrastructure development (collection, sorting or processing).

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Future Metals Recyclers Melbourne Pty Ltd	Cardinia Transfer Station Upgrade Upgrade of the Cardinia Transfer Station to improve the current site layout, infrastructure and site resource recovery. Improve operations to increase patronage and the tonnage of materials recycled at the site.	\$25,000
Knox Transfer Station	Knox Transfer Station (KTS) Process Engineered Fuel Establish a Process Engineered Fuel (PEF) manufacturing facility at the Knox Transfer Station.	\$394,000
Melton City Council	Melton Transfer Station Upgrade Substantial and holistic upgrades to the facility's layout, capacity and recycling infrastructure, to enable greater recovery of recyclables from material received from residents and Council contractors.	\$40,000
Polymeric Powders Company Pty Ltd	Production of Tyre Crumb Derived Composite Material Set up a commercial scale machine producing Polymeric Powder/Polyolefin composite material pellets.	\$45,000
Polytrade Pty Ltd	Polytrade Dandenong Mixed Glass Fines Processing Project Install new machinery at the Dandenong plant with the ability to sort and clean the 3-8mm fraction of glass fines.	\$200,000
Recycling Solutions Capital (Vic) Pty Ltd	Advanced Recycling of Flexible Plastic by Polymer Type Establish an advanced plastics recycling facility located in Somerton, Victoria.	\$150,000
Red Horizon Pty Ltd (Trading as Enrich 360)	Enrich 360 Onsite Food Organic Waste Recovery Program Establish an onsite food organic waste recovery program at 18 enrich360 customer sites.	\$60,000
Reground Pty Ltd	Coffee Grounds and Flexible Plastics Recycling Expansion Infrastructure to allow an expansion of the current collection of spent coffee grounds from retail and manufacturing venues, includes a concurrent flexible plastics recycling collection.	\$22,000
Repeat Plastics Australia Pty Ltd (Replas)	Recycling Plant Expansion Purchase and install new re-processing equipment in recycling plant to increase plastics recycling from post-consumer waste.	\$60,000
Repurpose-It Pty Ltd	Washing Plant 460 Cooper Street Development of a washing plant to enable increased resource recovery.	\$192,500
Van Schaik Bio Gro Pty Ltd	Timber Waste Resource Recovery Project Establish a waste timber drop off recovery facility in Cooper Street, Epping.	\$145,000
Westall Road Resource Recovery Pty Ltd	Westall Road Resource Recovery Pty Ltd Establish a Resource Recovery Centre at 12-14 Westall Road, Springvale, focusing on materials including green/timber waste, hard waste, construction and demolition waste, and recyclables.	\$15,000
Yarra City Council	Closing the Loop on Yarra's Food Waste Introduction of kerbside food collection in the City of Yarra.	\$185,000

Program – Rural and Regional Landfill Support Grants Program

This program is managed by Sustainability Victoria

Description: Supports regional and rural councils with the development of transfer station/resource recovery centres (TS/RRC) on the sites of closing landfills.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Alpine Shire Council	Alpine Shire – Myrtleford Landfill Support transfer station developments at Myrtleford and Mount Beauty transfer stations to enable the closure of the Myrtleford landfill.	\$365,000

Program – SV Business - Boosting Productivity Business Capability Grants

This program is managed by Sustainability Victoria

Description: Supports industry associations, business networks and Registered Training Organisations to build the knowledge and skills in energy efficiency among small and medium sized businesses (SMEs).

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Australian Industry Group (Ai Group)	Long Term Energy Efficiency Capability Program Provide a multi-learning pathway on energy efficiency for SME manufacturers. Business employees will participate in workshops, one on one mentoring and business coaching.	\$50,000
Australian Refrigeration Association	Refrigeration Operational and Energy Performance Benchmarking Install remote monitoring equipment on refrigeration systems in retail food services and instruct business operators in how to apply the data in managing energy use. The data collected will be used to benchmark the energy performance of refrigeration units.	\$90,000
Bayside City Council	Golden Opportunities Provide training and workshops in energy efficiency for operations managers of aged cared facilities in the City of Bayside.	\$10,000
Melbourne Polytechnic	Next Generation Electricians In partnership with Energy Skills Australia (E-OZ), develop and pilot a new Certificate IV in Energy Management and Control to qualified electricians. The course will address skills gaps in energy management for mainstream electricians and provide a career pathway.	\$90,000
Nillumbik Shire Council	Enabling Energy Efficiency Develop an energy efficiency training package that will be delivered to operators of food service providers in the Shire of Nillumbik. The training package will include on-site energy audits and assistance to set energy-related goals.	\$30,000
Vegetable Growers Association of Victoria (AUSVEG VIC)	Victorian Vegetable Growers Energy Efficiency Program Provide vegetable growers with high energy use with onsite training and access to an online energy efficiency calculator. The project will benchmark energy use in the industry and support measurable energy saving outcomes for the participating growers.	\$90,000

Program – SV Business - Boosting Productivity Energy Assessment Grants

This program is managed by Sustainability Victoria

Description: Supports businesses spending over \$20,000 a year on energy, to commission a basic or detailed energy assessment to identify and implement energy improvements. A basic assessment looks at easy to implement, lower cost opportunities. The assessment focuses on projects providing under a two-year return investment. A detailed assessment goes into further details, demands a higher level of accuracy and can evaluate longer return on investment opportunities up to five years and beyond.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Alba Cheese Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Alba Cheese Pty Ltd Detailed Energy Assessment	\$9,700
A Maze N Things Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – A Maze N Things Basic Energy Assessment	\$4,500
Apollo Bay Fishermen's Co-Operative Society Ltd	Energy Assessment – Apollo Bay Fisherman's Co-op Basic Energy Assessment	\$6,000
Apollo Bay Hotel	Energy Assessment – Apollo Bay Hotel Basic Energy Assessment	\$4,000
Asahi Premium Beverages Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Asahi Premium Beverage Detailed Energy Assessment	\$5,500
Bayley House	Energy Assessment – Bayley House Basic Energy Assessment	\$2,000
BBS Flooring Products Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – BBS Flooring Products Pty Ltd Detailed Energy Assessment	\$5,563
Bradwell Dairy Co Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment - Bradwell Dairy Co Pty Ltd Basic Energy Assessment	\$1,375
Bright Brewery Australia Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Bright Brewery Detailed Energy Assessment	\$5,700
Britannia Metal Industries	Energy Assessment – Britannia Metal Industries Detailed Energy Assessment	\$2,370
Britton Timbers Processing Pty Ltd T/A Premier Wood Machining Services	Energy Assessment – Premier Wood Machining Services Detailed Energy Assessment	\$2,000
Bromac Farming	Energy Assessment - Bromac Farming Detailed Energy Assessment	\$1,500
Burra Foods Pty. Ltd.	Energy Assessment – Burra Foods Detailed Energy Assessment	\$15,000
Burton's Supa IGA	Energy Assessment – Burton's Supa IGA Detailed Energy Assessment	\$5,400
Butler Market Gardens	Energy Assessment – Butler Market Gardens Detailed Energy Assessment	\$6,000
Caltex Australia Petroleum Pty Ltd	Caltex Australia Petroleum Basic Energy Assessment	\$800
Caps and Closures	Energy Assessment – Caps and Closures Detailed Energy Assessment	\$3,000
Casalingo Smallgoods (South Food Group Pty Ltd)	Energy Assessment – Casalingo Smallgoods Detailed Energy Assessment	\$7,600

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Catalent Australia Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Catalent Australia Pty Ltd Detailed Energy Assessment	\$12,290
CERES Inc	Energy Assessment Grants – CERES Detailed Energy Assessment	\$3,000
Chobani Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Chobani Detailed Energy Assessment	\$9,600
Clydebank Dairy	Energy Assessment – Clydebank Dairy Detailed Energy Assessment	\$6,250
Composite Materials Engineering (CME)	Energy Assessment – Composite Materials Engineering Detailed Energy Assessment	\$5,396
Coolibah Herbs	Energy Assessment – Coolibah Herbs Detailed Energy Assessment	\$5,000
Corafeld Farms	Energy Assessment – Corafeld Farms Basic Energy Assessment	\$1,500
Croc's Playcentre and Café Narre Warren	Energy Assessment – Croc's Playcentre Basic Energy Assessment	\$2,000
Delatite Hotel	Energy Assessment – Delatite Hotel Detailed Energy Assessment	\$3,886
Denim 108 Pty Ltd (Nobody Denim)	Energy Assessment funding – Denim 108 (Nobody Denim) Detailed Energy Assessment	\$14,150
Eirenclare Farms	Energy Assessment – Eirenclare Farms Detailed Energy Assessment	\$1,500
EP Robinson Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – EP Robinson Pty Ltd Detailed Energy Assessment	\$8,875
Flexible Drive Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Flexible Drive Detailed Energy Assessment	\$4,160
Fragapane Farms	Energy Assessment – Fragapane Farms Detailed Energy Assessment	\$6,000
Gazzola Farms Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Gazzola Farms Detailed Energy Assessment	\$6,000
GCP Applied Technologies	Energy Assessment – GCP Applied Technologies Detailed Energy Assessment	\$2,891
Geelong Glass and Aluminium Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Geelong Glass Detailed Energy Assessment	\$6,000
Green Acres Golf Club Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Green Acres Golf Club Detailed Energy Assessment	\$5,008
Hardwicks Meat Works Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Hardwicks Meat Works Pty Ltd Detailed Energy Assessment	\$6,600
healthAbility	Energy Assessment – healthAbility Detailed Energy Assessment	\$2,000
Hindustan Imports	Energy Assessment – Hindustan Imports	\$990
H W Greenham & Sons Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – H W Greenham & Sons Detailed Energy Assessment	\$13,500

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Idyll Wine Co Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Idyll Wine Co Pty Ltd Detailed Energy Assessment	\$10,407
Input Fitness (Style @ Sur Pty Ltd)	Energy Assessment – Input Fitness Detailed Energy Assessment	3,700
Islamic Museum of Australia	Energy Efficiency Grant – Islamic Museum of Australia Basic Energy Assessment	\$12,052
King Valley Wines Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – King Valley Wines Pty Ltd Detailed Energy Assessment	\$8,500
Lion Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Lion Pty Ltd Detailed Energy Assessment	\$13,500
Mason Brothers Vegetable Farms	Energy Assessment – Mason Brothers Vegetable Farms Detailed Energy Assessment	\$4,000
MCC Meats	Energy Assessment – MCC Meats Detailed Energy Assessment	\$2,000
Merriwa Industries Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Merriwa Industries Ltd Detailed Energy Assessment	\$5,430
Moondarra Cheese Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Moondarra Cheese Pty Ltd Detailed Energy Assessment	\$5,900
NCI Packaging	Energy Assessment – NCI Packaging Preston Detailed Energy Assessment	\$3,497
NCI Packaging	Energy Assessment – NCI Packaging Tullamarine Detailed Energy Assessment	\$2,782
Neerim District Health Service	Energy Assessment – Neerim District Health Service Detailed Energy Assessment	\$1,818
Omniblend Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Omniblend Detailed Energy Assessment	\$12,000
Quality Bakers Australia Pty Ltd (Goodman Fielder)	Energy Assessment – Goodman Fielder Detailed Energy Assessment	\$5,000
Oztek Holdings Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Oztek Holdings Pty Ltd Detailed Energy Assessment	\$6,250
Palace Cinemas Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Palace Cinema Balwyn Detailed Energy Assessment	\$5,750
Patties Foods Ltd	Energy Assessment – Patties Foods Detailed Energy Assessment	\$12,975
Peter Schreurs & Sons	Energy Assessment – Peter Schreurs & Sons Detailed Energy Assessment	\$4,000
Phillip Island Adventure Resort (Christian Youth Camps Limited)	Energy Assessment – Phillip Island Adventure Resort Detailed Energy Assessment	\$7,150
Piovillico Flowers Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Piovillico Flowers Detailed Energy Assessment	\$7,300
Planex Sales Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Planex Sales Pty Ltd Detailed Energy Assessment	\$9,400
Prom Country Cheese	Energy Assessment – Prom Country Cheese Detailed Energy Assessment	\$5,000

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Prydes Confectionery Victoria Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Prydes (Broadmedows site) Detailed Energy Assessment	\$5,280
Prydes Confectionery Victoria Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Prydes (Knoxfield site) Detailed Energy Assessment	\$3,960
Royal Automobile Club of Victoria (RACV) Ltd	Energy Assessment – RACV Detailed Energy Assessment	\$17,373
Rawson Caravan Park	Energy Assessment – Rawson Caravan Park Detailed Energy Assessment	\$4,450
Red Spice Road Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Red Spice Road Basic Energy Assessment	\$2,000
Rutherglen IGA	Energy Efficiency Grant – Rutherglen IGA Basic Energy Assessment	\$5,000
Southern Ocean Mariculture Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Southern Ocean Mariculture Detailed Energy Assessment	\$3,000
Stomping Ground Brewing Company	Energy Assessment – Stomping Ground Brewing Company Detailed Energy Assessment	\$2,386
Sun Pharma Australia	Energy Assessment – Sun Pharma Detailed Energy Assessment	\$2,265
The Leslie Manor Trust	Energy Assessment – The Leslie Manor Detailed Energy Assessment	\$6,400
Visy Packaging Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Visy Packaging Pty Ltd Detailed Energy Assessment	\$14,400
Vitality Brands Worldwide Pty Ltd	Energy Assessment – Vitality Brands Basic Energy Assessment	\$4,891
Womersleys Mitre 10 Chelsea Heights	Energy Assessment – Womersleys Mitre 10 Basic Energy Assessment	\$4,475
Yarragon Hotel	Energy Assessment – Yarragon Hotel Basic Energy Assessment	\$1,800

Program – Microgrid Demonstration Initiative - develop and implement state wide demonstration projects, using microgrid models

Recipient	Project	Funding Support
Monash University	Monash Energy Transformation and Microgrid Technically verified implementation plan for a distributed energy resources network that is reliable, affordable and sustainable, includes a microgrid options study, and subsequent feasibility study for Proof of Concept using a campus building.	\$100,000

Program – SV Business - Boosting Productivity Materials Assessment Grants

This program is managed by Sustainability Victoria

Description: Supports businesses to engage a consultant to identify material efficiency improvements and opportunities to lower business costs and divert materials sent to landfill. A Materials assessment refers to an assessment of a material flow process, from when the materials enter the business all the way through to when they enter the bin. The assessment report identifies opportunities to reduce the waste and losses throughout this process to reduce waste to landfill and subsequent costs to the business.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Alba Cheese Pty Ltd	Alba Cheese Detailed Materials Assessment	\$6,800
Hart Marine	Hart Marine Detailed Materials Assessment	\$9,900
Natures Best	Natures Best Detailed Materials Assessment	\$4,000

Program - Victorian Litter Innovation Fund – Round 1

This program is managed by Sustainability Victoria

Description: Supports the Victorian community to deliver innovative solutions that prevent and reduce the impact of litter and illegal dumping through a partnership approach.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Bellarine Catchment Network (formerly Swan Bay Integrated Catchment Management Committee)	Caring for Our Bays and Be a Hero Litter Awareness Be a Hero litter awareness campaign (signage on infrastructure, campaign stickers and posters and supporting communications activities to promote the project).	\$2,000
East Gippsland Shire Council	Smart Takeaway Coffee Project Design a program to incentivise the use of reusable coffee cups in lieu of disposal coffee cups. Raise awareness with local businesses of the impacts of coffee cups litter and materials to promote the project.	\$1,290
Greater Shepparton City Council	Shepparton Solar Bin Project Install BigBelly solar bins at litter hot spot locations within the Shepparton Sports Precinct with supporting communications and engagement activities.	\$2,000
Mt Buller and Mt Stirling Resort Alpine Management Board	Reducing Litter at Remote Locations on Mt Stirling Pilot Study Implement re-usable waste kits for use by bushwalkers and skiers at Mt Stirling, interactive public pledge infrastructure and supporting communications activities.	\$1,000
Phillip Island Nature Park	Turn the Tide Deliver the Action Plans program (including a Phillip Island Nature Park ranger) in partnership with schools; provide lessons on litter and marine debris, develop Action Plans with students to reduce litter and marine debris, undertake school waste audits and analyse the school waste audits with students.	\$2,000

