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## Funding Opportunities for Community Groups

Members of Parliament regularly receive requests directly or through their electorate offices about funding opportunities for community groups. This Issues Backgrounder is designed to assist in responding to these requests. It is organised under the following headings:

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It should be noted that this publication is not intended to be a comprehensive listing of the grants sector in New South Wales and/or Australia. This task is as large as it is complex due to the ever-changing nature of grant and funding programs that can be offered across different sectors. For example, the series of grants identified in section 3, *Grants in selected subject areas* are indicative only, as are those in section 4 which covers the non-government and private sector as a source of potential funding.

It is worth noting that funding opportunities constantly change. Therefore, it is recommended that the enclosed links to funding sources be monitored regularly to determine the availability of funding opportunities.

The selection of the right grant for your project needs is one of the most important factors in securing funding. A number of grant bodies recommend that you only apply to those bodies 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 included here provide additional information to assist applicants by providing application guidelines or answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on their websites.

## 1. GOVERNMENT GATEWAYS TO COMMUNITY GRANTS

### 1.1 COMMUNITY BUILDERS.NSW

The [Community Builders.NSW](#) website is an:

...interactive online hub for everyone involved in community level social, economic and environmental change.

This website provides the opportunity for community leaders, community & government workers, volunteers, academics, policy makers, businesses and philanthropic organisations to explore insights in engaging, building and strengthening communities.

The website offers access to the following resources:

- [Funding database](#)  
The “funding database” resource provides a comprehensive listing of subject areas under which funding grants are available. The list includes: Crime Prevention and Safety, Education and Training, Older People, People with a Disability and Rural and Regional.
- [Philanthropic grants and trusts](#)  
This section provides a listing of specific grants and funding sources such as: [Sidney Myer Fund & The Myer Foundation](#), [John T Reid Charitable Trusts](#), [Perpetual IMPACT Philanthropy Application Program](#) and the [Ian Potter Foundation](#).

### 1.2 SERVICE NSW

The [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.

A search of the Service NSW website provides access to the [Community Building Partnership](#) program:

The NSW Community Building Partnership (CBP) program provides grants for projects that create more vibrant and inclusive communities. The program supports projects that encourage community participation and cohesion, and that deliver positive social, environmental and recreational outcomes.

The grants are offered across the state at an individual state electorate level, for the enhancement of community facilities.

The timetable for the 2017 application round is available [here](#).

The Service NSW website also provides direct access to the [NSW Seniors Week Grant](#) program which provides \$200,000 in seed-funding for organisations to hold events for seniors during the NSW Seniors Week festival. The 2017 grants have now closed. Further information about the NSW Seniors Week grant program is available [here](#).

### 1.3 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA (NSW)

The [Regional Development Australia](#) (RDA) Committees in NSW are funded by the Australian and NSW Governments and administered by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development and the NSW Department of Trade and Investment. There are 14 RDA Committees in NSW covering all areas of the State, including an RDA Committee for Sydney which covers the greater Sydney metropolitan area.

Each RDA region organises its own website with the result that some do and others do not make express reference to available grants. The following table provides links to the grant and funding information currently available for each RDA region website:

