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### **Applications for SUEZ environnement Community Grants now open**

- Over \$96,000 provided for 21 community projects during inaugural year
- Program funding increased for 2015

Community groups across Australia are being invited to apply for a grant of between \$500 and \$5,000 to fund eligible projects through the SUEZ environnement Community Grants program.

The program launched in 2013 as SITA Australia Community Grants and in 2014 provided more than \$96,000 to 21 community groups. SITA Australia is changing its brand to SUEZ environnement and will continue the grants program under its new name.

The CEO of SUEZ environnement's Australian operations, Eric Gernath said the inaugural year of the program was such a success that even more funding will be available this year.

"As SITA Australia we were committed to investing in our local communities and as SUEZ environnement, we will grow this commitment by increasing the funding available through our community grants program," Mr Gernath said.

"Last year we were proud to support many inspirational community groups, ranging from gardening clubs and environmental conservation programs, to sporting groups and schools. We are looking forward to seeing this year's applications and helping even more community groups achieve their project goals."

The program provides grants for social and environmental projects that encourage local participation and help to create a sustainable future in local communities.

"We are proud to be able to give a helping hand to these organisations that do so much for the community but often struggle to fund their next project.

"We're encouraging all community-based organisations sharing our vision for sustainability to apply now," Mr Gernath said.

Organisations interested in applying should check the eligibility criteria on the SUEZ environnement Community Grants website at [suez-envcommunitygrants.com.au](http://suez-envcommunitygrants.com.au).

Applications close on Friday 22 May 2015 at 5pm AEST.



The launch of the 2015 SUEZ environnement Community Grants round will be celebrated on Tuesday 14 April at the Riding for the Disabled Association's facility in Oakford, Western Australia. Riding for the Disabled is a not-for-profit organisation that provides multi-diagnostic services to children and adults with disabilities through horse riding activities. The organisation was a 2014 Community Grants recipient and will unveil its vital new mounting ramps funded by the \$5,000 grant at the launch event.

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