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Application Criteria, Guidelines and FAQs 2024

CRITERIA

- **Addresses the theme 'energy efficiency', 'waste management' or 'water conservation'**
- **Demonstrates research / subject knowledge**
- **Outlines planning (feasibility, timeline, budgeting etc)**
- **Encourages community engagement**
- **Thinks globally, acts locally**

Who can apply?

Tradies invites high schools and primary schools, P & C Associations, early learning centres and community organisations to apply for funding for environmental projects based on one of more of our 2024 themes 'Energy Efficiency', 'Waste Management' & 'Water Conservation'. This year's grant pool has \$35,000 available.

Key Dates

Grants Open Friday 1st March 2024

Grants Close Friday 31st May 2024

Successful applicants announced Wednesday 26th June 2024

Successful applicant's project report due Friday 28th February 2025

Applications

All applicants must fill out the writeable PDF downloaded from the Tradies website and email the completed application to greenteam@tradies.com.au with any associated quotes or supporting material. All applications must be emailed by midnight Friday 31st May 2024.

What can I apply for?

Please ensure your application addresses one or more of the themes. This could include finding ways to conserve or reduce your energy or water use, switching to renewable energy sources, improving your waste management practices through recycling, better usage of organic waste etc.



Applications that do not address the theme 'Energy Efficiency', 'Waste Management' or 'Water Conservation' will not be considered.

Please note that the Tradies Sustainable Futures Grants will not fund substitute teachers or wages, training fees or consultants. The more your students/children/community are involved, the more likely your project will succeed long term!

How much can I apply for?

The grant pool for 2024 is \$35,000 and there is no minimum or maximum amount that can be applied for. If your project will only cost \$200 – apply for \$200! If you have a grand plan that will cost \$20,000 – apply for \$20,000! The main consideration is that you have budgeted thoughtfully, allocated resources efficiently and your project meets the criteria.

You can also apply for a partial grant for your project. For example, if your school P & C has already raised \$1,000 for your project but you need another \$2,000 to bring it to life, apply for the \$2,000. Just make sure you let us know that your total project costs are \$3,000 and you have already raised \$1,000. This way, it will be easier for the judges to understand your budget and overall project goals.

Also include whether or not you could continue with your project (or part of it) if you received partial funding.

I have applied before – can I apply again?

Absolutely! Whether your previous application was successful or unsuccessful, you can apply as many times as you like. We have had some schools receive funding through multiple grant rounds. Each application is judged based on its own merit.

Notification of Successful Applications

Due to the volume of applications we receive, unfortunately it is not possible to provide individual feedback to every applicant.

Successful applicants will be notified between the 24th and the 26th of June 2024 via email or phone. The public announcement will be made on the 26th of June 2024 via an email to our Tradies Sustainable Futures Grants email list as well as on our social media channels and website.

Project Report Forms

All successful applicants will be required to complete a Funding Report Form. Funding report forms will be emailed in early February 2025 and must be completed and returned to Tradies via email no later than Friday the 28th of March 2025. The report form will include a request for photos of your project, an explanation of outcomes achieved and long-term planning.