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Funding Opportunities for Community Groups

Members of Parliament regularly receive enquiries about funding opportunities for community groups. This Issues Backgrounder is designed to assist Members and their electorate office staff to respond to these enquiries. This guide provides links to selected funding opportunities for community groups and is organised under the following sections:

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Scope of this guide

This guide is not intended to be a comprehensive listing of all available grants in New South Wales and Australia. This task is as large as it is complex since funding opportunities constantly change, while the range and number of opportunities on offer vary across different sectors. For instance, the series of grants identified in [section 3](#) are indicative only across the ten subject areas reviewed by the guide. Similarly, the grants and sponsorship opportunities listed in [section 4](#) are derived from a select number of private organisations.

Grant selection

Selecting the right grant for the needs of your local community is one of the most important factors when securing funding. A number of grant bodies recommend that applications should only be made to those organisations that match your project. To assist in this process, it is recommended that you contact the funding body about your application prior to submission. The majority of the funding bodies referenced in this guide provide additional information in their application guidelines or frequently asked questions (FAQs) sections on their websites. It should be noted that this guide also includes information on grants where the 2019 submission deadline has passed. This has been included to alert readers to the possibility that the new round of funding will most likely occur around the same time in 2020.

2019 edition changes

A new sub-section dedicated to [drought assistance](#) has been included in this edition ([Section 3.10](#)). This is in response to the current drought in NSW. The NSW Department of Primary Industries' [Combined Drought Indicator](#) map shows that 98.6% of NSW was experiencing either intense drought (11.1%), drought (20.9%) or was drought affected (64.3%) in June 2019 (as at 17 June 2019). At this time, only 3.7% of NSW was classified as either non-drought or recovering.

All links are current as of the date of publication (19 June 2019). As funding opportunities constantly change, it is recommended that the enclosed links provided in this guide are monitored regularly throughout the year.

If you are aware of any community grants within your electorate that you would like to see included in the annual publication, please contact the Parliamentary Research Service Manager, Dr Matthew Dobson by email at: DPS.ResearchService@parliament.nsw.gov.au

1. Government gateways to community grants

1.1 Service NSW

[Service NSW](#) is a NSW Government initiative delivering improved one-stop services for government customers. The website offers the opportunity to search for community grants across the NSW Government sector. It also provides a directory of government departments and organisations that may offer community grant opportunities.

1.2 My Community Project

The NSW Government has introduced a new initiative, the [My Community Project](#) program, to improve the wellbeing of people and communities in NSW. Under the program, citizens in the community have the opportunity to propose and then vote for projects to support their local community. The Government is offering grants between \$20,000 and \$200,000 with funding to be distributed equally across all 93 NSW electorates.

The My Community Project 2019 program guidelines are available [here](#).

1.3 Community Development

The [Community Development](#) website (previously known as communitybuilders.nsw) is an interactive online hub for the community to explore how to engage, build and strengthen communities. The website provides access to a series of [philanthropic grants and trusts](#).

1.4 Regional Development Australia (NSW)

In NSW, there are 14 [Regional Development Australia](#) (RDA) Committees covering all areas of the State. Each RDA Committee organises its own website. Links to the grant and funding information for each RDA Committee are provided below:

| Regional Development Australia region | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Central Coast | Central West | Far South Coast | Far West | Hunter | Illawarra | Mid North Coast |
| Murray | Northern Inland | Northern Rivers | Orana | Riverina | Southern Inland | Sydney |

1.5 Commonwealth Government

A key Commonwealth Government resource is the Grants and assistance programs page on the [business.gov.au](#) website. This resource offers users the opportunity to search for community grants and assistance packages from all levels of government.

2. Non-government gateways to community grants

2.1 Funding Centre

The [Funding Centre](#) is an enterprise of ourcommunity.com.au. The Funding Centre provides a dedicated Grants [webpage](#).

There is also an [EasyGrants Newsletter](#) available for an annual fee of \$125. Members of the NSW Parliament should note that the EasyGrants newsletter can be accessed through the Parliamentary Library's [homepage](#).