RDA region	Grant and funding links
Central West	<a href="http://www.rdacentralwest.org.au/funding/">http://www.rdacentralwest.org.au/funding/</a>
Far South Coast	<a href="https://www.rdafsc.com.au/grants-funding/">https://www.rdafsc.com.au/grants-funding/</a>
Far West	<a href="http://rdafarwestnsw.org.au/grants/">http://rdafarwestnsw.org.au/grants/</a>
Illawarra	<a href="http://www.rdaillawarra.com.au/resources/grants-and-funding/">http://www.rdaillawarra.com.au/resources/grants-and-funding/</a>
Mid North Coast	<a href="http://www.rdamnc.org.au/funding/grants/">http://www.rdamnc.org.au/funding/grants/</a>
Murray	<a href="http://www.rdamurray.org.au/newsletters/fyi-grants/">http://www.rdamurray.org.au/newsletters/fyi-grants/</a>
Northern Inland	<a href="http://www.rdani.org.au/links.php">http://www.rdani.org.au/links.php</a>
Northern Rivers	<a href="http://rdanorthernrivers.org.au/grants-opportunities/">http://rdanorthernrivers.org.au/grants-opportunities/</a>
Orana	<a href="http://www.rdaorana.org.au/funding.htm">http://www.rdaorana.org.au/funding.htm</a>
Riverina	<a href="http://www.rdariverina.org.au/funding.aspx">http://www.rdariverina.org.au/funding.aspx</a>
Southern Inland	<a href="http://www.rdasi.org.au/projects/education-employment-and-investment/grant-support/grants/">http://www.rdasi.org.au/projects/education-employment-and-investment/grant-support/grants/</a>
Sydney	<a href="https://www.rdasydney.org.au/grants-funding/grants-funding-directory/">https://www.rdasydney.org.au/grants-funding/grants-funding-directory/</a>

### 1.4 COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT

The key Commonwealth government resource is the “Grants and Assistance” section of the [business.gov.au](http://business.gov.au) website which 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 [Our Community.com.au](#). The Funding Centre provides a dedicated Grants [webpage](#) and the [EasyGrants Newsletter](#) is available for an annual fee of \$85 per year.

Members of the NSW Parliament should note that the EasyGrants newsletter is available by accessing the Parliamentary Library's [homepage](#).

According to a 2015 Centre [overview](#):

The Funding Centre is the best place to go to get information on grants and fundraising in Australia. The Funding Centre's grants database, helpsheets, and tools are designed specifically for not-for-profit organisations and schools, no matter your location, size or type.

- Grants Database: Fully searchable directory of more than 2500 live grants, updated daily
- EasyGrants Newsletter: Comprehensive PDF listing of all relevant and currently open grants, plus the latest fundraising news and tools
- Grant Alerts: Customised daily or weekly emails alerting you to grants that fit your
- Profile
- Fundraising Help: Help sheets, video and audio to guide you through the process of raising funds with minimum effort
- Fundraising News: No fluff, just the stuff you really need to know if you're raising funds in Australia
- Fundraising Tools: Checklists, templates, policies and planning tools

### 2.2 [GRANTGURU COMMUNITY](#)

The GrantGuru Community website offers a free database which provides an easy to search option for grants and funding opportunities for community based and not-for-profit organisations. Information is provided across the following categories:

- Arts
- Sport
- Community Services
- Environment
- Community Infrastructure
- Multicultural projects
- And much more

For example, a "Quick Search" on health yields 226 results. The results display lists all funding opportunities by their location, Government tier, their status (Open or Closed) and the deadline for applications.

## 2.3 PRO BONO AUSTRALIA

[Pro Bono Australia](#) is a non-government organisation which offers media, jobs, education, skilled volunteering and other resources for the not for profit sector. The website a section on [grants](#) which provides a free, comprehensive and up to date listing of grants available from all sources and across subject areas.

## 2.4 PHILANTHROPY AUSTRALIA

[Philanthropy Australia](#) is another non-government organisation which provides a searchable database of grants and other funding opportunities available to community groups. It describes itself as follows:

Philanthropy Australia does not provide funding of any kind.

We are the national peak body for philanthropy, with a membership consisting of trusts and foundations, businesses, families and individuals who want to make a difference through their own philanthropy and to encourage others to become philanthropists.

We can't recommend who you should go to for funding, but there are plenty of resources at your disposal, in the [Fund seeker](#) section of our website.

The Fund seeker webpage provides access to the [Directory of Funders](#) at a cost of \$99.00 (including GST) for 12 months. The Directory provides:

...an alphabetical listing of more than 200 grant-making organisations detailing their fields of interest, contact information, summary of purpose, geographical scope, legal limitations, grant restrictions and application procedures.

