







Summary of funding opportunities available to vegetable growers, industry and processors from (mainly) Federal Government programs.

Where possible an indication of the available funds is provided via the green bar. (Bar indicates % of funds remaining)

	Program	Name	Vegetable industry Opportunities	Funds & timeframe		Target		
						Grower	Regional	Processor
I M M E D I A T E	Renewable Energy Target – Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme		Access payments of \$1,696 - \$2,208 for the installation of solar water heaters, heat pumps, solar panel systems, small-scale wind systems, or small-scale hydro systems.	Ongoing		✓		
	Energy Efficiency Information grants		Seek funding to develop and provide information, advice and tools to increase energy efficiency on-farm and reduce costs.	\$40 million 2012-2017			✓	✓
	Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment Program		The food-processing sector of the vegetable industry has the opportunity to improve its energy efficiency and cut costs through accessing grants under this program.	\$200 million 2012-2017				✓
	Low Carbon Australia		Obtain finance and advice to invest in energy efficiency upgrades. (NB will merge with the Clean Energy Finance Corporation, July 2013)	Ongoing \$85 million investment fund		✓		✓
	State Energy Efficiency programs		In most States programs are available to provide assistance to businesses to audit and improve their energy efficiency.	Various		✓		
	Biodiversity Fund	Round two	The current call targets urban waterways and coastal environments. With the vegetable industry being a major landowner in the peri-urban and coastal areas there is an opportunity for growers to obtain funding to restore or revegetate parts of their properties not used for production.	\$946 million 2012-2018		✓		

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M E D I U M T E R M	Carbon Farming Initiative		In the medium term, opportunities may exist for the vegetable industry in the areas of: oil management to increase soil carbon stores; nitrogen fertiliser management and nitrous oxide emissions reductions; biochar as an addition to soil to increase soil carbon and using crop residues as feedstock in the biochar process; and biofuels from crop residues. Methodologies will be required for these opportunities to be realised. Funding of \$20 million is available for the development of methodologies.	Ongoing		✓	✓	
	Carbon Farming Futures	Filling the Research Gap	Partner with appropriate research providers to obtain funding for research into emerging abatement technologies, strategies and innovative management practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, sequester carbon and enhance sustainable agricultural practices in the vegetable industry.	\$201 million 2012-2016			✓	
		Action on the Ground	Lead, or develop consortiums, for projects that trial and demonstrate on-farm management practices and technologies that can reduce agricultural greenhouse gas emissions and/or increase carbon sequestered in soil within the vegetable industry.	\$99 million 2012-2016		✓	✓	
		Extension and Outreach	Fund development of specific extension material and extension providers, and develop industry or regional extension programs, to assist growers to participate in the Carbon Farming Initiative.	\$48 million 2012-2016			✓	
L O N G	Regional Planning for Natural Resources Management (NRM)	Streams 1 & 2	Engage with NRM "clusters" to: 1. Ensure regional-level climate information is relevant to the vegetable industry. 2. Better understand the potential impact and adaptation options for a range of plausible climate projects.	\$43.9 million 2012-2017			✓	