2.2 GrantGuru

The [GrantGuru](#) website offers a free database that provides an easy to search option for grants and funding opportunities for community-based and not-for-profit organisations. In 2019, information was available for the following categories: Arts; community services; education; environment; health; infrastructure; multicultural and sport.

2.3 Pro Bono Australia

[Pro Bono Australia](#) is a non-government organisation (NGO) that offers media, jobs, education, skilled volunteering and other resources for the not-for-profit sector. The website's grants section provides a free listing of grants available from several sources and across subject areas.

2.4 Philanthropy Australia

[Philanthropy Australia](#) is another NGO that provides a searchable database of grants and other funding opportunities available to community groups. Philanthropy Australia does not provide funding itself but offers resources through the [Fund seeker](#) and [Resources](#) pages on its website. In 2019, this includes access to the [Directory of Funders](#) at an annual subscription cost of \$110. The Directory provides a detailed listing of 200+ grant-making organisations and provides information such as their contact details, purpose, geographical scope, grant restrictions and application procedures.

2.5 grantsearch

The [grantsearch](#) website offers a subscription-based service covering over 4,000 grants and scholarships entries. Subscription rates are available from \$32.95 for the following activities: Arts; business; community projects; research; sport; study and travel.

2.6 The Grants Hub

[The Grants Hub](#) directory website offers a subscription-based service that allows users to search over 1,000 grants from government, businesses, philanthropic sources, private donors, trusts, and other providers. Subscription rates are available from \$29 per month.

3. Grants in selected subject areas

For the subject areas reviewed in section 3, community grant information can also be accessed using the 'gateway' search websites identified in [sections 1](#) and [2](#).

3.1 Arts

Create NSW

[Create NSW](#) is the NSW Government's agency for arts, screen and culture in NSW. Create NSW offers direct funding to organisations, artists, practitioners and arts and cultural workers through the [Arts and Cultural Development Program](#) (ACDP). The ACDP supports projects, programs and professional development opportunities that enrich the lives of NSW residents.

The [2018-19 ACDP guidelines](#) identify the following priority areas:

- People living and/or working in regional NSW;
- People living and/or working in Western Sydney;
- Aboriginal people;
- People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds;
- People with disability and
- Young people.

The Create NSW website has a [Funding and support](#) section that provides information on funding opportunities including:

- [Western Sydney Strategic Funding Program](#);
- [Music Now](#);
- [NSW Small Grants](#); and
- [Regional Cultural Fund](#).

[Screen NSW](#) provides information on screen [funding and incentives](#) in NSW.

Regional Arts NSW

The [Regional Arts NSW](#) website has a [grants](#) page that lists funding opportunities available to artists and not-for-profit organisations working in the regional arts and cultural sector. Major grant categories include:

- [Quick Response Grants](#): Small grants of up to \$1,500 that respond to arts and professional development opportunities that arise at short notice.
- [Country Arts Support Program \(CASP\)](#): This annual small grants program is administered by Regional Arts NSW on behalf of Create NSW. CASP is guided by the ACDP's three major objectives:
 - 1) A creative and vibrant NSW arts and cultural sector renowned for excellence and innovation (Quality);

- 2) State-wide engagement with diverse audiences and communities (Reach); and
 - 3) A resilient NSW arts and cultural sector and cultural activities (Health).
- [Regional Arts Fund Community Grants](#): The Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund supports sustainable cultural development in regional and remote Australia, and meets the strategic priorities of supporting participation in, and access to, the arts and encouraging greater private sector support for the arts. Applications open 30 June 2019 and close 25 August 2019.

A comprehensive list of available arts grants is found [here](#).

Commonwealth Arts grants

Australia Council for the Arts

The [Australia Council for the Arts](#) is the Australian Government's arts funding and advisory body. Information on funding opportunities is available from the Council's [Grants Program](#) webpage. The major Council grants available in 2019 are listed below:

- Career Development Grants for Individuals: \$5,000-\$25,000;
- Arts Projects for Individuals and Groups: \$10,000-\$50,000;
- Arts Projects – Organisations: \$10,000-\$100,000;
- Fellowships: \$80,000; and
- Four Year Funding for Organisations.

The Council website includes a [FAQs](#) section with further information on the application process for each grant program. The Council also issues [Scam Alerts](#) to inform and protect the public from scams that use the Council name.

