

How to Apply

Help us solve the food waste problem



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The NSW Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) Waste Less, Recycle More is investing \$465.7 million over five years in waste and recycling in



The grants are managed by the NSW Environmental Trust in partnership with the EPA.

Info sessions are held when funding rounds are open and application forms and guidelines can be downloaded from the Trust website.



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Food waste grants for the
Community sector



The food waste problem

While food is going to waste in NSW, people are going hungry.

NSW households throw away more than \$2.5 billion worth of food each year. Food makes up 35% of the waste in household red lid bins going to landfill. About 75% of food waste from business has never even made it to a plate.

Food waste in landfill is bad for the environment and a waste of the resources it took to grow, harvest, process, transport and buy it.

Meanwhile, an estimated 100,000 people go hungry in NSW every month, a quarter of them children. The demand for food donation services is rising with 18,500 meals now being distributed each day by food rescue agencies in NSW.

The NSW Government is tackling the problem on two fronts. Education to avoid food waste and funding for infrastructure to make sure more good food that might be wasted gets to people in need.

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Food donation grants

The NSW Environment Protection Authority and Environmental Trust are partnering to provide grants for the equipment needed to collect, store and distribute donated food such as fridges, freezers and refrigerated vans.

The food donation grants:

- provide between \$25,000-\$500,000
- cover up to 90% of the capital costs of the project
- are open to not-for-profit organisations.

Projects can range from small-scale initiatives collecting food from local business to meet local need or major upgrades to a service or facility that will save and redistribute large quantities of food that would otherwise be wasted.



Love Food Hate Waste grants

Grants are also available under the EPA's Love Food Hate Waste program for education projects that build knowledge and skills for people to waste less food.

Love Food Hate Waste grants:

- provide funding of between \$5,000-\$70,000
- are open to incorporated not-for-profit, non-government organisations, community groups and local councils
- include use of EPA-developed resources, communication tools and messaging
- focus on the behaviours to avoid food waste, including meal planning, shopping to a list, correct storage and using up leftovers.

Find out more at epa.nsw.gov.au/foodwaste