## 2.5 GRANTSEARCH

The [Grantsearch](#) website offers a subscription based service which offers over 4,000 grants and scholarships entries for the following activities:

- study
- travel
- research
- business and professional development
- the arts
- sport and recreation
- community groups

According to the website, grantsearch is the only service to actively seek funding sources offered by the following sources:

- all levels of government (Federal, State and Local)
- universities
- foundations
- the private sector
- overseas sources specifying Australian applicants

Subscriptions are available for 30 or 365 days from \$32.95. Further information on the grantsearch subscription rates is available [here](#).

### 3. GRANTS IN SELECTED SUBJECT AREAS

The following section of this publication will focus on community grants in the following subject areas:

- Rural and regional grants
- Sport and recreation
- Road safety
- The Arts
- Culture
- Environment
- Disability

For most of these areas, systematic searches for community grants and other funding opportunities can be conducted using the "gateway" websites resources identified above.

#### 3.1 RURAL AND REGIONAL GRANTS

##### Destination NSW

[Destination NSW](#) has a Regional Flagship Events Program which identifies and supports events in regional NSW that:

have the potential to act as a 'cornerstone' or flagship tourism event for their area by attracting overnight visitation and delivering long term benefits to the region. Since it was established in 1997, the Regional Flagship Events Program has supported 271 individual events across regional NSW.

On 6 July 2016, the NSW Government announced that the Regional Flagship Events Program would be expanded to include two additional funds in addition to the existing marketing support fund. The name "*Regional Flagship Events Program*" will remain as the umbrella title under which the three funds will sit:

**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

**Event Development Fund** – supports the strategic development of proven flagship events as drivers of tourism.

Further information on the Regional Flagship Events Program is available [here](#).

##### 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](#) and can apply for funding of its projects and activities.

Grants are grouped under the following headings:

- [Enable Grants](#);
- [Engage Grants](#);
- [Educate Grants](#);
- [Recover and Strengthen](#); and
- [Industries & Place](#).

The FRRR website also provides a [Grants Calendar](#) page which states that:

FRRR has a number of grants that open at different times of the year. As most of our grants are recurrent they are generally provided during the same periods each year. Our event calendar allows you to check the current status of each grant to see what is currently available, and the respective opening and closing dates for each program.

As of 5 July 2017 the website reports that the following grants were open:

Grant Program	Summary	Status	Key Dates
<a href="#">School and Beyond</a>	School and Beyond is designed to help young people affected by the 2009 Victorian bushfires. Organisations that work with young people from fire-affected communities are encouraged to register as School and Beyond program partners.	Open	EOI's open; R2 grant recipients announced
<a href="#">Aussie Cotton Farmers Grow Communities</a>	This program allows cotton farmers in Qld or NSW to nominate a community group in their local area to receive a \$5,000 grant. Community members can also suggest a group or project for a farmer to nominate.	Open	Applications close 31 August
<a href="#">Caring for Ageing Rural Australians (CARA)</a>	A targeted program designed to benefit and support older people living in small rural and remote communities.	Open	Applications close 11 August
<a href="#">ANZ Seeds of Renewal</a>	An ANZ funded program that aims to help build thriving communities in rural, regional and remote areas of Australia through the provision of grants. Seeds of Renewal also offers information technology (IT) equipment.	Open	Applications close 4 August

In addition the [website](#) makes reference to the following grants programs:

Grant Program	Summary	Status	Key Dates
<a href="#">Culture, Arts, Tourism &amp; Community Heritage (CATCH)</a>	Grants to support activities in the areas of culture, tourism, arts, history and heritage across rural, regional and remote Australia.	Closed	Grant recipients announced
<a href="#">Domino's Give for Good grants</a>	The Domino's Give for Good program provides grants of up to \$5,000 to communities of up to 15,000 people across rural, regional and remote	Closed	2017 program opens 17 July