Creative Partnerships Australia

[Creative Partnerships Australia](#) (CPA) drives private giving, social investment and philanthropy for the arts in Australia. CPA encourages sponsorship and corporate support, and builds partnerships between artists, business, private donors and the community to support the arts. An overview of its funding programs is available [here](#).

3.2 Disability

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) website provides information on [current and future grants](#) and the latest data on the availability of NSW [NDIS services](#).

The [Commonwealth Department of Social Services](#) (DSS) provides a [Community Grants Hub](#). The following table presents a summary of open DSS Grants Programs as at 19 June 2019:

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| Grant title | Category | Description | Closing date |
|---|---------------|---|--------------|
| Saluting Their Service Commemorations Program | Commemorative | The Saluting Their Service Commemorations Program aims to preserve Australia's wartime heritage and to involve people throughout the nation in a wide range of projects and activities that highlight the service and sacrifice of Australia's service personnel in wars, conflicts and peace operations. | 31 Mar 2020 |
| Veteran and Community Grants | Veterans | The Veteran and Community Grants program aims to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life for members of the Australian veteran community by providing funding for projects that sustain or enhance health and wellbeing. | 27 Feb 2020 |

Information for other DSS grant recipients is available [here](#)

The [Jan Potter Foundation](#) makes grants nationally to support charitable organisations working to benefit the community across a broad range of sectors. Information on funding rounds is available [here](#).

3.3 Education

Public education

The [NSW Department of Education](#) offers access to a range of funding opportunities to the community through the provision of scholarships. These include:

- [Public education scholarships](#) for students and professional development scholarships for teachers and principals working in public education. These scholarships are offered by the [Public Education Foundation](#), a not-for-profit organisation that provides scholarships to young people, their teachers and school principals. Further information on all 2019-20 Foundation scholarships can be accessed [here](#).
- The [NSW Premier's Teacher Scholarships](#) provide funding of up to \$15,000 for a five-week study tour of schools or learning centres within Australia or overseas. The aim of this scholarship is to enable teachers to explore their field of teaching expertise. Scholarships are awarded in the year prior to travel.
- The NSW Department of Education also provides four scholarship options to cover the cost of training to become a qualified teacher. Prospective teachers can subscribe to [email alerts](#) to be notified when new scholarship offers are available.

In 2019 the NSW Teachers Federation is offering 15 [Future Teacher Scholarships](#) valued at \$4,000 each.

Tertiary education

The [Good Universities Guide](#) website offers a [scholarship search function](#) that covers “more than 3000 scholarships that are available to Australian students in the higher education and vocational sectors.”

The Commonwealth Department of Education and Training provides the [Study Assist](#) website as a resource on government assistance for financing tertiary study. The Commonwealth Government offers scholarships like the [Australia Awards](#) to provide financial support for their students.

Education funding for regional students

The [Country Education Foundation of Australia](#) (CEF) is a national not-for-profit organisation that assists rural and regional youth to access education, training and jobs through grants, scholarships, support services and resources. Grants range from \$500 to \$5,000 per student per year. The [2019 CEF scholarships guide](#) notes that funding can cover “the costs of textbooks, course fees, equipment, accommodation and living costs.” The CEF also supports and mentors students throughout their studies or apprenticeships. A complete list of local CEFs is available [here](#).

3.4 Environment

The [NSW Office Environment and Heritage](#) (OEH) administers a number of funding programs and initiatives, including the NSW Environmental Trust. The following OEH summary [table](#) presents all Environment Trust Grant Programs as at 19 June 2019.