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
San Remo Foreshore Committee of Management Inc	Pelican Reflecting on Plastic Usage and Litter Generation Train San Remo pelican feeders to enable them to deliver marine litter education as part of their daily pelican feeding sessions at the San Remo foreshore, install an interactive pelican sculpture made of litter and provide educational materials (online and trialled at local schools).	\$1,000
South Gippsland Shire Council	Cigarette Butt Litter Education and Enforcement Project Install aluminium/vinyl signage on public litter and recycling bins, install cigarette butt bins and hold 'walk and talk' education and enforcement sessions across seven townships in South Gippsland Shire.	\$1,400
Streamline Media and Communications Group Pty Ltd	What Drains to the Bay Professional video focussing on the impacts of litter on Port Phillip Bay; provide the video as resource for schools, community groups and the general public.	\$2,000

Program - Victorian Litter Innovation Fund – Round 2

This program is managed by Sustainability Victoria

Description: Supports the Victorian community to deliver innovative solutions that prevent and reduce the impact of litter and illegal dumping through a partnership approach.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Bendigo Senior Secondary College	Keeping it Clean Clean-up of designated part of the Whipstick Forest, community evening and showcase of the student's journey and learnings, fund raising to support the revitalising of the forest.	\$5,000
Gannawarra Shire Council	Murray River Parks Litter Reduction Mobile optimised digital content to direct Park visitors to appropriate waste disposal infrastructure and enable reporting of illegal dumping. Signage at park entrances/exits along the length of the river encouraging proper disposal of waste.	\$18,000
Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Group	Be a Litter Superhero! - Roadside Litter Campaign Litter Superhero cut-out (people place their faces into a facial cut-out and take a photo), install highway banners, provide reusable car litter bags (bags will promote the EPA Report Litter App and Hotline).	\$20,000
Macedon Ranges Shire Council	Pick Up or Pay Installation of infrastructure at hot spots identified within the shire for surveillance, increase enforcement by penalizing illegal dumpers and deliver community education campaigns (reinforcing that illegal dumping is unacceptable).	\$9,600
Northern Bay College - Goldsworthy	NBCg Community Clean Up Implement a geocaching project to identify and quantify levels using the local litter measurement toolkit. Curriculum tied to sustainability, particularly for VCAL PDS (personal development skills) course requirement, organise collection of refuse and clean up days.	\$16,000
Warrnambool City Council	Bag it, Bin it Bins and signage (where required), increased enforcement of identified hot spots, local law officers will educate the community, education activity to be held at Fund4Kids.	\$20,000

Program – Waste to Energy Infrastructure Fund

This program is managed by Sustainability Victoria

Description: Supports the installation of new, or upgrades to, waste to energy facilities to process organic waste in Victoria.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Resource Resolution Pty Ltd	Resource Resolution W2E Infrastructure Project Biogas Renewables will build an anaerobic digester to divert local commercial food waste and other organics from landfill. The facility will generate heat and electricity for use on site and to export excess to the grid. The processed organics will be used as fertiliser for local businesses.	\$380,000

Program – Climate Change Innovation Grants

This program is managed by DELWP

Description: The purpose of these grants is to support Victorian organisations to be local leaders in the development of innovative solutions to the challenges of climate change.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
RMIT University	A rapidly deployable fire protective system for firefighters This project explores a deployable protection system that is designed for firefighters. It is an origami system that can be unfolded in seconds into a dome which protects a person against the deadly radiant heat and embers.	\$78,066
The University of Melbourne	Bay Beach Resilience to Climate Change The beaches of the Bellarine are currently eroding, and traditional models cannot predict their future stability because intertidal rocky outcrops interfere with sand movement. The University of Melbourne will combine the latest field technology (drones and wave probes) with citizen science to predict beach movement to allow managers to be climate change ready.	\$54,020
Monash University	Big data analytic approach to assessing impacts of harmful temperatures on wheat crops in northern Victoria: regional economic impacts and opportunities for adaptation This project will analyse the current/future impacts of extreme daily-temperatures on the wheat economy in north-western Victoria. Through close engagement with farmers and the use of innovative-big-data models and statistical techniques, Monash University will assess the economic costs/benefits of different options within an adaptation framework.	\$300,000
Bass Coast Landcare Network Inc	Climate Change Land Capability and Capacity Project This project will enable Southern Gippsland farmers to respond to climate change challenges. It will provide the agricultural sector with twelve detailed case study action plans. Specific climate resilient opportunities for innovation and diversification will be documented. Broader engagement will enable more informed climate change decision-making.	\$254,236

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Geelong Sustainability Group Inc	Climate Safe Rooms A safe haven in the homes of people most at risk of serious illness or death from climate extremes. An energy-efficient room that remains comfortable in both summer and winter extremes, fully insulated and draught-proofed with high efficiency air-conditioning and small solar system to offset running costs.	\$300,000
Closed Loop Environmental Solutions	CLO'ey a food waste processor for home or Office Design, legal set up and commercialisation of Generation 2 CLO'ey. CLO'ey converts food waste into nutrient rich soil conditioner in only 24 hours, minimising the need for transport or expensive infrastructure. CLO'ey can be deployed in home or office environments where there is unprocessed food waste.	\$300,000
Climate for Change	Conversations for Change With locals, develop and deliver resources for peer to peer communication, to build: greater acceptance of climate change and changes it necessitates; and greater trust and willingness within the community to work together towards a just transition.	\$123,000
Precision Agriculture Pty Ltd	Demonstrating Fertiliser Management for Emissions Reduction in Victorian Dairy Industry The project will demonstrate on five dairy farms how variable rate application of fertiliser can reduce the amount of free nitrogen leading to a reduction in Nitrous Oxide (N ₂ O) released from farms in Gippsland. The aim is to grow adoption of precision agriculture for reduced Greenhouse Gas Emissions. The project model has national application.	\$125,000
Climate Works Australia	Electric vehicle (EV) ready local government Fleets This project will enable local governments to increase EV uptake in their fleets. Working with Municipal Association of Victoria and the EV industry, Climate Works Australia will identify demand for EVs across local government fleets, provide supporting information for fleet managers and recommend an innovative procurement model for bulk purchase of EVs and related infrastructure.	\$90,000
RMIT University	Enhanced Indoor Air Quality for Improving the Well-being of Vulnerable Population in Victoria This project aims to enhance the indoor air quality for vulnerable population through the application of fresh filtered air ventilation. The results will develop new evidence aimed at improving the well-being and educational outcomes of young children and quality of life and resilience of older Australians, assisting in climate change adaptation.	\$270,000
Deakin University	Fridge Off Grid Energy consumption from refrigerators alone costs Australian households over \$1.2 billion per year. This project will reduce expenses, power consumption and greenhouse gas emissions by removing refrigerators from the grid through development of a portable solar panel and power storage unit for use where conventional solar panels are not applicable.	\$56,552

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
The University of Melbourne	<p>Growing Landscape Carbon: An Online Brokerage Platform for Integrating Trees in Rural Landscapes</p> <p>This project will develop an online brokerage platform to facilitate investment in tree growing for various economic and environmental benefits, harnessing a range of policy incentives, with the overarching goal of increasing carbon abatement through the integration of trees in rural landscapes.</p>	\$252,800
LaTrobe University	<p>Increasing soil carbon sequestration in dryland grazing systems</p> <p>This project will work with farmers to test the addition of compost and timed grazing to improve soil biology, increase soil carbon sequestration, and enhance soil water moisture. This has the potential to mitigate climate change through increasing carbon sequestration and reducing emissions, while increasing farmers resilience to climate change.</p>	\$300,000
Heytesbury District Landcare Network	<p>Keeping Carbon on the Farm</p> <p>A pilot project providing a suite of activities that dairy farmers and other primary producers undertake to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and better prepare for climate change. These activities include revegetation, carbon-sequestering soil amelioration trials and energy reduction strategies.</p>	\$146,582
Southern Farming Systems Ltd	<p>Minimising emissions from timing and placement of nitrogen in high rainfall cropping</p> <p>Nitrogen use efficiency can be improved by deep banding ammonia-based fertiliser, but none of the research has been done in the high rainfall zone of southern Victoria. This project aims to establish if this research is valid in Victorian environment and that the technique can reduce nitrous oxide emissions, denitrification and nitrate leaching.</p>	\$77,000
The University of Melbourne	<p>Nature-based innovations to help coastal communities adapt to climate change</p> <p>Coastal assets are vulnerable to erosion and inundation. Adaptation is needed now but current engineering approaches and public perceptions are impediments to action. Combining advanced manufacturing with innovative community engagement, eco-engineered mangrove planters will be trialled as an adaptive and socially accepted solution to coastal defence.</p>	\$299,580
City of Greater Bendigo	<p>Organics Diversion Project</p> <p>Provide organics diversion outlets for the Greater Bendigo community that cannot be serviced by the current fortnightly kerbside organics collection. This trial will enable gaps in urban residential organics kerbside collection to be addressed. It will allow analysis of the aspects of a commercial collection and what the requirements are to fully implement a system that best suits traders. It will provide a community based alternative to disposal of organic material in the general waste bin for schools and rural families.</p>	\$73,000
Wodonga City Council	<p>Putting the Wodonga community solar project business case into action</p> <p>The project responds innovatively to climate change by implementing a working example of a community renewable energy model not seen to date, that provides benefits to the entire community, including helping adaptation for low income households.</p>	\$199,000

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
RMIT University	Self-sensing flood resilient smart roads The project will explore the implementation of self-sensing flood resilient smart roads that automatically recognise the amount of water on the road surface and alert authorities and emergency services in real time about the magnitude and exact location of the flooding.	\$78,000
Tarnagulla Alternative Energy	Tarnagulla Community Based Emergency Management Study To conduct a detailed study of community strengths and challenges to inform the management of future natural disasters which are increasing due to climate change.	\$50,000
Forrest and District Community Group	The Forrest Gateway to the Otways assessing feasibility, building collaboration This project will research an interactive learning facility feasibility study/business model; collaborative research model testing pilots; and governance multi-disciplinary model.	\$250,000
Deakin University	Towards Zero Carbon Housing in Victoria This project first proposes a policy framework regarding feed-in tariff and green buildings, based on policy review, survey and economic analysis. The project then optimises building design to achieve zero carbon housing, through energy conservation, recovery and generation.	\$50,000
Monash University	Victorian TV Weather Presenters as Climate Communicators The Climate Change Communication Research Hub at Monash University will develop and test an operational structure which brings together University researchers, weather presenters, climate scientists, and commercial TV networks to deliver easy-to-visualise climate science segments to TV audiences by trusted sources.	\$287,636
Nature Glenelg Trust	Wannon River floodplain restoration: demonstrating practical climate change mitigation action The Upper Wannon River floodplain surrounding Walker Swamp was modified through past agricultural land use. This project will create a community demonstration site for sustainable floodplain restoration and management, by reversing artificial drainage that restores wetland habitats for threatened species and buffers the site against climate change.	\$300,000

Program – Climate Change Research Grants

This program is managed by DELWP

Description: Provide scholarships for placements or study at respected international climate change institutions to foster leading thinking in Victoria.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Climate – KIC Australia	Support for Climate-KIC Australia's EnergyLab Accelerator program. The program provides placements for young Victorian entrepreneurs. The program helps selected clean energy start-ups grow into successful businesses. Four Victorian start-up companies are currently participating in the program in June 2018.	\$50,000
Climate – KIC Australia	Scholarships for Post Graduate Victorian Students Eight scholarships were awarded to Victorian post graduate students from different universities and academic backgrounds to participate in the three-week European summer school, The Journey. This initiative is a part of the European Climate Knowledge Innovation Community (Climate KIC) initiative and organised in partnership with Europe's cutting-edge low carbon research centres and business initiatives.	\$76,000
University of Melbourne	Scholarships for early career academics Two scholarships were awarded for Victorian early career academics under the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Climate System Science. The scholarships also support the professional development opportunities for researchers, including participation in expert seminars and technical training.	\$37,000

Program – Coastcare Community Grants Program

This program is managed by DELWP

Description: The program supports community organisations to take practical local action to protect and enhance the coastal and near-shore marine environment. The grants support the conservation of coastal and marine ecosystems and environments across the State through rehabilitation, restoration and preventative conservation actions.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Anglican Earthcare Gippsland Inc	Raymond Island Monitoring Environmental Change and Management of invasive species Preserve remnant native vegetation around Montague Point, McMillan Straits and Lake Victoria by managing several invasive weed species, collect data on sand movement and changes to the shoreline, vegetation and birdlife to inform future management.	\$6,770
Australian Marine Mammal Conservation Foundation	Marine Litter Education Project - Empowering Young People, Making A Difference Provide interactive school-based education incursions, designed to highlight the negative impacts of our litter behaviour on marine environments, and demonstrate effective strategies to minimise the litter threat through better community appreciation of the importance of coast health.	\$14,680
Balcombe Estuary Reserves Group Mt Martha Inc	Vegetation Survey and Assessment of Mount Martha Coastal Vegetation Coastal habitat survey, mapping and management using spatial technologies and databases.	\$12,850
Bellarine Catchment Network	Bellarine Coastal Community Engagement and On-Ground Works 2018-19 On-ground works and educational activities, including school programs and Nippers program.	\$9,730
Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association	Undertow Bay Weed Removal and Revegetation Stages 4 and 5 Weed control and revegetation.	\$14,928
Conservation Volunteers Australia	Point Lonsdale Foreshore Stabilisation Improve the integrity of significant coastal habitat and dune ecosystems by working in partnership with the Borough of Queenscliffe. The project will engage local volunteers and school groups accompanied by a Conservation Volunteers Team Leader in the removal of weeds and revegetation.	\$7,700
Fishcare Victoria Inc.	What's Under the Water Replicate an underwater marine experience that demonstrates how litter impacts aquatic animals and habitats in a pool environment by developing an underwater education pack. Participants use an underwater slate to record the species and litter sighted. Complimented by an in class session and a rubbish collection activity.	\$14,930
Friends of Beware Reef	Improved Technical Capability Purchase a modern digital camera and housing, plus a hard drive to increase capacity to capture images of high enough quality to accurately monitor marine life.	\$1,950