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Grant Program	Summary	Status	Key Dates
	Australia. Projects should support Education & Youth Initiatives; Disaster Preparedness and Recovery;		
<a href="#">Social Innovation Fund: Eden Futures</a>	Regional program that aims to encourage & support students' transition from school into education & employment through the development of activities that focus on education re-engagement, skill development & links to employment in Eden, NSW.	Closed	Grant recipients announced
<a href="#">Back to School (BTS)</a>	National program that helps rural and remote children and young people access quality educational experiences by providing vouchers from Target or local retailers, to students in need, and their families.	Closed	Vouchers distributed
<a href="#">Small Grants for Rural Communities (SGRC) - Round 31</a>	Grants for communities in small rural and remote locations in Australia. Priority is given to communities with a population of 10,000 or fewer.	Closed	Applications being assessed
<a href="#">Gardiner Dairy Foundation Working in Dairy Communities Small Grants</a>	Regional program that aims to strengthen small Victorian dairy communities, to help build their capacity to deal with local issues, and enhance existing community infrastructure.	Closed	Applications being assessed
<a href="#">Community Group Futures</a>	The Community Group Futures program is aimed at helping not-for-profit organisations affected by the 2009 Victorian bushfires to think beyond day to day operations and look ahead to ensure they can meet ongoing community needs.	Closed	Applications being assessed
<a href="#">Grants for Resilience &amp; Wellness (GR&amp;W) - Round 11</a>	Program with the specific focus of providing assistance towards community-strengthening and resilience-building projects for communities affected by the 2009 Victorian bushfires to build strength and capacity for the future.	Closed	Applications being assessed
<a href="#">Tackling Tough Times Together - Round 8</a>	The Tackling Tough Times Together (TTTT) grant program helps communities access the resources they need to support one another through the drought. This round features grants up to \$15,000, with EOIs invited for grants up to \$50,000.	Closed	Applications being assessed
<a href="#">Innovation for Community Impact (I4CI) - Rd3 - grants up to \$20,000</a>	Grants up to \$20,000 to help address the needs of children in out-of-home care, vulnerable teens, including young offenders and community members facing domestic violence in selected regional NSW LGAs.	Closed	Applications being assessed
<a href="#">2017 Community and Philanthropy Partnerships Week Grants</a>	This program helps community groups and their philanthropic supporters to celebrate their partnerships, with \$160,000 available in grants of up to \$10,000.	Closed	Applications being assessed
<a href="#">FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grants</a>	Grants to help rural communities tackle the issues concerning young people across rural, regional and remote Australia.	Closed	Applications being assessed

The FRRR also provide applicants with an [FAQ page](#) to assist in the development of applications.

## 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 some of the programs are provided below:

### Recreational Fishing Trust Grants

Anyone can apply for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trusts, including fishing clubs and organisations, universities, councils, community groups, individuals and so on. Joint applications are also encouraged.

What types of projects are funded?

A comprehensive angler survey of the Recreational Fishing Trusts, completed in 2013, indicated widespread support for the current range of programs funded from the Trusts. Over the years, the Trusts have provided funding to a wide range projects including:

- recreational fishing education - fishing workshops, Fishcare volunteers, schools education, fishing advisory, increasing participation in recreational fishing, increasing participation in recreational fishing
- fishing access and facilities - fishing platforms, cleaning tables, safety infrastructure & other facilities, enhancement of fishing access
- aquatic habitat rehabilitation and protection - (funded through an annual sub-program open in August each year) - grants to remove barriers to fish migration, replanting & protecting river bank vegetation, restoring water flows etc.
- research on fish and recreational fishing - fishing surveys, biology of popular recreational species, angler catch projects, effectiveness of stocking etc
- enforcement of fishing rules - fisheries officers
- recreational fishing enhancement - fish aggregating devices, artificial reefs and fish stocking

There are different funding application forms to choose from when applying for funding:

- [Small projects](#) - seeking less than \$10,000 of funding,
- [Large projects](#) - seeking more than \$10,000 of funding
- [Gone Fishing NSW Fishing Club Grants](#) – Gone Fishing NSW Day is scheduled for 15 October 2017. This is the last call for fishing clubs to apply for grants of up to \$2,000 to run community fishing events.

Examples of projects that have received funding are listed [here](#).

### Shark Management Annual Competitive Grants Program

The NSW Government has developed a scientifically-driven Shark Management Strategy (SMS), involving innovative approaches to provide the most effective protection against shark interactions at NSW beaches.