| Program | Opening date | Closing date | Funding available |
|---|--|---------------|---|
| Community Recycling Centres | Closed | Closed | Grants of up to \$200,000 per project for infrastructure costs to build new facility or upgrading existing one. |
| Eco Schools | Round Open | 1 July 2019 | 80 individual grants of \$3,500 are available to schools. |
| Environmental Education | June/July 2019 | Not available | This program is currently being redesigned. |
| Environmental Research | Round Open | 27 June 2019 | Grants of up to \$200,000 are available to collaborations doing applied research in identified (priority) environmental themes. |
| Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation | Applications for 2020 round expected to open in second half of 2019. | | Individual grants of up to \$100,000 with a total of \$2 million for community organisations. |
| Landfill Consolidation and Environmental Improvements | Closed | Closed | Grants of up to \$200,000 are offered to cover up to 70% of project costs. Other 30% must be covered by council in-kind or financial contributions. |
| Lead Environmental Community Groups | Closed | Closed | This program is currently under review. Two streams of funding were previously offered: 1) grants up to \$30,000 a year and 2) grants of between \$30,000 and \$70,000 a year. |
| Major Resource Recovery Infrastructure | Closed | Closed | Grants are offered to cover up to 50% of the capital costs of the proposed new resource-recovery infrastructure. For projects proposed by ... not-for-profit organisations – grants of \$1–5 million. |
| Protecting our Places | A call for applications is expected in mid-2019. | | Grants of up to \$60,000 are available. |

| Program | Opening date | Closing date | Funding available |
|--|--------------|--------------|---|
| River Connections Grants Program | Closed | Closed | \$10 million over 11 years contestable grants program that will provide grants to consortiums. It is expected the funding will value add to existing activities and significantly leverage existing co-contributions. |

Further information is available on the OEH [Grants Programs](#) page.

Landcare Australia

[Landcare Australia](#) administers the [Junior Landcare Grants Program](#). Under this program any school or youth organisation in Australia that would like to involve their students in Landcare projects can apply for grants to assist them with the cost of their projects. Information on other funding opportunities is available [here](#).

3.5 Gambling

The [Office of Responsible Gambling](#) leads the development of responsible gambling strategy and offers public policy advice to the NSW Government. As at 19 June 2019, the Office provides four funding options:

- [Responsible Gambling Grants](#);
- [Activate Sydney@Night Grants](#);
- [NSW Liquor Accords Grants](#);
- [2019 RGAW - Community Event Grants Program](#); and
- [Infrastructure Grants](#).

3.6 Homelessness

[Community Sector Banking](#) operates a [Social Investment Grants Program](#) with a total of \$350,000 available in community grants. In 2019, the theme will be “building capacity for not-for-profit organisations”.

The [Mercy Foundation](#) offers [Grants to End Homelessness](#) that support seeding initiatives, services, projects, advocacy and research that will contribute to the goal of ending homelessness. The average grant ranges between \$20,000 to 30,000, with larger grants of up to \$50,000. The program will open in August 2019. Expressions of interest are due by 7 October 2019.

The Foundation also manages a [Social Justice Small Grants Program](#) that provides seed funding from \$1,000 to \$10,000 to assist communities and organisations in building capacity in the social justice area.

3.7 Multicultural

The [Multicultural NSW Celebrating Diversity Grants Program](#) aims to celebrate cultural diversity and foster community harmony by offering two grant categories:

- **Celebrating Diversity - Events:** Grants of up to \$10,000 are available under the Events category. The total pool amount available is \$500,000, awarded over two funding rounds per financial year.

- **Celebrating Diversity – Projects:** Grants of up to \$40,000 are available for 12-month projects that can make a lasting positive impact on social cohesion at the grassroots level. The total pool amount available is \$300,000, awarded in one funding round per financial year.

Further information on, grant guidelines and eligibility criteria are available in the [Grants Program Brochure](#).

Multicultural NSW also provides [COMPACT grants](#) for “COMmunity Partnership ACTION”. These grants:

.....support partnerships between community, non-government, youth, sports, arts/media, educational organisations and the private sector by providing funding for innovative, evidence-based community projects.

Funded projects bring together partners or consortia with the demonstrated experience, expertise and capacity to engage and effect real positive change in young people (female and male young people aged between 12 to 30), families and communities within a community resilience and conflict resolution frame.

3.8 Road Safety

The [NSW Centre for Road Safety](#) offers [Community Road Safety Grants](#) to improve road safety awareness in local communities. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available for road safety projects that involve community engagement and raise road safety awareness. Larger grants of up to \$30,000 are also available. Applicants who are interested in applying for a grant can register for future updates by emailing [Community Road Safety Grants](#).