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Friends of Fisherman's Beach	Linley Point/Fishermans Beach Weed Removal and Indigenous replanting Revegetation to return a substantial area to healthy indigenous cover, enhancing the area as a public recreation facility, and conduct high-threat weed control.	\$8,182
Friends of the Beleura Cliff Path	Revegetate, monitor drainage, and prevent erosion of Beleura Cliff Path Planting a dense strip of indigenous plants along the path to strengthen the path edges and create a seed-bank to seed the cliff below. Monitor drainage and erosion problems.	\$3,385
Friends of the Hooded Plover (Morrington Peninsula) Inc	Fostering Community Participation and Protection for a flagship Coastal Species; the Red-capped Plover Skill sharing, workshop and field trip to enhance skills and knowledge in volunteers and land managers; banding program of Red Capped Plovers and improved signage.	\$4,877
Friends of the Prom Inc.	Sea Spurge Removal: Restoring Hooded Plover Habitat at Squeaky Beach, Wilsons Promontory National Park Eradicate the weed Sea Spurge (<i>Euphorbia paralias</i>) from Squeaky Beach.	\$11,138
Friends of Williams Road Beach	Creating habitat resilience, extending the habitat corridor and reducing plastic pollution, Mount Eliza Foreshore Weed-control in depleted Coastal Headland Scrub and Fore-Dune, and planting 300 indigenous species will increase the habitat-corridor by 116 metres. Maintenance weeding and the pickup of plastic pollution will also be undertaken.	\$7,254
Heytesbury District Landcare Network	Controlling incursion of Coast Wattle Engage with local community groups to help remove the invasive Coast Wattle and revegetate areas with local endemic species.	\$14,200
McCrae Homestead Coastal Group Inc.	Enhancement of McCrae Coastal Habitat Purchase a modern digital camera and housing, plus a hard drive to increase capacity to capture images of high enough quality to accurately monitor marine life.	\$8,505
Moogji Aboriginal Council East Gippsland Incorporated	Moogji Coastal Works Project 2018-2019 Control coastal weeds and reduce erosion near valued Aboriginal shell midden sites, and to educate the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community about the impacts of weeds in the coastal environment.	\$10,000
Morrington Environment Association Inc.	Red Bluff Morrington rehabilitation Mulching, planting, weed control, to enhance habitat and stabilise dunes. Community education and participation.	\$5,555
Mount Eliza Association for Environmental Care	Weed Control and Re-vegetation Ranelagh Beach Foreshore Reserve No2 Weed control and revegetation to create a biolink between two high quality vegetation areas.	\$5,730
Rhyll Coast Action Inc	Revegetation of Coastal Woodland at Pleasant Point, Phillip Island Revegetate the bluffs and clifftops with 500 plants, about half being trees, following spot spraying of exotic perennial grasses, and other weed control.	\$7,945

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Seaside Scavenge	Seaside Scavenge Mornington Peninsula Boosting participation in beach clean-up events and advocacy to reduce single use plastics in the community.	\$14,250
Silverleaves Conservation Association Inc.	Protection and Enhancement of Coast Banksia Woodland Remove three large pine trees, weed control, revegetation, in Coast Banksia Woodland and Coastal Dune Scrub, monitor and protect threatened Hooded Plovers. Raise awareness through signage and promotion of group and local values.	\$8,510
South Gippsland Landcare Network	Corner Inlet Citizen Science Water Quality Improvement Project Volunteers will be trained to regularly monitor water quality, and trial of testing methodology. Data will be analysed, shared and used to engage landholders in improved land management.	\$14,860
Tambo Bluff Landcare Coastcare	Steps towards the future - restoring and protecting the integrity of the Lake King foreshore The project aims to protect a vulnerable section of the Tambo Bluff foreshore from erosion through weed control, planting 300 endemic species, control walkway access through surface treatment, bollard installation, and interpretive signage.	\$3,240
Victorian Wader Study Group	Sustaining long term studies of waders and terns in South East Australia Gather comprehensive scientific data on waders and terns, and increase profile through increased education.	\$5,086
Walkerville Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management	Walkerville Foreshore Reserve Weed Eradication, Revegetation and Erosion Control 2018 Eradication of weeds along the Walkerville Foreshore Reserve and revegetation using locally indigenous species to increase biodiversity and natural habitat for native fauna.	\$14,960
Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Network	2018-19 Thunder Point Coastal Reserve Community Conservation Project Citizen science involving up to 200 community members monitoring the population and breeding health of the Little Penguin colony. Weed removal and revegetation in the reserve to improve habitat and prevent erosion, collect rubbish. Raise community awareness about the values of the reserve through traditional and social media and through community presentations and a formal report.	\$9,970

Program – Coastal Public Access and Risk (CPAR) 2017-18

This program is managed by DELWP

Description: The Coastal Public Access and Risk grant initiative provides financial assistance to Victorian coastal Crown land managers to reduce risk to users and improve public access.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Moyne Shire Council	Port Fairy Surf Club Boat ramp reconfiguration.	\$45,000
Surf Coast Shire Council	Bells Beach Replacement of Winki lookout pathways.	\$128,000
Glenelg Shire Council	Portland Coastal stability assessment.	\$20,000
Otway Coast Committee	Marengo Beach Access stairs and beach renourishment protection.	\$27,000
Otway Coast Committee	Wye River Beach access step upgrade.	\$35,000
Bellarine Bayside Foreshore Committee of Management	Jade Tiger Beach Fencing, track realignment, timber groynes, access point and car park formalisation.	\$88,000
Bellarine Bayside Foreshore Committee of Management	St Leonards Coastal trail realignment.	\$24,000
Warrnambool City Council	Moyjil-Point Ritchie Beach access stairs.	\$121,000
Great Ocean Road Coast Committee Incorporated	Jan Juc Steps Beach stairway replacement.	\$60,000
Phillip Island Nature Parks	Colonnades Boardwalk replacement.	\$18,000
Seaspray Reserve Committee of Management Inc	Seaspray Caravan Park Beach access stairway and footpath.	\$40,000
Sandy Point Foreshore Committee of Management Inc	Sandy Point Main Beach Formalise and re-align beach access.	\$15,000
Gippsland Ports Committee of Management Inc	Lakes Entrance Remove Green Light jetty.	\$34,000
Bass Coast Shire Council	First Surf Beach Foreshore Stair Access Replacement.	\$56,000
Mornington Peninsula Shire	Mornington/Mt Martha Cliffside safety fence upgrade.	\$35,000
Hobsons Bay City Council	Altona Foreshore access ramp upgrade.	\$150,000
Merricks Beach Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management Inc.	Merricks Beach Stair access upgrade.	\$36,000

Program – Collaborative Councils

This program is managed by DELWP

Description: Provision of matched funding of up to \$75,000 to groups of councils to collaborate with each other on a joint business case or feasibility study to achieve positive business and environmental outcomes.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Central Goldfields Shire Council	Grampians Central West Regional Waste and Recycling Audits This project will assess and form the business case for undertaking waste audits across every Council and Licenced Landfill accepting municipal waste in the Grampians Central West Region. The output for the project would be a consistent set of audits which report reliable waste data that can then be used to inform potential projects.	\$40,000
Knox City Council	Scaling up behind the meter solar on council facilities Four of the Eastern Alliance Greenhouse Action councils will develop a business case for scaling-up and refining a new procurement approach for installing solar on council facilities (pioneered by Yarra Ranges). The project will systemically assess and prioritise sites, compare and contrast technology and contracting models and develop coordinated implementation and procurement plans.	\$63,100
Port Phillip City Council	Inner Metro Sustainability Hub - Feasibility Study The Inner Metro Sustainability Hub is an opportunity to deliver catalyst sustainable infrastructure for inner Melbourne. It is an opportunity to: Treat waste via an advanced waste treatment facility (AWT); and Create an infrastructure solution to achieve the Fishermans Bend Vision for a sustainable and resilient urban transformation.	\$75,000
Moyne Shire Council	Development of behavioural change program to divert kerbside organics from waste This project will enable currently collaborating contiguous regional councils to produce a business case that assesses regional social, environmental and financial factors to define the behaviour changes required to significantly increase kerbside Food Organics Garden Organics diversion rates.	\$60,000
Ballarat City Council	Cool it - Collaborative procurement of heat vulnerability mapping The project will undertake heat vulnerability mapping for regional/interface councils to prioritise areas for green infrastructure (eg. street trees, open space) investment in ongoing capital works.	\$45,000
South Gippsland Shire City Council	Southern Gippsland Solar Farm Feasibility work for a solar farm located on Council owned land in Leongatha to be utilised by South Gippsland, Bass Coast and Baw Baw Shire Councils to assist with reducing the long-term costs associated with electricity procurement, increasing local renewable energy production, job opportunities and community support.	\$52,620
Swan Hill Rural City Council	Social Energy Procurement This project will ensure councils understand the risks and opportunities associated with alternative energy procurement options, focusing on Power Purchase Agreements and potential to support local energy projects. It will also investigate governance models for councils wishing to co-invest in large-scale renewable energy infrastructure.	\$41,000

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
City of Whittlesea	Victorian Councils Supply Chain Sustainability Pathway This project will pilot a local government 'edition' of the Supply Chain Sustainability School to improve suppliers' sustainability understanding, skills and capacity. Creating an online portal that provides learning pathways and resources for suppliers, contractors and procurement staff will lead to improved environmental, social and economic outcomes through procurement.	\$75,000

Program – Energy Storage Initiative

This program is managed by DELWP

Description: To deploy two battery storage projects of 20 megawatts minimum capacity in western Victoria. The projects will strengthen the Victorian electrical system by improving reliability and security of the electricity network and drive the development of clean technologies.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Spotless Sustainability Services	Energy Storage Initiative Construction of a large-scale 30MW/30MWh grid connected lithium ion battery next to the Ballarat terminal station.	\$10,484,702
Edify Energy	Energy Storage Initiative Construction of a large-scale 25MW/50MWh grid connected lithium ion battery to be co located with the new Gannawarra 50MW Solar Farm. Will be the largest "behind the meter" solar and battery system in Australia and one of the largest in the world.	\$2,265,000

Program – Landfill Levy Relief Program

This program is managed by DELWP

Description: This program offsets the landfill levy costs charitable recyclers face when disposing of illegally dumped materials and unwanted donations from their stores. The funds are distributed by the National Association of Charitable Recycling Organisations (NACRO).

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
National Association of Charitable Recycling Organisations	Charitable Recycling (NACRO) Project Distributed to 23 charitable organisations across the state to mitigate the costs imposed on Victorian charities by illegal dumping.	\$800,000

Program – Latrobe Valley New Energy Jobs & Investment Strategy

This program is managed by DELWP

Description: Suite of initiatives to support the growth of renewable energy and new energy technologies in the Latrobe Valley.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
AgVet Energy	Grant: A Window into Dairy Energy Efficiency Creation of a web interface to provide visitors with a real-time snapshot of energy use on a Victorian dairy farm – capable of providing different users with tailored data.	\$32,000

Program – Recycling Services Temporary Relief Fund

This program is managed by DELWP

Description: The decision in early 2018 by China to restrict the importation of many recycled materials has had a significant impact on local government kerbside waste services and the wider recycling industry. The program will provide temporary relief funding to assist councils in meeting the immediate cost pressures resulting from changed recycling market conditions, specifically for the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Alpine Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$35,048
Ararat Rural City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$18,000
Ballarat City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$187,200
Banyule City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$250,800
Bass Coast Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$86,670
Baw Baw Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$101,752
Bayside City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$219,960
Benalla Rural City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$33,840
Boroondara City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$405,000
Borough of Queenscliffe	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$10,860
Brimbank City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$312,000
Buloke Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$16,594
Campaspe Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$84,840
Cardinia Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$204,360
Casey City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$537,540

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Central Goldfields Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$28,800
Colac Otway Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$44,400
Corangamite Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$31,320
Darebin City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$291,540
East Gippsland Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$85,054
Frankston City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$314,100
Gannawarra Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$23,640
Glen Eira City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$262,200
Glenelg Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$42,710
Golden Plains Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$47,700
Greater Bendigo City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$240,000
Greater Dandenong City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$248,160
Greater Geelong City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$552,000
Greater Shepparton City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$133,920
Hepburn Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$33,300
Hindmarsh Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$8,400
Hobsons Bay City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$204,600

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Horsham Rural City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$36,000
Hume City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$384,000
Indigo Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$33,600
Kingston City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$360,000
Knox City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$306,300
Latrobe City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$180,000
Loddon Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$12,000
Macedon Ranges Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$93,600
Manningham City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$213,660
Mansfield Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$26,400
Maribyrnong City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$150,000
Maroondah City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$226,740
Melbourne City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$207,000
Melton City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$246,000
Mildura Rural City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$107,220
Mitchell Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$81,180
Moira Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$57,600

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Monash City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$311,192
Moonee Valley City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$221,100
Moorabool Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$63,672
Moreland City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$339,540
Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$430,080
Mount Alexander Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$38,400
Moyne Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$24,240
Murrindindi Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$28,818
Nillumbik Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$126,060
Northern Grampians Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$23,160
Port Phillip City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$208,200
Pyrenees Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$11,040
South Gippsland Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$42,624
Stonnington City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$189,000
Strathbogie Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$27,600
Surf Coast Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$82,080
Swan Hill Rural City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$38,400

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Towong Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$13,804
Wangaratta Rural City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$72,000
Warrnambool City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$71,492
Wellington Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$79,200
West Wimmera Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$3,908
Whitehorse City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$324,000
Whittlesea City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$336,060
Wodonga City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$72,000
Wyndham City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$393,900
Yarra City Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$192,000
Yarra Ranges Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$343,834
Yarriambiack Shire Council	Grant to cover a portion of the price rises in the period 1 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 directly associated with kerbside recycling services.	\$10,800

Program - Biodiversity Ongoing Action - Community and Volunteer Action Grants 2017

This program is managed by DELWP

Description: Community and Volunteer Action Grants support communities in efforts to conserve their local biodiversity and threatened species.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Cairnlea Conservation Reserves Committee of Management Inc	Wildflower and Reptile Recovery in Melbourne's West Support the continuing management and ecological restoration of three community managed urban grassland reserves in Melbourne's west - Iramoo Wildflower Grassland Reserve, Pimelea Grassland Reserve and Featherheads Grassland Reserve.	\$49,300
Friends of Westgate Park Inc.	Improving biodiversity through restoration of habitat at Westgate Park using community volunteers To engage community volunteers in practical on-ground environmental works that will improve biodiversity, preserve habitat and control weeds by re-vegetation.	\$14,000
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	Conservation of the critically endangered Caladenia robinsonii Caladenia robinsonii (Frankston spider orchid) is a critically endangered orchid recorded from only one wild Victorian location in the Mornington Peninsula Shire. This project will establish a new population at another location of up to two hundred plants using plants already grown for translocation, with completion of site preparation work and construction of cages and/or fencing.	\$34,950
Upper Campaspe Combined Landcare Groups	Citizen Surveys for Vulnerable Greater Gliders, Powerful Owls and Phasogales in the Central Highlands The citizen survey in the Central Highlands will incorporate over twenty community groups to undertake surveys to confirm the presence of the threatened Greater Glider, the Powerful Owl, and the Brush Tailed Phascogale, all listed as vulnerable under the <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act</i> in Victoria.	\$46,485
East Gippsland Rainforest Conservation Management Network	Littoral rainforest community recovery program Increase the ecological condition of and public appreciation for several key areas of critically endangered littoral rainforest.	\$20,025
Longwood Plains Conservation Management Network	Icons of the Longwood Plains: Grey-crowned Babblers, Bush Stone-curlews and Squirrel Gliders habitat improvement. Increase connectivity, and the quantity and quality of habitat across the Longwood Plains.	\$48,500
Ashbourne Landcare Group Inc	Ashbourne Landcare Biolinks Project Increase the extent and diversity of flora through protection, allowing natural regeneration, and through planting of selected species of local provenance.	\$49,890
Panyyabyr Landcare Group Inc	Victoria Valley Private Land Fox Baiting 2017-2020 - Parks Victoria Partnership 'Grampians Ark' is a continuous fox baiting program implemented by Parks Victoria across the Grampians National Park and other adjoining public land.	\$49,500