The SMS runs for five years and includes provision for annual competitive grants. This is the second year that Annual Competitive Grants is being offered. Grant funding will support projects which align with the key objective of the NSW SMS 'to increase

protection for bathers from shark interactions while minimising harm to sharks or other animals’.

A total of \$200,000 is available under the Shark Management Strategy Grants Program for single year projects. Funding for individual projects would generally not exceed \$50,000. Proposed projects should be developed as 1-year in duration, but extensions may be considered for promising research and development.

### Commonwealth Regional Development grants

The Commonwealth [Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development](#) provides a [Community Development Grants Programme](#). The programme is designed to support needed infrastructure that promotes stable, secure and viable local and regional economies. A copy of the current Grant Programme Guidelines can accessed [here](#).

## 3.2 SPORT AND RECREATION

### Australian Sports Commission

The [Australian Sports Commission](#) (ASC) website provides information on a range of grants and scholarships available to individuals. These include:

- [dAIS - Athlete Grant](#)
- [Elite Indigenous Travel and Accommodation Assistance Program](#)
- [Local Sporting Champions Grants Program](#)
- [National Officiating Scholarship Program](#)
- [Women Leaders in Sport Grant Program](#)

The ASC also provides a series of [Other Funding Opportunities](#) links for sport and recreation funding.

### NSW Office of Sport

The [NSW Office of Sport](#) is a significant source of Government funding to:

nurture sporting talent, help build sports facilities and develop the industry as a whole.

The website provides links to other grant programs:

- [NSW Asian Cup 2015 Legacy Fund](#)
- [Sport Development Grant Program](#)
- [Local Sport Grant Program](#)
- [ClubGRANTS Category 3 Fund](#)
- [Community Building Partnership Program](#)
- [Community Development Grants Program](#)
- [Stronger Communities Program](#)
- [NSW NRL Centres of Excellence Program](#)
- [Local Sport Defibrillator Grants Program](#)

There is also a comprehensive [FAQs](#) section which clarifies a range of issues that have been previously raised by funding applicants. The website also offers [advice](#) on how to prepare a grant application.

As at 5 July 2017 the [Surf Club Facility Program](#) grant is open for applications. The closing date is 31 August 2017.

### 3.3 ROAD SAFETY

The [NSW Centre for Road Safety](#) offers [Community Road Safety Grants](#) to improve road safety awareness in local communities.

The Community Road Safety Grants Program allows community groups across NSW the opportunity to deliver local safety projects. Locally run projects will help increase road safety awareness and support safer road use. Community grants will create opportunities that:

- Allow community organisations to develop road safety projects in their local areas in partnership with other local groups
- Encourage safer road user behaviour and reduce road trauma
- Contribute to achieving targets in the NSW Road Safety Strategy 2012-2021

Grants of up to \$5000 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. It is recommended that those groups applying for larger grants should discuss their proposal before submission to ensure the project aligns with NSW Government road safety principles:

Applications made as part of the program must be evidence-based, using research or best-practice principles. They must address local issues, targeting specific groups or problems, and align with the NSW Road Safety Strategy 2012-2021

Round three of the Community Road Safety Grants Program is now open. Applications close on 23 July 2017.

### 3.4 THE ARTS

#### Create NSW

[Create NSW](#) is the NSW Government's agency for arts, screen and culture in NSW. Create NSW is a newly amalgamated agency incorporating Arts NSW and Screen NSW from 1 April 2017.

Information on screen funding and incentives or filming in NSW is available from [Screen NSW](#).

The Create NSW website has a dedicated [Funding and support](#) section which provides information on a range of funding opportunities including its Arts and Cultural Development Program:

Create NSW offers direct funding to organisations, artists, practitioners and arts and cultural workers through the Arts and Cultural Development Program (ACDP).

The program funds everything from multiyear programs to one-off projects and professional development opportunities, across visual arts, museums and history, literature, performing arts, music and more.

Other types of funding include:

### [Visual Arts Mid-career/Established Fellowship](#)

The purpose of the Fellowship is to assist a mid-career/established artist to build on their experience and consider significant activities and opportunities to support both personal development and career advancement.