3.9 Rural and regional grants

Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal

The [Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal](#) (FRRR) provides access to a range of [grants](#) available to rural and regional NSW. Any Australian not-for-profit organisation that offers clear public benefit for communities living in small rural, regional or remote locations in Australia is [eligible](#) for funding. The FRRR website provides a [Grants Calendar](#) that is regularly updated. Grants are organised under the following categories:

- People, Place and Prosperity;
- Targeted Impact; and
- Leading Change.

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As of 19 June 2019 the website reported that the following grants were open:

| Grant Program | Summary | Status | Key Dates |
|---|---|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| SRC - Small & Vital (Always Open) | Grants for communities in small rural, regional and remote locations in Australia. This Small and Vital tier of funding supports projects with grants up to \$10,000. | Open | Closes 25 June |
| Tackling Tough Times Together (Always Open) | The Tackling Tough Times Together program helps communities access the resources they need to support one another through the drought. Open year round, grants up to \$20,000 and \$60,000 are available, EOIs invited for grants up to \$150,000. | Open | Round 14 Applications Due 23 July |
| Enhancing Country Health Outcomes (ECHO) | The Enhancing Country Health Outcomes (ECHO) grant program aims to improve primary health outcomes for people living in rural, regional and remote NSW and Victoria. | Awarded | R2 opens 2020 |
| Aussie Cotton Farmers Grow Communities | This program allows cotton farmers in Qld/NSW to nominate a local community group to receive a \$5,000 grant. | Opening soon | 2019 program opens 1 July |
| ANZ Seeds of Renewal | An ANZ funded program designed to build thriving communities in rural, regional and remote areas of Australia through grants. Seeds of Renewal also offers IT equipment. | Opening soon | 2019 program opens 2 July |
| In a Good Place | In a Good Place is a national grants program that provides support for community-driven initiatives that reduce social isolation, increase social participation and connectedness, and encourage people in rural, regional and remote communities who are at risk of, or are experiencing, mental health issues to seek help. | Opening soon | Opens 9 July |

NSW Department of Primary Industries

The [NSW Department of Primary Industries](#) provides another source of funding for rural and regional grants in NSW. Examples of funding opportunities for community groups are provided below:

- The [Recreational Fishing Trust Grants](#) fund a diverse range of fishing-related activities such as recreational fishing education, fishing access and facilities, aquatic habitat rehabilitation and protection and the enhancement of recreational fishing. These grants are open to fishing clubs and organisations, universities, councils, community groups and individuals. The Recreational Fishing Trust funding guidelines for 2019-20 are available [here](#).

- The [Dollar for Dollar Native Fish Stocking Program](#) enables community groups to apply to the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust for matching funds to purchase native fish to stock rivers and dams across NSW. Grants range from a minimum of \$1,000 to \$6,000. Expressions of interest information for the 2019-20 stocking season is available [here](#).
- The [Habitat Action Grants](#) target the rehabilitation of fish habitats in freshwater and saltwater areas throughout NSW. These grants vary from \$2,000 up to \$40,000. Habitat Action Grants open annually in August and are open for a 7-8 week period. Further information is available in the grant funding [guidelines](#).

Destination NSW

[Destination NSW](#) manages the [2019 Regional Flagship Events Program](#) to support events in regional NSW with the potential to generate significant levels of ongoing tourism. Funding opportunities are organised under the following categories:

- [Incubator Event Fund](#): Supports the establishment of new events;
- [Flagship Event Fund](#): Supports the marketing of emerging events to increase their profile and encourage visitation.

3.10 Drought assistance

NSW Rural Assistance Authority

The NSW [Rural Assistance Authority](#) (RAA) website provides a dedicated [Drought Hub](#) offering farmers and rural small business a range of [Drought Financial Assistance](#) measures. These include (but are not limited to):

[Drought Assistance Fund](#): The NSW Government is offering a one-off \$50,000 interest-free loan to transport stock, fodder and water, genetic banking of breeding herds and installing on-farm fodder and water infrastructure. The loans term is seven years and there are no repayments required in the first two years.