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Up2Us Landcare Alliance	Sandy Creek habitat restoration - welcome back Phascogales and Banksias This project will involve offering landholders an incentive to assist in the revegetation of Sandy creek, extending the habitat of Mt Samaria to the lake edge.	\$42,100
Western Port Catchment Landcare Network	Connecting pockets of habitat and improving biodiversity for nectar feeders in the Westernport Catchment This project will address the issue of depleting numbers of nectar feeding bees, birds, butterflies, and bats in the Western Port Catchment, by planting a variety of indigenous nectar-producing plants throughout the catchment in urban and rural gardens.	\$49,062
Parks Victoria	Twin Dams Paddock, Weeroona/Conservation Zone, Sanatorium Dam Area Re-vegetating cleared and cultivated land with trees and shrubs to provide wildlife habitat, and controlling weeds which invade adjacent areas of the park.	\$5,160
BirdLife Australia Ltd.	Monitoring and rehabilitation of Fairy Tern breeding sites in Western Port and Port Phillip Bays To monitor the breeding colonies of Fairy Terns in Western Port and Port Phillip Bays and to improve the suitability of key breeding sites utilising the knowledge gained from the successful small tern rehabilitation work in Gippsland.	\$42,700
Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority	Villa Turquoise - Creating and monitoring artificial nesting habitat for the threatened Turquoise Parrot This proven, successful project now plans to expand into the eastern side of the Warby Ranges to continue increasing bird numbers through the erection and monitoring of 150 nest boxes.	\$50,000
Trentham and District Landcare Group	Coliban River from Enders Bridge to Trentham Falls biodiversity link To restore connectivity between the areas of remnant vegetation along the Coliban River from Enders Bridge to the Trentham Falls.	\$50,000
Woodside Landcare Group and Yarram Yarram Landcare Network Inc	Creating Martin Toadlet Habitat on Reedy Creek - Phase 2 To provide habitat and reduce threats for a range of amphibians including the critically endangered Martin's toadlet.	\$45,000
Violet Town Action Group Incorporated	Zooming in and out on threatened species in Violet Town Violet Town and the surrounding area are strongholds for the (Victorian) threatened Squirrel Glider and Grey-crowned Babbler species. This project will protect remnant paddock trees and enhance and expand habitat for native fauna along Croppers Creek in North East Victoria.	\$48,440
Walhalla Board of Management Incorporated	Saving Stringers Creek To remove the Tutsan in and around the Chinese Gardens and upstream for some 2km along Stringers Creek West Branch.	\$39,369
Friends of Campbells Creek Landcare Group	Urban waterways park—the green heart of Castlemaine For three landcare groups to increase community involvement and the scale and speed of improvement of the creek-side land.	\$49,003

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
South Gippsland Conservation Society Inc.	Enhancing resilience and biodiversity of coastal flora and fauna at Harmers Haven To introduce targeted weed control and revegetation into the Kilcunda-Harmers Haven Coastal Reserve over a three-year period.	\$47,985
Balcombe Estuary Reserves Group, Mt Martha Inc (BERG Mt Martha)	Biodiversity and Ecology Restoration Project, Mt Martha This project will provide a more consistent, appropriate and diverse indigenous vegetation that will boost habitat value and biodiversity.	\$45,763
Myrtleford and District Landcare and Sustainability Group	Suring up the threatened Stony Bush-pea <i>Pultenaea lapidosa</i> on Reform Hill To improve and expand the habitat area for the Stony Bush-pea to enable natural regeneration beyond our project area and to educate the local community to better understand and manage our local environment and the species within.	\$18,585
Woorndoo Land Protection Group	Diversifying and extending a restored native grassland in south-western Victoria (Woorndoo) To diversify and extend a native grassland directly sown by the Woorndoo Land Protection Group in 2013.	\$38,952
Napoleons Enfield Landcare Group Inc	Round the bend and up the creek This new project builds on the recent Yarrowee river restorations by adding two hectares of double creek frontage.	\$29,328
StopPitt Inc	Dandenong Ranges <i>Pittosporum undulatum</i> (Sweet Pittosporum) control Program To expand the program to strategic high value properties within the Muddy Creek catchment, a tributary of Cardinia Creek.	\$48,580
Parks Victoria	On the ground/ In the trees: Habitat enhancement for Grey-headed Flying-fox in Yarra Bend Park To restore sections of the riparian bushland in and around the camp, including weed removal and replanting with locally-indigenous species.	\$26,800
Wedderburn Conservation Management Network	Protecting spring soaks in the north western Goldfields - stage 2 To continue work on the twenty-seven soaks sites in the Mt Korong / Mt Kooyoora area selected for various conservation actions.	\$37,190
Knox Environment Society Inc	Ferntree Gully Reserve The Knox Environment Society will maintain and care for the management of a piece of land near the railway line that contains significant remnant vegetation.	\$10,200
Fungimap Inc	Putting Victoria's fungal biodiversity on the map Fungimap will provide educational kits, workshops and field training across Victoria, tailored to Catchment Management Authority regions.	\$50,000
Northern Plains Conservation Management Network Inc.	Managing Northern Plains Grasslands for Plains-wanderers To engage a consultant to survey for the Plains-wanderers in grassland paddocks that have not been surveyed and to install ten sound recorders across paddocks that Plains-wanderers have been recorded in, pre 2010.	\$48,250

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Maffra and District Landcare Network	Flooding Creek Connections This project will be a partnership between Wellington Shire Council, Landcare, schools and community, working together to link existing vegetation patches while building stronger connections with the town's natural environment.	\$48,133
Christmas Hills Landcare Group	Engaging landholders, improving habitat, and protecting orchids in Christmas Hills This project builds on years of work by the Christmas Hills Landcare Group engaging and developing local landholder motivation and capacity to care for these assets.	\$39,038
Kiewa Catchment Landcare Groups	Enhancing Biodiversity in a Peri-urban Environment Restoration of indigenous native vegetation and the recreation of a connecting wildlife habitat corridor along Middle Creek upstream of Fredric Street Road Baranduda.	\$50,000
Australian Landscape Trust	Fauna Survey To conduct a complete fauna survey of the 700ha covenanted land, including mammals, birds and amphibians creating a complete fauna species list.	\$8,890
Greater Shepparton City Council	Breathing Life into the Bushland This project at the Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton will conserve significant remnant vegetation in a former landfill site.	\$29,092
Red Hill South Landcare Group	Protecting Powerful Owl habitat in Waterholes Creek Catchment This initiative will improve habitat and reduce predation on a number of threatened fauna including the endangered Powerful Owl.	\$18,592
Friends of the Prom	Koala Habitat Restoration at Wilsons Promontory National Park To restore the eucalypt woodland, discourage growth of understorey shrubs and allow for the reintroduction of koalas in this area.	\$9,500
Trust for Nature (Victoria)	Protecting Species, Connecting People This project will work with private landholders to improve their biodiversity values and protect threatened species by controlling woody weeds and other high-threat weed species within the Greater Geelong district.	\$50,000
Victorian Malleefowl Recovery Group Incorporated	Annual monitoring of malleefowl breeding success To support practical community efforts to better understand and manage Malleefowl and their habitat.	\$24,600
Great Ocean Road Coast Committee Incorporated	Bert Alsop Track Rehabilitation For the removal of woody weeds, with follow-up weed control and removal of herbaceous species such as English Ivy.	\$45,810
The Basalt to Bay Landcare Network Inc.	Protecting Pretty Hill Reduce the weed impacts, reduce pest animals, survey for threatened flora and fauna, prepare the reserve for ecological/indigenous burning, and infill plant with stock grown from seed collected in the reserve to prevent weed return post fire.	\$49,270

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Ultima Landcare Group	Coordinated community action to protect Buloke Woodlands in the Southern Mallee - Ultima Landcare Group To protect and enhance nationally significant Buloke Woodlands through strategic, coordinated on-ground works and engagement events.	\$50,000
Culgoa and District Landcare Group	Coordinated community action to protect Buloke Woodlands in the Southern Mallee - Culgoa Landcare Group To partner with ten Landcare Groups and five Councils to achieve landscape-level rabbit control over a three-year period, with the long-term goal of reducing rabbit population numbers to below 0.5/ha, allowing for successful natural regeneration.	\$50,000
Upper Ovens Valley Landcare Group	Riparian Conservation and Connectivity: Ovens/Buckland Rivers junction The Ovens/Buckland Junction project targets a new treatment area where there are dual benefits of addressing threatened ecological communities at risk and improve biodiversity connectivity across the Ovens Valley.	\$31,500
Southwest Mornington Peninsula Landcare Group (SWAMP Landcare)	Protect and Connect - Stage 1 - Moonah Woodland Restoration This project aims to restore approximately 42Ha of Flora and Fauna Guarantee listed vegetation on private properties and roadsides in the southern catchment of the Tootgarook Wetlands.	\$50,000
Australian Network for Plant Conservation Inc.	Saving the threatened Audas Spider-orchid (<i>Caladenia audasii</i>) from extinction To fence the newly discovered plants in the Grampians to protect them from grazing and allow seed collection; and to survey near the newly discovered site, collect cross pollinated seeds, propagate the plants and re-introduce plants with volunteer assistance.	\$41,314
Friends of Bald Hill Reserve	Enhancing Biodiversity Values and Habitat for Threatened Species at Bald Hill Reserve, Kyneton To implement the Bald Hill Reserve Environmental Management Plan, ensuring the reserve is preserved as a significant place of ecological diversity that is valued by the community.	\$36,700
Parks Victoria	Mullum Mullum Park, Walert Creek, Habitat Restoration and Protection Project To rehabilitate and protect significant Riparian, Herb-rich Foothill and Grassy Valley Forest environments and carry out works to protect threatened species along Walert Creek in Mullum Mullum Park in Donvale.	\$41,905
Friends of Winton Wetlands	Sticking our necks out for Turtle conservation To educate and empower the community to directly contribute to the protection and 'ownership' of the local turtle population.	\$49,150
Mt Korong Eco-Watch Association Inc	A water cart to establish plantings from our nursery Mt Korong Eco-Watch is dedicated to improving biodiversity of these direct seeded areas by establishing understory plants found in local isolated remnant woodland.	\$9,482

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Lismore Land Protection Group	Protecting remnant habitats along Mt Emu Creek and Nerrin Wetlands Protection and enhancement of habitat for threatened species in the Mt Emu Creek and nearby wetland by installing 7.5km of fencing.	\$49,990
Nillumbik Shire Council	Cultivating Community Stewardship: Caring for the Significant Biodiversity of Panton Hill and Smiths Gully Engage the community in protecting threatened plant and animal species in the Panton Hill Bushland Reserve System and surrounding private land.	\$49,383
Beyond Bolac Catchment Action Group	Rebuilding the Forgotten Woodlands of the Victorian Volcanic Plain To restore Silver Banksia, Drooping She-oak and Sweet Bursaria to the landscape.	\$50,000
Nillumbik Shire Council	Finding and saving Southern Toadlets and other frogs in Nillumbik This project will engage with local communities, public land managers and private land owners through a series of events, raising awareness of toadlets, their habitat requirements and threats across the Shire.	\$27,152
Hobsons Bay City Council	Emu Foot Grassland Conservation Signage To install two signs to educate the public and our conservation workers about the important species present and the ecological significance of the area.	\$8,000
Friends of Crusoe Reservoir and Number 7 Park	Crusoe and Number 7 Park Habitat Hollow Project To install 120 nest boxes within the park with the aim of increasing populations of hollow dependant fauna, with particular focus on improving habitat for the threatened Brush-tailed Phascogale and Powerful Owl.	\$10,700
Friends of Merri Creek Incorporated	The Secret Seven: Seeds for our Flora's Future Under the guidance of local experts, volunteers will participate in genetically targeted seed collection and in the care of Seed Production Areas to increase availability of seed of seven locally rare plants.	\$49,984
Golden Point Landcare Group	Habitat improvement for the Brush tailed phascogale in the Forest Creek valley To improve the habitat especially for the endangered species, the Brush tailed phascogale, in the Forest Creek catchment.	\$9,500
Phillip Island Landcare Group Inc	Corridor and Biodiversity Enhancement on Phillip Island. Further develop the wildlife corridor through targeted revegetation works, to help reduce erosion on farmland, protect remnant vegetation, continue pest plants and animals programs and increase the educational opportunities for our supporters and the broader community.	\$49,900
Ferny Creek Primary School	Ferny Creek Primary School Biodiversity Enhancement Project Commence work to remove a number of large woody weeds as well as those climbers threatening to overwhelm the site. Replace the current mono-culture of introduced species with native vegetation that will assist to highlight the Cool Temperate Rainforest already noted within the Ferny Creek.	\$35,216

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Kara Kara Conservation Management Network	<p>Improving habitat for threatened and declining flora and fauna in Victoria's western goldfields</p> <p>To improve landscape connectivity, with a focus on filling gaps in existing biolinks; expand/improve habitat for selected threatened/declining flora and fauna species, and engage with, and educate the community about the region's biodiversity.</p>	\$46,915
Parks Victoria - Lysterfield Park	<p>Sustaining Baluk Willam Biodiversity</p> <p>To protect and improve the habitat of this valuable native flora, and monitor the health and biodiversity of the reserve and better educate local communities to manage the local biodiversity and habitat.</p>	\$48,000
French Island Landcare Group Inc	<p>Creating new and enhancing old habitats and wildlife corridors to promote biodiversity on French Island.</p> <p>To increase biodiversity and community volunteer participation on French Island by providing continuity of volunteer training and on ground revegetation works to create links across the south west side of the island.</p>	\$46,439
Wodonga Urban Landcare Network Inc	<p>Restoring Habitat Linkages in Wodonga</p> <p>To restore habitat for native species through the removal of environmental weeds, resourcing volunteers to enable them to effectively control weeds, providing native plants and planting materials to reinstate understorey and overstorey linkages, and raising awareness in the community around habitat needs in urban areas.</p>	\$50,000
Nillumbik Shire Council	<p>Recovery and conservation of the Charming Spider Orchid <i>Caladenia amoena</i></p> <p>Conservation and recovery of one of Nillumbik's rarest plants, the Charming Spider Orchid <i>Caladenia amoena</i>.</p>	\$50,000
Beulah Landcare Group	<p>Coordinated comment action to protect Buloke Woodlands in the Southern Mallee - Beulah Landcare Group</p> <p>The Group will partner with eleven Landcare Groups and five Councils to achieve landscape-level rabbit control over a three-year period, with the long-term goal of reducing rabbit population numbers to below 0.5/ha, allowing for successful natural regeneration.</p>	\$50,000
Mitchell Shire Council	<p>Monument Hill Pine Removal Program</p> <p>Remove the windrow and burn the mature pine trees, the established immature pine trees and any young seedlings to prevent further spread and establishment. The burn sites will also be rehabilitated.</p>	\$26,700
South West Goulburn Landcare Inc	<p>Fur and fins; extending landscape pathways with community collaboration</p> <p>Build upon existing projects by extending biolinks both stream side and aquatically to continue links through the landscape for endangered and other species to enable movement to other populations and connecting islands of suitable habitat in a fragmented matrix.</p>	\$49,120

