Sustainability and Climate Action Grant Past recipients and projects



2015 - 2023 Overview

62 community-led projects \$184,564 distributed

Over 50 kilowatts of rooftop solar installed

14 energy saving projects

8 water saving, 8 waste reduction projects

14 nature & citizen science projects

13 food production projects

2023

Recipient	Project	Funding
Australian Native Bee Association	The Buzz Around Cairns – portable display	\$3550
Cairns Children's Museum	STEAM in the Park	\$3907
No More Butts	Cigarette butt litter reduction in Cairns CBD	\$5000
FNQ Wildlife Association	Energy saving fixtures for premises	\$1668
Access Community Housing	5kW rooftop solar	\$5000
Stratford Dolphins Football Club	Water saving fixtures for clubhouse	\$3500
Machans Beach State School P&C	Rainwater tank repair and plumbing	\$2368
TOTAL		\$24993

2022

Recipient	Project	Funding
Barron Valley Gymnastics Club	Sustainable green space	\$800
Bungalow Community Garden	0.5kW rooftop solar and battery	\$4963
Cairns Mountain Bike Club	Renew batteries to solar power system	\$3300
Cairns Region Toy Library	5kW rooftop solar	\$4545
Dynamic Running	Environmentally friendly race bibs and bags	\$700
Edmonton Community Kindy	Water conservation and education	\$2006
Edmonton Men's Shed	Heat reflective paint for premises	\$3000
Gordonvale Community Garden	Raised garden beds for communal use	\$1366
Permaculture Cairns	Building resilient communities workshops	\$3000
Reef Check Foundation	Thriving above and below the water	\$2000
Whitfield Community Kindy	Native bee project	\$627
TOTAL		\$26607

2021

Recipient	Project	Funding
BirdLife NQ	Community birding workshops and video	\$3750
Bat and Tree Society of Cairns	Bat activity booklet and teacher's resource	\$3750
Cairns and Far North Environment Centre (CAFNEC)	Zero Emissions Cairns start-up	\$5000
TOTAL		\$12500*

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2020

Recipient	Project	Funding
Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre	Community garden infrastructure	\$1568
Bayview Heights Community Kindy	Chicken Coop	\$952
Edmonton Community Kindy	5kW rooftop solar	\$3438
Access Community Housing	Reusable shopping bags	\$1000
Cairns and Far North Environment	Stormwater education – community drain	\$3438
Centre (CAFNEC)	stencilling	
The Agile Wallaby Project	Resource development and volunteer	\$2,104
	training	
TOTAL		\$12500*

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2019

Recipient	Project	Funding
Cairns and District Beekeepers	Beekeeping workshops for Cairns residents	\$3834
Gordonvale Community Garden	High speed composter	\$700
Half Moon Bay Golf Club	5kw rooftop solar	\$4500
Committee for Waste Reduction	Community waste education workshops	\$4960
Machans Beach State School P&C	Edible garden infrastructure	\$2250
C&K Balaclava Community Kindy	Water tank installation and education	\$2564
Manoora Community Garden	Garden infrastructure and signage	\$4353
TOTAL		\$23161

2018

Recipient	Project	Funding
Gordonvale Community Garden	Garden infrastructure and plants	\$3200
Manoora Community Garden	'Seeds of Change' - community education program	\$3500
Junk Weavers	Community workshops turning trash to treasure	\$2250
Balaclava After School Care	'Environmental Minds' nature-based learning program	\$3000
Straw No More	Animated campaign explainer video	\$5000
C&K White Rock Community Kindergarten	Vegetable gardens and rainwater tank	\$2500
Stratford Community Garden	Raised wicking beds installation and materials	\$3000
Babinda District Community Organisation	Boomerang Bags - Babinda chapter	\$1000
TOTAL		\$23450

2017

Recipient	Project	Funding
The Junction Clubhouse	20kW roof top solar with in-kind support	\$5000
	from a local solar installer	

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The Last Straw on the Great Barrier Reef	Campaign video to recruit local cafes and reef boats to ditch plastic straws	\$3000
Cairns and Far North Environment Centre (CAFNEC)	Establishment of the Mangrove Watch - Cairns Chapter	\$5000
Bramston Beach Progress Association	Rehabilitation of Melaleuca Creek and education with Mirriwinni State School	\$3746
Yorkeys Knob State School P&C	Edible garden and worm farms	\$2000
Gordonvale Men's Shed	6.5kW rooftop solar	\$2500
Bayview Heights Community Kindergarten	Installation of water efficient 'wicking beds', with worm farms.	\$1000
Holloways Beach Community Garden	23 raised garden beds for all abilities access, materials and fencing	\$4250
Babinda Taskforce	Community sustainability workshops	\$1000
TOTAL		\$27496

2016

Recipient	Project	Funding
Cairns and Far North Environment	Establishment of Boomerang Bags - Cairns	\$3000
Centre	Chapter	
Children for Change	Nature-based after school care program	\$2500
Rubber Side Down Cycling	A do-it-yourself community workshop	\$2000
Collective	teaching bicycle maintenance.	
Permaculture Cairns	Community workshop series on cultivating	\$3000
	and cooking tropical foods.	
Manoora Community Garden	Community shed to support the garden's	\$4545
	activities	
Cairns Youth and Recreation Centre	LED Lighting Installation to improve energy	\$2631
	efficiency.	
TOTAL		\$17676

2015

Recipient	Project	Funding
Animal Welfare Cairns	6.5kW rooftop solar	\$5000
REAP Food Rescue	Food rescue infrastructure and educational materials	\$4112
Trop Futures Mentor Program	Professional development day for teachers implementing sustainability in the classroom	\$3000
Marlin Coast Community Garden	Community garden upgrade	\$1364
Trinity Beach Community Kindergarten	Waste management skills & bins	\$950
Bayview Heights Community Kindergarten	Installation of LED lighting	\$1755
TOTAL		\$16181