[Drought Transport Subsidy](#): The NSW Government is offering transport subsidy of up to \$40,000 per eligible farm business over 18 months from 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2019. The subsidy can be applied for the cost of transporting fodder, water to a property for stock or domestic use, stock to and from agistment, and stock to sale or slaughter. The subsidy covers 50% of the full cost of freight up to a maximum of \$5 per kilometre and 1,500 kilometres per journey. FAQs on the Drought Transport Subsidy are available [here](#).

[Animal Welfare Transport Subsidy](#): The NSW Government is subsidising 50% of eligible costs for the permanent transport of stock off a farm which is facing financial hardship and where livestock are at fat score 2 or below (dairy cattle 3 or below), to a maximum of \$20,000 per financial year.

[NSW Local Land Services Rates](#): The NSW Government are waiving all Local Land Service rates for 2019, including general rates and rates for animal health and pests, the meat industry levy and costs for routine stock moving permit and stock identification.

Water Licences: The NSW Government is providing financial assistance of up to \$4000 to all general water security licence holders (and supplementary water access licence holders) in rural and regional NSW across surface and groundwater systems, and to customers of Irrigation Corporation Districts (ICDs) for water entitlement costs incurred.

Commonwealth Drought Assistance Initiatives

Drought Communities Program: The Australian Government is contributing \$75 million to support 60 drought-stricken areas to invest in local community infrastructure and other projects such as emergency water supply.

Farm Household Allowance: Farm Household Allowance (FHA) is an Australian Government support package that's available to eligible farmers and their partners experiencing hardship (including drought) for up to four cumulative years (1,460 days). FHA gives farmers breathing space to implement plans and seek training to become financially self-sufficient, so they are better placed to sustain their farming businesses.

FarmHub

Another source of information on drought assistance grants is [FarmHub](#). This online portal has been designed to provide farmers with a single access point for information and advice on how to manage hardship. The initial focus of the portal has been on drought. FarmHub has been developed by the National Farmers' Federation, and provides "a comprehensive directory of assistance available to farmers from a range of government and private sources.

3.11 Sport and Recreation

Sport Australia

The [Sport Australia](#) (SportAUS) website provides information on a range of sports-related grants and scholarships. In 2019, these include:

- [dAIS - Athlete Grant](#);
- [Local Sporting Champions Grants Program](#); and
- [Women Leaders in Sport Grant Program](#).

NSW Office of Sport

The [NSW Government Office of Sport](#) provides funding to "nurture sporting talent, help build sports facilities and develop the industry as a whole." As of 19 June 2019 the website reports that the following grant was open:

| Grant Program | Summary | Status | Key Dates |
|--|---|--------|---|
| NSW ICC World T20 2020 Cricket Legacy Fund | The Fund will provide assistance to community cricket clubs, associations and local councils. | Open | Applications open: 28 May 2019 Applications close: 8 July 2019 |

The Office's [Grants](#) webpage provides links to other key community grant programs such as:

- [Sport Development Program](#);
- [Stronger Communities Program](#); and
- [Sport NSW](#).

Tennis Australia

Tennis Australia provides [Australian Open \(AO\) Community Grants](#) to support programs that use tennis to strengthen underrepresented community groups. These include, but are not limited to, Indigenous Australians, culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities, the LGBTI community and persons with disabilities.

4. Selected Private Sector Funding Sources

[ANZ Community Grants](#) provide a range of different funding programs:

- The [ANZ Staff Foundation](#) supports projects run by charitable organisations that offer a direct and tangible benefit to local communities, providing small grants of up to \$30,000.
- The [ANZ & Sydney Mardi Gras Community Grants](#) provide funding of up to \$10,000 for “a range of purposes including education and training, community development and creation, arts and culture – anything under the rainbow.”
- The [ANZ Seeds of Renewal](#) grants program provides small grants of up to \$15,000, or technology equipment, to rural community organisations to support “community organisations for projects that will help their community thrive”.

The [Aurizon Community Giving Fund](#) offers cash grants up to \$20,000 to eligible charities or community groups working in the areas of health and wellbeing, community safety, environment and education. The next round of the Community Giving Fund opened on 20 May 2019 and closed on 28 June 2019.