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Rainbow and District Landcare Group	Coordinated community action to protect Buloke Woodlands in the Southern Mallee - Rainbow and District Landcare Group The Group will partner with eleven Landcare Groups and five Councils to achieve landscape-level rabbit control over a three-year period, with the long-term goal of reducing rabbit population numbers to below 0.5/ha, allowing for successful natural regeneration.	\$50,000
Springhurst and Byawatha Hills Landcare Group	Why I'm Important - Roadside Reserves Engage an ecologist to survey the flora and fauna. A rehabilitation plan can then be fine-tuned with specific species in mind and more specific information can be communicated to the local community about species that depend on the roadside reserve as a Grassy Woodland and biolink.	\$48,000
Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management Inc	Turn The Tide The Project will develop a monthly clean-up program on ten Phillip Island beaches; analyse marine debris to learn about quantity, types and sources; use data to inform a community education campaign and local initiatives; and share information with industry, government, and other key land and waterway managers and users.	\$28,770
Victorian National Parks Association Inc (VNPA)	Building on the success of NatureWatch Caught on Camera in Bunyip State Park This project builds on the successes of the previous five years of our Caught on Camera wildlife monitoring in Bunyip State Park and delivers the project for the next three years.	\$48,898
Hindmarsh Landcare Network Inc	Project Hindmarsh Biolink Threatened Community Planting This project is building on 20 years of on ground revegetation works along roadside corridors in the Hindmarsh and West Wimmera area. Revegetating private land adjoining these corridors, especially where isolated remnants exist, will increase their extent, broaden the habitat value of these connectors and greatly improve their value to biodiversity.	\$33,100
Yackandandah Cemetery Trust	Cemetery Native Grassland Species: protection and Identification Provide signage to identify these valuable species on the plots and repair fencing to protect the species from feral animals and public access onto the plots.	\$5,600
Victorian National Parks Association Inc (VNPA)	ReefWatch - Sea Slug Census Harness the existing interest in photographing Sea Slugs to empower and encourage people to become citizen scientists and to discover more about this unique group of animals.	\$47,470
Friends of Wilson Reserve Inc	Refurbishing bat-boxes to maintain habitat restoration, long-term environmental monitoring, community engagement and education To facilitate a major refurbishment of bat-boxes by encasing the old wood bat-boxes in an exterior weatherproof shell made from 100% recycled plastic board to increase the lifespan of the boxes by a further 20+ years.	\$14,000
Chewton Landcare Group	Remnant Forest and Creek Rehabilitation To improve habitat quality and biodiversity in Wattle Gully and Post Office Hill in Chewton, central Victoria.	\$24,592

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Ballarat Environment Network Inc.	Enhance diversity of Plains Grassy Woodlands and Grassy Woodlands through ecological burns at BEN-managed reserves To reduce smothering biomass, stimulate the regeneration of the local grasses and herbs, and control the grassy weeds.	\$9,970
Harston Community Landcare Group Incorporated	Stockyard Plain Community Project 2 Continue to preserve the site and protect its' inhabitants through ongoing fox baiting, weed control, revegetation, enhancement of habitat and fire prevention.	\$37,160
Cannons Creek Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management Inc.	Where The Woodland Meets The Sea To restore the biodiversity of the ecosystem on the fringe of the coastal reserve edging Rutherford inlet in Westernport Bay.	\$20,950
Euroa Environment Group Inc	Restoring the Seven Creeks, Euroa Township To link the areas of revegetation along the creek and continue weed control. A citizen science project will be established to connect the community in an engaging way to the bird species along the creek, and bird surveys will continue each quarter.	\$50,000
Mitta Valley Landcare Group	Mitta Valley Landcare environmental protection and enhancement project covering 88ha. Provide local understanding of what is within their properties and techniques to improve management of native species.	\$49,994
Friends of Kooyoora State Park	Protecting rare orchid flora in the Parks of Kooyoora To maintain the momentum in orchid recovery that has taken place over the past fifteen years in the Kooyoora region.	\$48,900
Mt. Worth and District Landcare Group Inc	Mt. Worth Threatened species biolink This project will fund 3300m of fencing and planting of 8000 indigenous seedlings, which will revegetate 3.8 hectares within 5km of the State Park.	\$28,600
Mornington Peninsula and Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation Ltd	Collective Effort Environmental Management The project will contribute to a landscape scale map of all fox control management activities within the reserve, which will identify gaps, effectiveness and the predator/prey relationships to recommend improvements. It will also include community education and engagement for neighbouring landowners.	\$48,302
Australasian Native Orchid Society (Victorian Group) Inc.	Recovery Action for Three of Victoria's Rarest Orchids (Caladenias audasii, clavescens and sp. aff. fragrantissima) Caladenia audasii, Caladenia clavescens and Caladenia sp. aff. fragrantissima are three of Victoria's rarest spider orchids, with Caladenia audasii being one of Australia's rarest plants. This project will germinate these three orchid species from seed, raise them to maturity and reintroduce them to their native habitat.	\$49,800
Australasian Native Orchid Society [Victorian Group] Inc.	Caladenia pumila recovery This project will commence the recovery of the Caladenia pumila which was believed extinct until two plants were rediscovered in 2009. Seed has been collected and germination and propagation requires the assistance of the Royal Botanic Gardens for release in the future.	\$49,900

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Trust for Nature (Victoria)	Striped Legless Lizard community surveys and habitat restoration - Goldfields East The bulk of Striped Legless Lizard (SLL) habitat now occurs on private property. The project will work with individual landholders and local community environment groups to directly survey the knowledge of 200+ landholders to collect information and champion the importance of woodland conservation.	\$31,775
Upper Hopkins Land Management Group Inc.	Linking and creating vegetation corridors at Bowmont Landholders will develop biolinks of native trees and shrubs which will link to existing remnant trees on their property, "Bowmont". There is a long-term vision for a well vegetated property which is beneficial for people, for livestock and for native fauna.	\$11,120
BirdLife Australia Ltd.	A time for hope: strengthening Hooded Plover monitoring and protection in south west Victoria To engage expert ornithologists to individually mark birds (improving understanding of site fidelity and survival, plus building community connections with the birds) and produce detailed maps for improved data collection.	\$17,671
Campaspe River and Land Management Group	Riparian rehabilitation along an urban waterway- Campaspe River and Australian Anchor Plant The Australian Anchor Plant does not reproduce naturally - this needs more research but in the meantime the Campaspe River and Land Management group are propagating seedlings to at least buy the species a bit more time until lack of natural recruitment can be addressed.	\$21,136
Friends of Leadbeater's Possum Inc.	Enhancement of habitat for Lowland Leadbeater's Possum at Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve This project will directly address management action required to conserve Leadbeater's Possum at Yellingbo.	\$6,980
Connecting Country (Mount Alexander Region) Inc.	Caring for Key Biodiversity Areas in Central Victoria Caring for Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) in central Victoria will work with local communities to address the threats facing woodland birds across private and public forests and woodlands.	\$49,150
Conservation Volunteers Australia (Australian Trust for Conservation Volunteers)	Community Habitat Enhancement - Salvana Conservation Reserve The broad focus of the project is to improve local connectivity of wetland habitats through the provision of 'Habitat Havens' on rural and peri urban farms.	\$49,625
Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater Inc	Revegetation in target areas within Yellingbo Conservation Reserve along Woori Yallock Creek and Sheepstation Creek Increase habitat availability and improve vegetation condition which is urgently required to support two critically endangered species, Helmeted Honeyeater and Leadbeaters Possum. These species rely on this vegetation for their survival.	\$28,310
Barengi Gadjin Land Council Aboriginal Corporation	Increasing Diversity in Wail State Forest To restore a natural and diverse grassland and shrubland environment, removing non-native and many non-Victorian native species.	\$40,000

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Trust for Nature (Victoria)	Endangered Orchid Recovery in the Kara Kara Region This project will focus on facilitator led, community engagement to locate new sources of genetic material, propagation of plants, establishment of new populations and a community involved monitoring program for previous reintroduction sites and wild population monitoring.	\$49,920
Trust for Nature (Victoria)	Brolgas and Bandicoots - Pallisters Reserve Provide predator control and habitat enhancement for two threatened species, Brolgas and Southern Brown Bandicoots at Pallisters Reserve, Orford. Fox control, revegetation for habitat for Southern Brown Bandicoots.	\$23,604
Panyyabyr Landcare Group Inc.	Fencing off regionally Endangered Swamp Scrub habitat in Western Victoria This project will engage landholders to install over 3km of continuous stock-proof fencing to protect 33Ha of Endangered Swamp Scrub remnant vegetation along Little Tea Tree Creek.	\$16,270
Blampied – Kooroocheng Landcare Group	Protecting the Future of our Trees: Seed Security II The project will involve as many land managers as possible within the Upper Loddon Catchment, to prevent further degradation and devaluation of agricultural land.	\$23,560
Powlett Project	Protecting the Powlett creating habitat for threatened species This project will revegetate 7.61Ha of degraded agricultural land within the Powlett River catchment.	\$49,650
Sandy Point Community Group Inc	Sandy Point Koala Action Project Through the project, the community hope to better understand the health of the koala population, and plan and implement practical on-ground strategies to improve the health and long- term sustainability of the Sandy Point koalas.	\$49,870
Australasian Native Orchid Society (Victoria Group) Inc	Passionately Protecting Plains Grassland This project restores one of Victoria's rarest habitats, Western Basalt Plains Grassland, tipping the balance back to a beautiful high quality indigenous wildflower grassland over 3Ha.	\$23,250
Surf Coast and Inland Plains Network	To protect and enhance fragmented indigenous vegetation including threatened ecological communities through bio links This project plans to help maintain diversity and connect isolated habitats by excluding livestock with adequate livestock fencing, providence on seed collection and propagation, linking the areas between these isolated pockets of habitat to increase the diverse biodiversity.	\$24,640
Mt Rothwell Landcare Volunteers Inc.	Granite Island Corridor This project will support the regeneration and enhancement of the connecting Granite corridor located between the endangered Basalt Grassland Plains and Open Grassy Woodland at Mt Rothwell.	\$43,000
Heytesbury District Landcare Network Inc	Port Campbell Biolinks Project Port Campbell Biolinks project is a community project with a holistic approach to the issue of weeds.	\$25,500

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Goulburn Valley Environment Group (GVEG) Incorporated	Renewal of threatened plant conservation projects in the Goulburn Valley To communicate the importance of highly threatened habitats to the local community and provide renewed opportunities for local communities to explore and discover these precious sites.	\$44,945
Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	Using chainsaw cut log hollows to create supplementary roosting habitat for hollow-dependant mammals To create chainsaw cut log hollows and install these supplementary roosts on trees at four bushland reserves in Mornington Peninsula.	\$27,200
Parklands Albury Wodonga Ltd	Protecting Upper Murray Remnants Remove grazing from remnant bushlands in Bullioh, Darbyshire and Lucyvale through stock exclusion fencing. Create corridors of connectivity to adjoining State Forests, Nature Conservation Reserves and National Parks.	\$29,700
Greta Valley Landcare Group	Protecting Scattered Paddock Trees for our Woodland Birds and Bats The death of paddock trees is a major loss for local biodiversity and agricultural productivity. This project focuses on the protection of 20 scattered paddock tree sites, including planting of missing understorey shrubs and the relocation of fallen timber to the sites and the planting of one hundred new paddock trees.	\$36,030

Program – Biodiversity Ongoing Action - Community and Volunteer Action Grants 2018

This program is managed by DELWP

Description: Community and Volunteer Action Grants support communities in efforts to conserve their local biodiversity and threatened species.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Woomelang/Lascelles Landcare Group	Woomelang/Lascelles Rabbit and Invasive Plant Action Project 2018 To protect and enhance endangered native vegetation classes within its area, by reducing rabbit and invasive plant populations on private agricultural land and along public council roadsides.	\$50,000
East Gippsland Landcare Network Inc.	Landcare planting for our future This project aims to improve significant vegetation communities in the Gippsland Plains Bioregion, through community education and twenty hectares of revegetation works.	\$49,250
Upper Goulburn Landcare Network	King Parrot Catchment Fox Control Project To reduce the impact of foxes on biodiversity throughout the King Parrot catchment so that native species have the opportunity to increase and occupy suitable habitat that is accessible to them.	\$18,860
St Arnaud Field Naturalist Club Inc.	Bell Rock- protecting threatened species in a unique major biome intersection Three threatened species at this unique location will be protected by erosion control, including closing off tracks and community education.	\$6,847
Baw Baw Shire Council	Protecting plant communities at Uralla Nature Reserve through targeted Sweet Pittosporum control This project aims to develop and deliver a control strategy for Sweet Pittosporum including mapping, weed control, and community education.	\$34,798
Newham and District Landcare Group	Building on the Campaspe-Maribyrnong Headwaters Biolink This project builds on 12 years of on-ground works to establish a network of native vegetation namely the Campaspe-Maribyrnong Headwaters Biolink. Enhanced remnants, revegetation, propagation and increased connectivity will protect and enhance habitat for threatened fauna species, including Brush-tailed Phascogale, Powerful and Barking Owls.	\$50,000
Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Network (WCLN)	Maam Biolink The Maam Biolink project was created in 2015 to try and link the Merri and Hopkins Catchments via biodiversity corridors. This project will deliver weed management in the area.	\$15,825
Koetong Landcare Group	Protecting the significant conservation values of Pheasant Creek Flora Reserve through community partnerships Invasive species monitoring and management in the reserve to protect the 49 rare, threatened and vulnerable plant species, and the 12 ecological vegetation classes identified.	\$28,918

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Phillip Island Nature Parks	Turn the Tide The project will focus on reducing marine debris from beaches that wash back into the marine eco-system by: increasing the number of volunteers in community activities, workshops and monthly clean-ups; increase the beach clean-up sites from ten to fourteen; and analyse marine data to enter into the National Marine debris data base.	\$40,617
Parklands Albury Wodonga Ltd	Five Island Habitat Restoration and Stewardship Build network and skills of Murray River stewards through involvement in bush restoration works on five Victorian Crown land Murray River Islands.	\$50,000
Axe Creek Landcare Group	Biodiversity Bounceback - corridor connection and remnant enhancement in the Axe Creek Catchment This project will facilitate woodland bird and small mammal movement by the development of vegetation corridors between private remnants and public land.	\$44,834
Knox Environment Society	Mapping, Collection and Propagating Rare and Threatened Species Protection of plants identified in the Rare and Threatened Species Report 2010 by locating and mapping them through a municipality wide search, storing the resultant seed, and producing all the plants required.	\$6,500
French Island Landcare Group Inc.	Protecting and Enhancing French Islands unique biodiverse vegetation This project aims to improve corridor links, enhance biodiversity and increase the community participation in environmental activities on French Island by assisting ten different landholders to undertake a mixture of weed control and revegetation works with remnant vegetation protection.	\$49,400
Yarram Yarram Landcare Network	Protecting the Jack and Albert River Catchments from Woody Weeds This project will take a cross boundary approach to the control of blackberry, gorse and boxthorn by supporting land managers to control weeds on adjacent roadsides, riparian areas, and reserves.	\$50,000
Berriwillock Landcare Group	Protecting Buloke Woodlands in Berriwillock 2018/21 To protect nationally significant Buloke Woodlands, natural grasslands and other remnant vegetation through controlling rabbit infestations across the 76,600ha landcare area.	\$49,525
Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority	Nest Boxes for Neo: Creating artificial nesting habitat for the Turquoise Parrot Neophema pulchella To protect, improve and expand habitat for the threatened Turquoise Parrot through the erection and monitoring of 150 nest boxes.	\$36,050
Eagle Point Landcare Coastcare Group	Ah Yee Creek Stage C2 rehabilitation To rehabilitate the final 350m of the 1.5km creek corridor leading to Lake King across a section of degraded public land and private farmland through stock exclusion fencing and revegetation.	\$16,233
Australasian Native Orchid Society (Victorian Group) Inc.	Maintaining orchid conservation translocations Protecting threatened orchid planting in Western Victoria by site maintenance including caging and weed control.	\$15,000