The [BHP Billiton Foundation](#) has an [Australia Country Program](#) that is focused on improving educational opportunities and outcomes in science, technology, engineering and maths for under-represented groups, including girls and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The [BUPA Health Foundation](#) funds new initiatives that assist the Australian community to either prevent or better manage health conditions and/or positively impact on health care policy and practice.

The [Commonwealth Bank Community Grants](#) program targets charities who are working towards a better society for youth in our communities. Organisations can apply for a Grassroots Grant of up to \$10,000 each year over three years. Applications for the next round will open in early 2020. Examples of NSW community grant recipients are available [here](#).

[Equity Trustees](#) administers a number of charitable trusts and foundations that provide [community grants](#) across a range of areas.

The [IMB Community Foundation](#) provides financial support to community groups to “connect and engage with the communities around us and to support those working to make them better.” Examples of NSW past community projects that received funding are available [here](#).

The [James N Kirby Foundation](#) offers support to organisations working in: Education and technology; environment; health; social welfare and the arts.

The [Myer Foundation and Sidney Myer Fund](#) provide individual grants programs under these categories: Arts and humanities, Education; poverty and disadvantage; sustainability and environment; and other programs.

The website provides a [Grant Finder](#) with additional information on grants programs.

The [Optus Future Makers Program](#) is a capacity-building program that focuses on supporting technology innovators to use their skill set to address issues for vulnerable people such as disadvantaged youth or adults. The program focuses on four areas: employability, education, health and empowering women and girls.

The [Snow Foundation](#) offers [grants](#) to community-focused organisations to assist with seed funding and untied core funding for work that falls within the Foundation's key focus areas: health, education and employment and social welfare.

The [Telstra's Kids Fund](#) provides grants to local community groups that assist children to play and learn. The Fund focuses on local community activities by providing support for activities such as cyber-safety programs, vegetable gardens, bouncing balls for sports clubs and books for children in childcare.

The [Transurban Group](#) offers grants of up to \$5,000 twice a year to school projects, youth education, road safety and environmental programs. Grants are limited to those local council areas with a Transurban road. The list of eligible locations in NSW is provided on their website.

The [Veolia Mulwaree Trust](#) provides funding to the community through one-off donations (up to \$1,000) and grants. Grant applications may cover a wide range of projects undertaken by not-for-profit community organisations. The Trust advises that applicants read the [2019 community grants guidelines](#) and confirm that their organisation is located within an eligible area.

The [Wesfarmers Community Partnerships Program](#) focuses on four areas: the [arts](#), Indigenous programs, health and medical research, and education.

The [Westpac Foundation Community Grants](#) provide \$10,000 grants to community organisations that deliver educational opportunities, employment pathways or aim to improve the quality of life for people in need.

[Woolworths](#) uses a social impact investment approach in its community partnerships, with a view to improving the health and well-being of its customers. This is achieved by "creating employment opportunities for young Australians and New Zealanders, and supporting communities facing natural disasters with emergency relief and post-disaster recovery."

5. Selected NGO Funding Sources

[ClubsNSW](#) offers community funding opportunities through its [ClubGRANTS online](#) program under the following categories:

Category 1: Supports community welfare and social services; community development; employment assistance activities; community health services; and projects aimed at improving the living standards of low income and disadvantaged people.

Category 2: Provides funding for general community development and support activities, such as junior sport.

Category 3: Is a state-wide fund that supports large-scale community infrastructure projects. Grants are available for sport, emergency and disaster relief, and arts and culture infrastructure.

The [Enterprise & Training Company Ltd](#) (ETC) is a not-for-profit recruitment agency that provides employment, training and business services. ETC administers the [Community Support Fund](#), which seeks to reduce disadvantage, generate opportunity, increase support services and/or build capacity in the communities in which ETC operates.

The [Sisters of Charity Foundation](#) provides grants of up to \$15,000 to organisations that struggle to find funding to fight poverty, loneliness, suffering and oppression. The foundation website provides access to a [community grants](#) and [scholarships](#).

[Variety – the Children’s Charity](#) offers [community grants](#) for the purchase of equipment that “will promote inclusivity in the community.” It targets NSW schools or organisations who provide services to children aged up to 18 years who are living with a disability, chronic illness, are facing financial hardship and/or are in need of critical care. Applicants are ineligible to apply if they have received a Community Grant in the last 24 months.

6. Selected Local Government funding sources

[Local Government NSW](#) (LGNSW) works in partnership with the NSW and Commonwealth Governments to offer councils capacity building, development support and other resources across important local government functions. Information on current grant programs is available from the LGNSW website [here](#).

A list of all NSW local councils is available [here](#).

6.1 Metropolitan

Georges River Council

The [Georges River Council](#) offers [Community Grants](#) to enable organisations to partner with Council to help meet identified community needs. The grants are designed to support community organisations to offer alternative approaches to meeting community needs, and to develop programs and activities that encourage community participation and inclusion. The 2018-19 Community Grant Guidelines are available [here](#).

Inner West Council

The [Inner West Council](#) offers a range of [grants](#) to enable the community to develop projects and programs to address local needs. These include: [Community Wellbeing Grants](#), [Environment Grants](#), [Live Music Grants](#) and [Multicultural Small Grants](#).

Liverpool City Council

The [Liverpool City Council](#) offers a range of [grants](#) to local residents and community organisations that operate within the Liverpool Local Government Area (LGA). In 2019, there are a number of funding options available including Kick-Starter Grants (up to \$500); Liverpool Small Grants (up to \$1,000) and Community Grants (up to \$5,000). Grants are awarded to projects that benefit residents, build or enhance the reputation of Liverpool City Council and support delivery of the Council's [Community Strategic Plan](#).

City of Parramatta Council

The [City of Parramatta Council](#) provides a [Community Grants Program](#) that offers quarterly and annual funding opportunities across the LGA. The aim of the Program is to provide support for local individuals and not-for-profit community, recreation, sporting groups, clubs, organisations, services and other social enterprises that contribute to the City's [Community Strategic Plan](#).

In 2019, the City of Parramatta has allocated a total of \$40,000 to its [Small Grants Fund](#) and the [Social Enterprise Business Planning Grant](#). Applications are open throughout the year.

City of Sydney Council

The [City of Sydney Council](#) offers a number of [grants](#) to support initiatives that enhance the social, cultural, environmental and economic life of the city. These include: [Business grants](#), [Community grants](#), [Cultural grants](#) and [Environment grants](#).

[Community Services Grants](#) are also available of up to \$50,000 per year for up to three years. These grants prioritise food and financial security, housing affordability, youth led projects to improve employment opportunities, resilient high-density communities, inclusion and access projects, digital literacy and civic participation.

The [2019 grants and sponsorship program guidelines](#) and [policy](#) provide applicants with information needed to apply.

6.2 Regional

Albury City Council

The [Albury City Council](#) provides a [Grants and Funding Opportunities](#) webpage which lists the current funding opportunities available to the community to support cultural, creative and sporting opportunities and infrastructure.

Coffs Harbour City Council

The [Coffs Harbour City Council](#) provides a range of [grant](#) programs. These include: [Community Arts and Cultural Development Grants](#), [Community Capital Infrastructure Grants](#), [Environmental Levy Grants](#), [Event Grants](#) and the [Sustainability Schools Program](#).

The City of Newcastle

The [City of Newcastle Council](#) lists a range of [grants and sponsorships](#) to “help activate public spaces, enhance community wellbeing and strengthen the city’s reputation as a destination for tourism, business and events.” These include: [Community Place Making Grants](#), [Economic Development](#), [Events Sponsorship](#), [Recreation Facilities Program](#) and [Arts and Culture](#).

Orange City Council

The [Orange City Council](#) provides [donations and grants](#) to community groups that provide a direct benefit to the community.

Wollongong City Council

The [Wollongong City Council](#) offers [grants and sponsorships](#) to provide financial support to groups and individuals in the Wollongong community. These include: [Connecting Neighbours Grants](#), [Contribution to Public Bands and Choirs](#), [Minor Donations](#), [Small Cultural Grants](#), [Small Grants NAIDOC Week Event](#), [Sponsorship of Community Events](#), [Ward-based Arts Grants](#) and [Wollongong Heritage Fund](#).

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