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Cardinia Shire Council	Emerald Lake Park Vegetation Management Project Woody weed control at Emerald Lake Park to manage remnant forest enabling more light to penetrate the forest floor and for indigenous seedlings to germinate and provide habitat.	\$49,325
St Paul's Anglican Grammar School Limited	St Paul's Students and Community Revegetation of Brooker Park's Hazel Creek To improve the quality and connectivity of threatened species' habitat in a section of Hazel Creek which runs through Brooker Park in Warragul by revegetating the creek area, showcasing student learning and educating the local community.	\$39,964
Wattle Flat Pootilla Landcare Group	Fellmongers Creek Biolink This project will fence 375 metres of Fellmongers Creek, excluding stock and replacing pasture grasses with 2000 indigenous trees, shrubs and groundcovers, protecting part of Ballarat's water catchment. In addition, community wildflower walks and a eucalypt identification workshop in nearby forests and mapping significant roadside vegetation to aid future management priorities in the area.	\$11,823
Port Fairy to Warrnambool Rail Trail Committee Inc.	From weeds to Indigenous species The Port Fairy-Warrnambool Rail Trail runs along 24.5km of disused railway easement. This project will work towards the elimination of weeds and the planting of indigenous species in this area.	\$13,550
Anglesea Aireys Inlet Society for the protection of Flora and Fauna (ANGAIR)	Protecting and Restoring a Remnant of the Anglesea Heath This project aims to protect a remnant of the very significant Anglesea Heath from a major weed outbreak by utilising local volunteers and students to remove woody and emerging weeds, and undertake camera monitoring of wildlife to determine the significance of the site for fauna.	\$9,800
Friends of Westgate Park Inc.	Improving Biodiversity by On-Ground Action in Westgate Park using Community Volunteers This project will protect, improve and expand habitats for native flora and fauna by planting indigenous plant species in an area of Westgate Park (in Port Melbourne) that lacks biodiversity.	\$5,500
Upper Campaspe Landcare Network Inc.	Mapping platypus distribution in the upper Campaspe River catchment The platypus is now listed as 'Near Threatened' by International Union for Conservation of and impacts of climate change are of concern. As a top predator, the platypus serves as a valuable biological indicator of the health of freshwater environments. This project will track platypus sightings for the Campaspe River catchment.	\$46,840
Strathbogie Ranges Conservation Management Network	Strathbogie Forest: More Citizen Science 2018-20 This project will utilise 'skilled-up' citizen scientists to increase survey coverage and incorporate novel techniques (thermal imaging) to survey small, cryptic species.	\$34,620

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Geelong Landcare Network	Batesford Biolink Project Protecting and enhancing remnant woodland habitat in the Dog Rocks Flora and Fauna Sanctuary and adjacent farmland in Batesford through revegetation and regular bird surveys to monitor the responses of woodland birds to the establishment of the biolink and its interaction with remnant bush.	\$13,853
Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater Inc.	Woori Yallock Creek Rehabilitation This project is an element within a broader project "From Yellingbo to Butterfield" that aims to restore and increase habitat between Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve and Butterfield Reserve on both private and public land. It will include the rehabilitation and revegetation of the Woori Yallock Creek Reserve.	\$23,428
Gunbower Landcare Incorporation	Kow (Ghow) Swamp Fencing and Revegetation Project Involving Traditional Owners, landholders and community groups the project will protect the area by fencing and undertake revegetation works to assist with improvement in the habitat values of Kow Swamp.	\$49,950
Middle Yarra Landcare Network	Wildflowers of Warrandyte: Preserving the flora diversity of Fourth Hill This project aims to preserve the flora diversity of "Fourth Hill" within Warrandyte State Park and ultimately of the local area by protecting and enhancing a 1ha patch which contains the greatest flora diversity in the local area.	\$29,270
Malmsbury District Landcare Group	Kangaroo Creek - Community Protection of a vulnerable Ecological Vegetation Class (EVC) for Wise Owls and Clever Gliders This project tackles a gorse infestation overgrowing the Kangaroo Creek waterway and will search for faunal species using community resources and cameras.	\$50,000
Friends of Canadian Corridor Incorporated	From plantation weeds to native habitat - reconnecting Woowookarung Regional Park's koala and woodland bird corridor. This project involves targeted gorse and broom suppression followed by a strategic tree and understory planting within the corridor between identified remnant koala and bird habitat islands.	\$11,213
Friends of the Forgotten Woodlands Inc.	Establishing seed orchards for rare woodland species on the Victorian Volcanic Plain The project will establish two large (500 trees each) seed orchards of key woodland species of the Victorian Volcanic Plain and will provide 1,000 reusable macropod proof tree guards to ensure successful establishment.	\$16,200
Parks Victoria	Coastal Flinders Restoration Projects To restore coastal vegetation at Flinders, Mornington Peninsula National Park by eradicating highly invasive environmental weeds and maintaining and enhancing previous revegetation projects.	\$9,411

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Mount Elephant Community Management	Restoring Scoria Cone woodlands and native grasslands to Mt Elephant The project will deliver weed and rabbit control, as well as revegetation plantings to restore woodland component and conduct a vegetation condition survey to monitor change. The project will also include school tree planting events, open days, and children nature programs to increase community capacity.	\$36,485
Royal Society of Victoria	Training citizens in surveying and restoring biodiversity with environmental DNA Building on existing partnerships with researchers from the Australian National University and EnviroDNA, training will be provided on how to collect and analyse environmental DNA samples to support evidence based environmental policy.	\$28,300
Phillip Island Landcare Group Inc.	Enhancing Phillip Islands biodiverse wild life corridor through community participation Through the Phillip Island Wildlife Corridor project, 5,800 plants will be established and weed control will be undertaken on nine different sites.	\$49,640
Strathbogie Ranges Conservation Management Network	Granite2Goulburn Rocky Outcrops, Regent Honeyeaters and Paddock Trees To link potential regent honeyeater habitat around the foothills of the Strathbogie Ranges by connecting isolated rocky outcrops and scattered paddock trees to core blocks of remnant woodland.	\$49,250
Beechworth Landcare and Sustainability Group (BULS)	Beechworth Bush Botanic Gardens To create a highly visible native restoration project in the heart of Beechworth, providing opportunities for community awareness and education.	\$6,100
A.W.A.R.E (Australian Wildlife Assistance, Rescue and Education) Inc.	Nest Boxes for Nature To help protect native fauna and meet their habitat needs by providing nest boxes to help all native wildlife species that utilise tree hollows for roosting and shelter.	\$12,700
Avon Plains Banyena Landcare Group	Remnant Buloke Protection 2018 To protect and enhance Buloke remnants on private land, and to undertake community weed control on roadsides previously revegetated by the group.	\$20,550
Upper Loddon and Avoca Landcare Network	Conserving Spring Soaks in the Upper Loddon and Avoca LCN region Systematic assessment and protection of remnants (mixed tenure) around the major granitic ranges in the Upper Loddon and Avoca region through raising awareness and establishing a monitoring baseline to track change and improvement.	\$11,000
Victorian National Parks Association Inc.	Caught on Camera - Wombat State Forest This project builds on seven years of Caught on Camera in Wombat State Forest to deliver the 2019, 2020 and 2021 monitoring seasons, which monitors the effects of fire on mammals. It will also establish a training video for wider community use.	\$42,984
Heytesbury District Landcare Network	Biodiversity Recovery from Southwest Victoria's Fire To help fire recovery in Southwest Victoria by revegetating areas that were devastated by a grass fire and supply landholders with seedlings.	\$44,000

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Friends of Merri Creek Inc.	Growing Galada Tamboore - Conserving threatened species and ecosystems in Thomastown through community action. Volunteers will help combat the high-threat weeds Lobed Needle-grass and Gorse, secure the future of Plains Yam Daisy at the site, and restore its place in the public eye.	\$49,537
Kiewa Catchment Landcare Group	Restoring Yackandandah Creek to reach its biodiversity potential Provide weed control, some revegetation and nesting boxes to improve the creeks environmental value.	\$6,100
The Trustee for The Conservation Ecology Trust	A Private Eye on the Otway Ark This project will expand the Otway Ark from a landscape scale fox baiting program in the national park designed to protect the region's most vulnerable species to 5000ha of neighbouring landholders.	\$24,515
Manangatang Landcare Group Inc.	Manangatang Rabbit Control Protecting Threatened Species by controlling pest animals.	\$47,900
Australian Network for Plant Conservation	Saving the Brilliant Sun Orchid (Thelymitra mackibbinii) from extinction 600 Thelymitra mackibbinii plants will be re-introduced and fenced for protection. Re-introduction sites will be surveyed for a small native bee (required for pollination) and to identify and protect any additional plants.	\$44,441
Upper Goulburn Landcare Network	Protection of Grassy Woodland at Burge Family Reserve and Billygoat Hill The project will reduce the number and density of Eucalyptus regeneration to maintain the open grassy woodland through spot spraying, thinning of young re-growth and cool burning with local Traditional Owners. It will also see revegetation of local grasses, introduction of nest boxes and the development of a walking track.	\$38,400
Heytesbury District Landcare Network	Protecting the Bay to Bush Wetlands This community-led project is designed to protect and restore valuable wetlands in the land adjoining the Bay of Islands National Park through fencing, revegetation, monitoring and educational activities.	\$42,905
Greta Valley Landcare Group	Building Biodiversity - Protecting our remnants and connecting corridors along Croppers Creek To protect remnant paddock trees and enhance and expand habitat for native fauna along Croppers Creek in North East Victoria by establishing a habitat corridor and restore understorey vegetation with fencing, revegetation and relocating fallen timber into the riparian zone linking five roadside reserves.	\$47,920
Friends of Glenfern Valley Bushlands Inc.	Perseverance Prevails over Pittos Rehabilitating 40ha Reserve by removing serious Pittosporum invasion from the remaining two hectares, and replanting with selection of indigenous seedlings.	\$17,045
Winton Wetlands Committee of Management	Shutting Out Stock from Sadlers Swamp Establish a stock proof fence around Sadlers Swamp to restrict feeding and pugging by cows. Replant overstorey species like River Red Gum, undertake weed and pest control and increase biodiversity of native aquatic species found in the wetland.	\$22,335

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Kongwak Hills Landcare Group	Gums, Owls and Growls in Kongwak Part 2 The aim of this project is to create BioLinks for wildlife and to encourage growth of Indigenous plants with weed control, linking up previous plantings and original remnants to provide habitat for important fauna.	\$50,000
Yarram Yarram Landcare Network	Restoring habitat to Golden Creek This project will provide habitat and reduce threats for a range of animals that live in the area and depend on the creek including freckled duck, burrowing crays and lace monitors.	\$50,000
Southern Otway Landcare Network	African Weed Orchid Control in Marengo This project will deliver surveys, mapping and onground control of highly invasive African Weed Orchid through a co-ordinated approach with local Council, Parks Victoria and local volunteer groups.	\$14,816
Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network	Billy's Creek This project will improve biodiversity by restoring canopy trees and undertaking some weed control on a 33ha site very close to Mowell National Park, in the Billy's Creek valley, between Jumbuk and Jeeralang, in Gippsland.	\$36,332
La Trobe University	Chainsaw-carved tree hollows A novel habitat restoration to buffer Australia's hollow-dependent fauna from weather extremes by carving and monitoring chainsaw hollows in live trees to mimic the structure and microclimate of natural tree hollows used by endemic birds and mammals.	\$48,775
Threatened Species Conservancy	Black Gum Waterways Eucalyptus aggregata is restricted to small, isolated populations in the Macedon Ranges. This project will raise community awareness, conserve seed and manage weeds to protect and restore habitat for future generations.	\$46,680
Ballarat Environment Network Inc. (BEN)	Addressing knowledge gaps in Chytrid fungus presence/absence through monitoring- Ballarat region- Ballarat Environment Network-managed reserves Monitoring and mapping of the Amphibian Chytrid Fungus will increase understanding of the disease's spread. At-risk populations will be identified, which is key to successfully mitigating effects of this disease and prioritising areas for community education.	\$12,265
Parklands Albury Wodonga Ltd	Healthy Connected Corridors In a partnership with client groups from Gateway Health this project will install 1.5km fence and revegetate 75 hectares along two corridors to connect people and native fauna with the river, and improve biodiversity.	\$35,000
St Andrews Landcare	Blackberry control for habitat recovery along the Diamond Creek, St Andrews This work expands on Blackberry control work along the Upper Diamond Creek by addressing substantial infestations on three properties adjoining the river corridor and affecting Kinglake National Park.	\$9,936
Nullawil Landcare Group	Protecting Buloke Woodlands in Nulliwal 2018/21 To protect nationally significant Buloke Woodlands, natural grasslands and other remnant vegetation by controlling rabbit infestations across the landcare area.	\$48,025

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
The Basalt to Bay Landcare Network	Fire resilient farms - West Moyne The Moyne West Region was seriously impacted by the March 2018 fires. This project will plant and guard 10,000 fire resilient local native plants to reconnect and restore remaining public native vegetation with new corridors and shelterbelts on farms.	\$50,000
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	The Narbethong Holly Control Program The project will extend across three years and four sites to map Holly infestation within treatment areas; provide community education in the form of training on the impact of environmental weeds; implement treatment to eliminate Ilex aquifolium (English Holly); and provide ongoing maintenance and monitoring of the treated areas.	\$30,000
Lismore Land Protection Group	Protecting Victorian Volcanic Plain Grasslands and Grassy Woodland Habitats along Mount Emu Creek and Salt Lake Reserve Building on previous projects to protect 30ha of Mt Emu Creek, parts of the Nerrin wetland complex, and Pink Lake and Salt Lake Wildlife Reserves, this project will increase community capacity through workshops, newsletter articles and their participation in fauna surveys.	\$49,980
Australasian Native Orchid Society Victorian Group Inc	Over the Ocean - French Island Spider-orchid To map current French Island Spider-orchid locations, estimate population size, manage habitats, collect seed, sample mycorrhizal fungi and propagate plants as insurance against loss of wild populations.	\$20,881
Ovens Landcare Network	Indigo Roadside Connections - People and Biodiversity The project has identified four roadside areas with varying conservation value and will develop systems of management to improve or maintain the level of biodiversity at each demonstration site.	\$43,500
Dja Dja Wurrung Enterprises acting as The Trustee for Djandak Fixed Trust	Nyalu (Spring water) and Seed orchid, Yapenya The project will focus on the planting of seed orchids that will promote biodiversity within the site at Yapenya.	\$50,000
Yarram Yarram Landcare Network	Restoring Seagrass Meadows in Nooramunga Marine Reserve Actively repair and restore the lost seagrass habitat, in particular Posidonia australis, as it is being considered federally as an endangered community and are a critical habitat for a broad range of marine species. P. australis is extremely rare in Victoria, with Corner Inlet the only known occurrence.	\$50,000
Conservation Volunteers Australia	Northern Victoria Rural Schools Habitat Haven Project Improve local connectivity of wetland habitats through the provision of 'Habitat Havens' on rural and peri urban farms. Habitat improvements will include submergent, emergent and fringing vegetation as well as important structure features such as logs and rocks.	\$49,400
Threatened Species Conservancy	Safeguarding the Future of Ballantinia antipoda This project will reintroduce the species to four new sites in Victoria to secure the species for the long term.	\$48,843

Program – Innovation Fund

This program is managed by DELWP

Description: The Biodiversity 2037 Innovation Fund is a fund supporting the environment sector to work together to innovate and adopt new technology, programs and/or processes. The fund seeks to: enable innovative action by Victoria's environment organisations to support Victoria's biodiversity; offer a more structured collaboration between stakeholders to drive alignment, accountability and measurable improvement; and invest in projects which focus on one or more Biodiversity 2037 priorities.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Parks Victoria	FLIR/4K thermal imaging of invasive animals - an innovative tool for pest control To support an innovative Parks Victoria/DELWP collaboration using military-grade Forward Looking Infra-Red (FLIR) thermal imaging coupled with high-resolution (4K) visible spectrum video to detect and quantify large invasive animals in difficult habitats and terrains.	\$109,000
Phillip Island Nature Park	Launching Victorian Island Arks: Rewilding Phillip Island This project launches the Victoria's Island Arks network with a test case on Phillip Island. Successful removal of foxes from Phillip Island, a key threat to native species, has enabled the critically endangered Eastern Barred Bandicoot to be returned to the wild.	\$93,000
Royal Botanic Gardens	Leveraging urban and everyday nature experiences to stimulate increased community engagement on biodiversity Led by Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, this action research project brings together social scientists, the Gardens and delivery partners to study and articulate the impact and benefits of "everyday" nature experiences for three specific target audiences: families with children 6-12 yrs; young adults (16-25 yrs); and older Australians (65+).	\$130,000
Trust for Nature (Victoria)	Finding value in farm covenants: Financial benefits for farmers in protecting their natural capital The project will design an appropriate covenant for landscape scale protection of agricultural land, with the intention that it set the standard for industry best practice sustainable agriculture – delivering outcomes that benefit farmers, farm-investors and the environment.	\$94,000

Program – Landcare Community Skills Development

This program is managed by DELWP

Description: Community Skills Development Grants will strengthen the capacity of volunteer community-based environment groups and networks through supporting learning, development and training opportunities, and encouraging knowledge sharing and skills development.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Bethanga Recreation Reserve Committee of Management	360 degree photo points and virtual tour of Bethanga Creek restoration. To document the five-year restoration work of Bethanga Creek, and to develop a virtual tour of the recently established creek line bush walk.	\$3,790

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Jacksons Creek Econetwork Inc	Upgrade first aid skills Jacksons Creek EcoNetwork which has twelve Landcare and "Friends of " groups as members. First Aid Training will be made available to each group.	\$1,170
Gippsland Intrepid Landcare Group	Gippsland Intrepid Landcare Leadership Training-for Young People by Young People To run a two-day leadership retreat for young people aged 18 -35 in Gippsland and Victoria. The retreat will be run by Gippsland Intrepid Landcare members (with assistance from the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority) and will assist young people passionate about the environment to connect with their local Landcare networks, groups, and leaders in the community.	\$5,000
Kinglake Ranges Neighbourhood House Inc	King Parrot Catchment Fox Control Project To reduce the impact of foxes and rabbits on biodiversity and agriculture throughout the King Parrot Creek catchment.	\$1,480
Bellarine Catchment Network	Bellarine Catchment Network Community Workshops and Training To keep staff and volunteers up to date with industry standard qualifications and skills as well as provide opportunities for ongoing learning.	\$4,675
Knox Environment Society Incorporated	Nursery Data Base Training The Knox Environment Society is in the process of having a data base written to help the Society manage all aspects of its community nursery and will provide training for volunteers.	\$4,700
Nungurner Landcare Group	Community Engagement and Participation Training Conduct three workshops for members of the Nungurner Landcare Group to explore creative ways to expand the membership of the group through innovative community engagement and participatory activities.	\$4,050
Iranian Bushwalkers	Training about protecting the environment/First aid/GPS Mapping Iranian Bushwalkers has approximately 360 members and run around 90 environment friendly events annually. Training to be provided will include remote First Aid training, reading GPS and Maps training, and how to protect the environment.	\$5,000
Dargo Landcare Group Inc	Dargo Landcare Group Activities Training Dargo Landcare will hold training courses for members in the areas of basic first aid including snake bite treatment and basic chainsaw use.	\$3,990
Yarra RiverKeeper Association Inc	Building a Yarra River Community Conduct three workshops to build a Riverkeeper Community and to effectively communicate and celebrate the ecological and social value of the Yarra River and its tributaries.	\$4,575
Upper Ovens Valley Landcare Group Inc. (UOVLG)	GIS and GPS Mapping Training for effective project development UOVLG is developing a significant Environmental Management Plan to give direction and strategy in future works and grant applications.	\$1,600
South West Coastal Network Inc	Leadership Training for South West Coastal Network Inc To introduce formal leadership, governance and fundraising workshops to allow all volunteers to contribute to fundamental operations of the Network.	\$5,000

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Balcombe Estuary Reserves Group Mt Martha Inc. (BERG Mount Martha)	Spatial Technologies - GIS and Mapping Training for Balcombe Estuary Reserves Group (BERG) BERG Mount Martha will hold four training workshops on Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and Mapping Technologies. Volunteers will develop the skills to use Android phones and Tablets for GPS-located data collection, access mapping tools and become competent in representing information spatially using Google Maps and other software.	\$2,350
Middle Yarra Landcare Network	Staying save in the landscape Provision of training for selected members to maintain first aid competency, train new members in first aid and document on-ground work including weed infestations for reporting purposes.	\$2,810
Friends of Edithvale-Seaford Wetlands Incorporated	Volunteer and Community Skill Training To run volunteer training and community skill training for volunteers so a consistent service can be provided and to recruit more volunteers.	\$900
Department of Environment, Land, Water And Planning	First Aid for Friends of Eastern Otways Conduct a one day first aid course for members to update their first aid skills. The group will be better prepared to respond in the case of any emergencies when working in the Great Otway National Park.	\$2,200
A.W.A.R.E (Australian Wildlife Assistance, Rescue and Education) Inc.	Advanced Trainings for Wildlife Rescue and Care This project will provide training targeted at experienced wildlife rescuers and carers. The first is advanced training in the care of native species that are regularly in care of AWARE. The second training will teach senior volunteers about the risk and prevention of compassion fatigue.	\$4,980
Whorouly Landcare Group Inc.	Getting Grant Ready- training on scoping, planning, costing a project To run a training session on developing project proposals ready for funding. To develop members skills in project planning, mapping project sites, project components and quantities, compiling correct species lists with local Ecological Vegetation Classes, and developing a budget.	\$2,555
Victorian National Parks Association Inc (VNPA)	Volunteer skill development with the Victorian National Parks Association The VNPA will run three workshops and training activities for volunteers in leadership, risk management and first aid.	\$5,000
Snowy West Landcare Group	Learn, design, monitor and communicate. Telling our story well. Training and the opportunity to practice monitoring, assessing and communicating results of the Landcare Groups projects.	\$4,360
Gippsland Plains Conservation Management Network	Harnessing the Power of Geographical Information Systems for positive environmental change This project will train participants from various community environment groups to use both Global Positioning (GPS) and Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to capture, document, display and analyse spatial information on environmental values/attribute relative to their areas of interest.	\$3,700
Wando River Landcare Group Inc.	Social and Digital Media for Landcare Groups. The basics To run a workshop to increase the skills, knowledge and capacity to utilise social and digital media as a way to be able to effectively share knowledge and events between the Landcare groups and local community.	\$4,706

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Greening of Riddell	Upskilling Greening of Riddell volunteers Members of Greening of Riddell will attend three training opportunities to develop their skills in mapping, website maintenance and first aid.	\$2,661
Mount Worth and District Landcare Group Inc	Mt Worth and District Landcare Citizen Science Workshop and First Aid Training To run two workshops: the first on developing skills in designing citizen science projects to improve the ability of members to research the impact their revegetation projects have had on increasing biodiversity in the area. The second workshop will offer accredited first aid training to improve the ability of members to handle emergencies.	\$5,000
Port Phillip EcoCentre Incorporated	Urban biodiversity: tree climbing, leveraging membership and media training - Port Phillip EcoCentre This project will train the EcoCentre team in safe tree access for basic ecological work including nest box installation and monitoring to support residents and schools, and for two training modules to build skills for fifteen team members.	\$5,000
Upper Maribyrnong Catchment Group	Building Skills to Propagate Indigenous Plants To run a free indigenous plants propagation workshop for members of the Landcare group and other non-member local landholders.	\$2,358
Ocean Grove Coastcare Group	Strategic Planning and Social Media Training for Ocean Grove Coastcare To hold two workshops, one on strategic planning for the future of the organisation, and one on social media to improve understanding for application to capture new younger audiences and influence behaviour change.	\$4,500
Strathdownie Hall and Recreation Reserve	Strathdownie Memorial Hall and Recreation Reserve - Building a safe community environment To provide community volunteers with essential safety skills and knowledge that will include safety up-skill for the fundraising committee by providing food handling and responsible service of alcohol certifications and first aid training to volunteers.	\$3,450
Yarrowee Leigh Catchment Group Incorporated	Office 365 Training To hold a one-day training course on Microsoft Office 365 to improve the groups document storage and sharing skills. Attendees of the training course will learn the full functionality of the software, building skills to share, access and store documents securely from remote locations.	\$1,644
Friends of French Island National Park Inc.	4WD training to access working bee sites in French Island National Park Off-road vehicle driver training will be provided to Friends of French Island National Park members so they are accredited to safely operate the four-wheel-drive Parks Victoria vehicles that are on the island.	\$3,594
Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network	Propagating Native Plants in Yinnar To run two workshops to train members of the Landcare group and others to propagate locally indigenous plants from cuttings and seeds.	\$1,352

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Friends of the Glenelg River	Strategic Planning, Review and Revitalisation for Landcare Groups Hold a two-day workshop for members of the Friends of the Glenelg River and Landcare group representative from the local cluster to build the skills needed to evaluate the status of each group, develop and review goals, set key results and objectives and create a strategic plan to reengage the community.	\$4,596
Down's Estate Community Project Inc	Down's Estate Seaford Monitoring and Evaluation Workshops for Down's Estate Community Project Three workshops to build the skills for the Committee members which will add to their theoretical and practical knowledge base and create capacity to undertake committee, group and community monitoring activities and projects on the 20ha site.	\$990
St Andrews Landcare	Identifying and controlling critical weeds in St Andrews To provide a workshop on weed identification and control for members and the local community. A better informed and skilled community will be more effective at managing the weed issues in this area.	\$4,982
Central Victorian Biolinks Alliance Inc	Project Planning and Development Skills Workshops for Central Victorian Biolinks Alliance This project will develop Board members' skills in project scoping, prioritisation and business planning to further the development of Projects from the Five Year Strategic Plan.	\$4,500
Nerrena Landcare Group	What's in the Wetland? - Citizen science training for Landcare Volunteers To undertake training to develop monitoring skills and use this knowledge to prepare comprehensive species lists and management plans to conserve the wildlife.	\$4,830
Up2Us Landcare Alliance	Thinking Learning Acting - Upper Goulburn Broken Skills development for the natural resource volunteer groups within the Mansfield, Murrindindi, Strathbogie and Mitchell Shires. Training inadequacies noted include first aid, food handling, chemical use, GPS mapping, social media and cross-network planning.	\$11,235
Yarra Riverkeeper Association Incorporated	Building capacity in the Friends network for planning, collaboration and community engagement. To provide development sessions on strategic planning, using social media to engage with the wider community and benefits of regional collaboration.	\$20,000

Program – Peri Urban Weed Management Program

This program is managed by DELWP

Description: Partnership Grant with local government to manage landscape scale management of weeds on public land assets.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Brimbank City Council	Maribyrnong Valley Connection Joint project with Maribyrnong and Hume City Councils to protect biodiversity values in the Maribyrnong valley.	\$165,000
Shire of Cardinia	Cardinia Creek Riparian Rehabilitation Joint project between the Shire of Cardinia and City of Casey to improve and protect biodiversity values in the Cardinia Creek system.	\$150,000
City of Greater Dandenong	Lower Dandenong Creek Joint project with the Cities of Greater Dandenong and Knox to improve and protect biodiversity values in Dandenong Creek and the adjacent Police Paddocks.	\$122,900
Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	Mornington Peninsula Weed Control To improve and protect habitat at the Police Point Bushland Reserve, Point Nepean National Park and Arthurs Seat State Park.	\$122,900
Nillumbik Shire Council	Rivers to Ranges Joint project between the Shire of Nillumbik and the Cities of Whittlesea and Manningham to protect biodiversity values within the Kinglake-Warrandyte-Plenty River Bio link.	\$171,505
Yarra Ranges Council	Dandenong Ranges Weed Removal Joint project between the Shire of Yarra Ranges and Knox City Council to improve and protect biodiversity values in the Dandenong, Dodsons and Sassafras Creek headwaters.	\$122,900

Program – Regional Landscapes and Targeted Action

This program is managed by DELWP

Description: Complementary project grants that collectively address action over a landscape area, build on the cooperation of agencies, organisations and the community to reduce broader threats to species and habitats, and create opportunities to leverage additional investment.

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	Investigating nest box use and effectiveness in Victoria To collate and assess information about the extent and location of nest boxes, the benefits achieved and to identify any improvements that can be made. This will provide guidance for future management including how best to target investment, that will benefit native fauna.	\$98,000
Bass Coast Shire Council	Bass Coast Biolinks To revegetate biolinks in Bass Coast and provide connectivity in the landscape by linking remnant patches of indigenous vegetation using wildlife corridors and biolinks.	\$110,988
The Trustee for Nature Glenelg Trust	Securing the permanent restoration of Green Swamp across public and private land To achieve the permanent protection and restoration of Green Swamp across public and private land.	\$160,000
Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority	Box and Ironbark Alliance - Saving the System To increase 50ha of habitat on private land under a ten-year management agreement, engage the community in the values of the Box and Ironbark Region, and begin to cement the 'Box and Ironbark Alliance' as a biodiversity hub.	\$150,000
Trust For Nature (Victoria)	Genetic Rescue of the Button Wrinklewort on the Gippsland Plains To re-establish the nationally endangered Button Wrinklewort (<i>Rutidosia leptorhynchoides</i>) population on the Gippsland Plains through a genetic enhancement and translocation program in order to increase genetic diversity and the number of populations in Victoria.	\$84,400
Trust For Nature (Victoria)	Recover Red Gum Woodlands and Threatened Species on the Gippsland Plains- Urgent Actions To address threatening processes impacting on two threatened species, Matted Flax-lily (<i>Dianella amoena</i>) and Purple Diuris Orchid (<i>Diuris punctata</i>) and the habitat of these species.	\$50,000
Parks Victoria	The Biodiversity Hubs Project: Protecting and Connecting species and communities in Melbourne's West. For landscape restoration works in Melbourne's West to target pest animals and invasive plant species in collaboration with Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority, Trust for Nature, Grow West and Parks Victoria.	\$130,000
Glenelg - Hopkins Catchment Management Authority	Wilkin Pine Wildling Control To undertake on-ground works to remove woody weeds (especially <i>Pinus radiata</i>).	\$100,000
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	Southern Right Whale (SRW) calf survival assessment To investigate juvenile Southern Right Whale survival in South Eastern Australia.	\$30,000

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	Fish Impoundments Supplementing Habitats (FISH) Initiative - Proof of concept phase To develop criteria to establish suitable refugia and source brood stock to establish refuge populations.	\$40,000
The Trustee for Djandak Fixed Trust	Djandak Wii on Private Land To support the implementation of cultural fire on private land properties in partnership with the Country Fire Authority as well as undertake works to deliver required pest plant and animal control and re-vegetation works.	\$102,800
Nillumbik Shire Council	Conservation Futures - Threat reduction To focus on controlling foxes and weed species in key threatened species habitat throughout the study area, to improve the outlook of nine focus species.	\$125,000
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	Determining the status of threatened Hooded Scalyfoot and other grasslands fauna to inform grasslands management To confirm the persistence of the lizard in grassland at Birchip and conduct comparison of habitat attributes with stronghold populations on the northern plains.	\$39,200
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	Recovery of the critically endangered Heath Skink Liopholis multiscutata To continue tracking the population status of the Heath Skink at the four known (and highly localised) populations.	\$25,200
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	Gabo Island rat eradication to enhance habitat for ground nesting shore birds To develop a Rat Eradication implementation plan to eliminate the threat actioned by Brown Rat - Rattus norvegicus on nesting seabirds on Gabo Island.	\$40,000
Bass Coast Shire Council	Threatened species sanctuary for South Gippsland To install a skirt to prevent foxes, rabbits and deer from entering the site, and commence a feral mammal eradication program.	\$64,840
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	Recovery actions for 7 endemic and threatened Victorian galaxiids species - predator control and translocation To continue the protection of the single, global population of each of the seven galaxiid species from trout predation.	\$70,000
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	Nationally threatened Glenelg Freshwater Mussel – completing the last piece of the first step forwards To complete the audit of the number of extant populations of the Glenelg Freshwater Mussel by assessing the remaining target groundwater-sustained area within the Glenelg Basin.	\$24,000
Connecting Country (Mt Alexander Region) Inc.	Remnant rescue - restoration of additional woodland bird habitat To engage an additional five to ten motivated landholders, and expand the area of priority woodland bird habitat protected by another 60 hectares, to a total of 120 hectares. On-ground actions will be targeted to each site, and will include revegetation, weed control, rabbit control, stock removal, and establishment of landholder stewardship agreements.	\$75,225

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	Littoral Rainforest Deer Control Project Plan - Lake Tyers, East Gippsland To prepare a fully costed Deer Control Implementation Plan and establishment of baseline data for deer occupancy across the project area as well as vegetation impact assessments.	\$70,000
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	Midlands Community based Threatened species Projects This project will focus on several small projects to protect the Brush-tailed phascogale and the endangered Fragrant leek orchid including reinstating and upgrading the protective fence and cages around translocated threatened orchids. There will also be promotion and collection of the threatened Bossiaea vombata, and translocation of the Basalt Peppercreess.	\$34,500
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	Banksia spinulosa recruitment and fire severity The aim of the research is to determine what level of burn intensity will optimise the post-fire recruitment of B. spinulosa.	\$25,000
Moorabool Landcare Group Inc	Locating and protecting Growling grass frog and its habitat in the Moorabool Catchment Landcare area. To test where Chytrid fungus is found and map its occurrence in relation to local Growling frog populations.	\$21,500
Barapa Barapa Nation Aboriginal Corporation	Barapa Land and Water - Healthy Country Plan Project implementation The Barapa Barapa Healthy Country Plan (HCP) will be implemented in 2018.	\$65,000
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	Improving the quality and connectedness of native grassland communities on the Victorian Volcanic Plain The project will treat an additional 280ha of linear reserves on the Victorian Volcanic Plain (VVP).	\$65,000
Macedon Ranges Shire Council	A long-term solution to hollow loss in the conservation of the threatened Brush-tailed Phascogale The project will build on the work by local community organisations and universities to learn more about Phascogale. The project partners will work closely with students from Southern Cross University and Phascogale experts across Australia.	\$21,600
Trust For Nature (Victoria)	Prioritising private land for permanent protection To prioritise large parcel private properties in the Hume Region and inform potential future activation of permanent protection.	\$40,365
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	Murray hardyhead: addressing critical knowledge gaps to improve conservation outcomes To determine the salinity tolerance of eggs, larvae and juvenile Murray hardyhead (Craterocephalus fluviatilis), an endangered fish species of the Murray-Darling Basin which is on the verge of extinction in Victoria.	\$90,000
Glenelg - Hopkins Catchment Management Authority	Strategic and coordinated weed management in Lower Glenelg Discovery Bay This project builds on past and current projects to improve habitat quality and protect threatened species within the proposed Lower Glenelg and Discovery Bay Ramsar site through weed identification and treatment.	\$105,000

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
University Of Melbourne	Mitigating risk of climate change to the threatened rainforest herb <i>Astelia Australiana</i> To collect seed from the Central Highlands populations for storage ex-situ and to examine the requirements of <i>Astelia australiana</i> seed in storage to ensure their viability.	\$23,000
Macedon Ranges Shire Council	Citizen surveys for vulnerable Greater Gliders, Powerful owls and Phascogales in the central highlands Over twenty Community Groups in the Central Highlands will undertake surveys to confirm the presence of the threatened Greater Glider, the Powerful Owl, and the Brush Tailed Phascogale, all listed as Vulnerable under the <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act</i> in Victoria.	\$23,700
Australian Trust For Conservation Volunteers	Rewilding the Desert - Threatened species recovery, education and citizen science Conservation Volunteer Australia and FAUNA Research Alliance will create safe havens and rewild locally extinct, nationally threatened species to help conserve local and threatened species; demonstrate the important ecological functions missing that fauna species provide through research and monitoring and; provide opportunities for hands-on learning that purposefully connects people with nature.	\$50,000
Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority	Preventing Barred Galaxias extinction in Goulburn River headwater streams Prevent the upstream colonisation of trout into Barred Galaxias habitat in Perkins Creek by replacing the existing degraded log barrier (constructed in 1993) with a purpose built concrete barrier. The project will also reduce the extinction pressure of Barred Galaxias in ten streams by detecting and removing trout by electrofishing.	\$105,000
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	Threatened alpine reptiles and frogs – knowing when and how to intervene Create a robust understanding of the biology and ecology of key threatened alpine herpetofauna, their population trends, and the processes that threaten them, so that effective conservation management can be implemented.	\$75,000
Victorian Malleefowl Recovery Group Incorporated	Malleefowl Conservation Project This project will use various surveying methods to compile maps in previously unsearched areas for Malleefowl conservation purposes.	\$80,000
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	Estimating the density of Greater Gliders to guide on-ground management actions Apply a rigorous sampling protocol and analytical framework to estimate the densities of Greater Gliders within key areas of the species' range located in the Port Phillip, Hume and Gippsland Regions.	\$390,000

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	<p>Conserving PortPhillip Threatened Flora - Western Suburbs Basalt-Peppercress, Rolling out Frankston Spider-orchid, Revitalising Kilsyth-South Spider-orchid</p> <p>Three sub-projects will address threats to <i>Lepidium hyssopifolium</i> (Basalt Peppercress), <i>Caladenia robinsonii</i> (Frankston Spider-orchid) and <i>Caladenia</i> sp. aff. <i>venusta</i> (Kilsyth South Spider-orchid) by enhancing habitat condition through weed control and ecological burning, extending their range through establishing populations at new locations, and by protecting plants from herbivory or accidental damage through caging or fencing.</p>	\$42,100
Trust For Nature (Victoria)	<p>Bush Stone-curlew recovery in the Koonda Hills, north east Victoria</p> <p>Prepare a curlew translocation plan for releasing captive-bred curlews into the Koonda Hills north of Violet Town; upgrade the existing release sites based on new best-practice fence design; design and test a harness for curlews, to carry a radio tracker; and monitor the curlew population in the Koonda Hills district to determine minimum number of breeding pairs.</p>	\$39,800
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	<p>The critically endangered Hooded Scaly-foot - managing for its recovery in north-western Victoria</p> <p>To establish a standardised monitoring program at Neds Corner, determine the occurrence and distribution of the Hooded Scaly-foot across the reserve, and evaluate the lizard's distribution across the reserve, with regard to habitat and potentially the key threat of predation by introduced predators.</p>	\$35,095
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	<p>Ground truthing of alpine bogs</p> <p>This project will ground-truth the mapping, and assess threats and management needs, of alpine bogs in Cobungra State Forest, closing the final gap in statewide assessments.</p>	\$50,000
The Trustee for Nature Glenelg Trust	<p>Wilkin Woodlands and Wetlands: additional outcomes for priority wetlands and SE Red-tailed Black-cockatoo</p> <p>Capitalising on the early ground work undertaken, this project will negotiate protection and/or restoration of an additional 80ha of priority wetland habitat and deliver 10 nest boxes and improved management of 50ha of stringybark feeding habitat on private land.</p>	\$125,000
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	<p>Conserving Threatened Invertebrates of the Western Strzeleckis</p> <p>Continue building the knowledge and capacity of land owners and managers to integrate habitat management with agriculture and timber production and engage regional stakeholders in planning for further strategic actions for four species of threatened invertebrates.</p>	\$97,500
Greening Australia (Vic) Ltd	<p>Enhancing significant ecological communities and threatened flora and fauna of the Western District Lakes – Wetlands</p> <p>Increase opportunities to restore natural water regimes for threatened species through a targeted approach within the existing boundaries of the eastern edges of Lake Corangamite.</p>	\$50,000

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Barengi Gadjin Land Council Aboriginal Corporation	Unique Wimmera Eucalypt Conservation Plan Provision of training in identification of the endemic species including production of an identification chart (for field id keying).	\$19,150
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	Reptile Survey Blitz in North East Victorian Granitics Collect and interpret contemporary reptile species data and use this to identify significant habitat zones which will inform future land management decisions including planned burning.	\$40,000
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	Re-establishing Macquarie perch in the Ovens River: Demonstrating outcomes from a five-year recovery program This project will deliver translocation and stocking actions, investment in community education and an assessment of the status of Macquarie perch in the Ovens River.	\$103,908
Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority	Red fin (English perch) eradication to reduce predation on Nationally threatened Macquarie perch This project will involve electrofishing and exotic fish removal in the Seven Creeks as well as Hughes and Holland Creeks.	\$32,700
Wimmera Catchment Management Authority	Western Victorian Woodlands Protection and Enhancement Phase 2 Assist private land managers and build their capacity to protect and manage areas of remnant native vegetation that are highly valued by the community and provide critical habitat for a number of threatened species.	\$200,000
University of Melbourne	Safeguarding Spotted Tree Frogs To provide research assistance for field work to inform Spotted Tree Frog conservation efforts.	\$75,000
Mallee Catchment Management Authority	Murray To Mallee Connections 2017-2018 The project will further increase ecological outcomes delivered through existing programs through the combination of a collaborative approach covering multiple land tenures and coordinated activities at both targeted and landscape scales.	\$71,500
Hume City Council	Targeted Brush-tailed Phascogale surveys at Woodlands Historic Park and Greenvale Recreation Reserve Following a recent reliable sighting of the Brush-tailed Phascogale in the local area, Hume City Council and Parks Victoria will improve the knowledge and understanding of the status of this species throughout the Greenvale and wider Hume City Council area.	\$6,500
Trust For Nature (Victoria)	Connecting and Protecting Species Eliminate high threat woody weeds on private land adjoining the Brisbane Ranges National Park to benefit the park reserve's natural environment, increase its condition, provide better habitat for threatened species, and reduce the overall weed burden and spread of weeds throughout the district.	\$50,000

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
North Central Catchment Management Authority	Re-snagging the lower Loddon River for threatened large-bodied fish The project aims to reinstate fifteen large woody habitat structures ('snag piles') in the priority areas mapped to be most beneficial to native fish populations (such as the threatened Murray Cod, critically endangered silver perch, and likely supports Flora and Fauna Guarantee listed wild populations of golden perch) by the Arthur Rylah Institute in 2016.	\$93,553
Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority (PPWCMA)	Increasing Indigenous participation in Natural Resource Management on the Mornington Peninsula - training in Conservations Land Management In partnership with Holmesglen TAFE, PPWCMA and Trust for Nature will support and oversee the delivery of a Conservation Land Management Certificate III for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from Holmesglen's Waverley campus.	\$55,000
Central Gippsland Region Water Corporation	New Holland Mouse (NHM) - Habitat Connectivity Corridor Gippsland Water's Dutson Downs Property has a significant population of the endangered species the NHM. A fence will be erected that will exclude large animals from the paddock and ensure revegetation of the corridor. This will be beneficial to the NHM populations as it will provide habitat and will create a link between the two populations.	\$30,000
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	Making habitat management easier for landholders and targeting threats in priority areas for Plains Wanderers Enhance the condition of habitat across the plains-wanderer range to maximise survival of wild and future captive breed birds, also provide refugia during periods of extreme environmental fluctuation.	\$65,000
North Central Catchment Management Authority	Towards recovery of the declining Murray Darling lineage of southern pygmy perch. Address knowledge gaps and identify suitable source populations for future translocation to surrogate habitats, with the overarching aim of returning the species to restored permanent wetlands in the Gunbower forest.	\$44,052
Trust For Nature (Victoria)	Removal of Pine Wildlings at Clarksdale Bird Sanctuary, Linton Remove 40ha of pine wildlings from an ex-pine plantation within the Clarksdale Bird Sanctuary near Linton, west of Ballarat.	\$23,500
Mallee Catchment Management Authority	Mallee Dunefields to the Big Desert This project will extend on the collaborative approach achieved under previously funded programs. This will deliver land management activities, including weed and pest control, over 68,000ha where 155 threatened species occur.	\$71,500
Mallee Catchment Management Authority	Murray To Mallee Connections Extending on the collaborative approach achieved under previous programs, focused invasive species control will occur on over 100,000ha within the Murray-Sunset National Park and on Trust for Nature's property to increase positive outcomes for native species of cultural significance to the local Indigenous community.	\$71,500

Recipient	Project	Funding Support \$
Mallee Catchment Management Authority	Tackling Pests in the Mallee Increase connectivity between the floodplain and woodland areas through the reduction of critical threats (e.g. management of invasive species); benefitting several threatened species including the Murray Darling Carpet Python, Regent Parrot, Muellers Skink, Knead Swainson-pea, and Inland Daisy.	\$137,500
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	Large Brown Tree Frog - Litoria littlejohni. Habitat enhancement project Build structures modelled on fallen hollow logs where successful breeding has been recorded since 2015. A number of designs will be trialled to test their performance in the field.	\$20,000
The Trustee for Nature Glenelg Trust	Commencing restoration of Walker Swamp and the Wannon River Floodplain adjacent to the Grampians Commencement of the on-ground restoration of Walker Swamp and the Wannon River Floodplain across public and private land.	\$150,000
Department of Environment Land Water and Planning	Orange-bellied Parrot Winter Monitoring The Orange-bellied Parrot Winter Monitoring Program is a long-term, community-based, population monitoring program for this critically endangered species.	\$60,000
Central Gippsland Region Water Corporation	Expansion of a Metallic Sun-orchid (Thelymitra epipactoides) Translocation Recipient Site at Dutson Downs This project will fence approximately 200m ² of preferred habitat to receive 50 – 100 endangered Thelymitra epipactoides individuals.	\$6,000
Central Gippsland Region Water Corporation	Propagation of Wellington Mint-bush for translocation into a new site at Dutson Downs. Seed will be collected from number of plants within two sub-populations of the species at Dutson Downs. The seed will be sent to a nursery to be propagated in a controlled environment.	\$10,000
Cesar Pty Ltd	Gene pool mixing in the eastern barred bandicoot (EBB) The project will evaluate the outbreeding benefits and any risks of introducing Tasmanian EBB genetics into the mainland, critically endangered EBB.	\$20,000