The Fellowship also offers an additional opportunity to undertake a residency at a regional gallery and offers a significant acquisitive commission from Artbank. Up to six artists will be shortlisted for the Fellowship and presented at an exhibition at Artbank, Sydney.

### [360 VISION: Virtual Reality Development Initiative for the Arts 2017](#)

The NSW Government, through Create NSW, is offering six grants of up to \$20,000 each for professional artists and cultural practitioners to develop virtual reality (VR) work.

The grants are available for a range of NSW based practitioners working across diverse practices; including visual arts, theatre, dance, music, literature, and/or museum practices and we encourage collaborations with VR practitioners.

This initiative will enable artists and cultural practitioners to explore and develop skills in this new field. In collaboration with VR innovators, the artists will develop and extend their audiences through the creation of new immersive VR content.

### [Western Sydney Making Spaces Initiative](#)

The Western Sydney Making Spaces Initiative will provide funding to enable professional artists and arts organisations to create their work in new studios, artists' residencies and rehearsal spaces in Western Sydney.

The Western Sydney Making Spaces Initiative seeks to open up new and innovative arts sites across Western Sydney to increase the footprint of arts making and arts participation across the region. It is designed to encourage property owners or managers to offer new or unused spaces for making and programming art works in 2017/18 and 2018/19.

### [Aboriginal Regional Arts Fund](#)

The Aboriginal Regional Arts Fund (ARAF) supports arts projects that celebrate and promote Aboriginal cultural identities in regional NSW and, by doing so, make the rich and diverse Aboriginal cultures of regional NSW more visible and accessible.

Funding amounts of up to \$5,000 for individual professional artists and \$20,000 for organisations, partnerships and groups are available. Applications open on 15 January 2018 and close: 26 February 2018.

### [Young Regional Artist Scholarship](#)

The NSW Government is offering a total of 25 scholarships for young regional artists and cultural workers to undertake exciting and career-making professional development opportunities.

Scholarships are open to artists, performers and arts and cultural workers from all art forms, including dance, design, digital arts, history, Aboriginal arts, literature, music, theatre, screen, curatorial and the visual arts.

The Scholarships amount is \$10,000. The website advises applicants to “not request more or less than this amount in your application”. The first round of applications for this scholarship has closed, but the website advises that there will be two funding rounds in 2017.

## Regional Arts NSW

The [Regional Arts NSW](#) website has a dedicated [grants](#) page which summaries the main funding opportunities available to artists and not-for-profit organisations who work in the regional NSW arts and cultural sector. Grant information is organised by Category (eg., All Artforms, Creative Industries, Dance), Recipient Availability (Individuals or Organisations) and by Closing Date. The major grant categories are:

### [Quick Response Grants](#)

Small grants of up to \$1,500 that respond to arts development and professional development opportunities that arise at short notice. Further information available [here](#)

### [Country Arts Support Program](#)

The Country Arts Support Program (CASP) is an annual small grants program designed to support community arts and cultural development in regional NSW through the provision of small grants of up to either \$3,000 or \$5,000. The 2018 Guidelines are available [here](#).

Applications for 2018 projects open 26 May 2017 and close 27 July 2017.

### [Regional Arts Fund \(RAF\) 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 19 June 2017 and close 10 August 2017.

A comprehensive list of all available grants can be found [here](#). This list includes:

<a href="#">Helpmann Fellowships</a>	Valued at up to \$20,000 each, two fellowships will be awarded in both 2017 and 2018. The Fellowships will fund projects of significance, supporting early career artists to realise their visions and build sustainable practices, shaping their future and empowering them to transform the cultural landscape. It is intended the Fellowships will enable artists to pursue professional development opportunities overseas or interstate. 2017 applications have now closed.
<a href="#">Mentorship Program</a>	Mentorships provide opportunities for emerging and mid-level New South Wales museum and gallery staff to spend two weeks with a state, national or smaller, more specialised organisation. Up to \$3,000 per placement is available and individuals can be hosted at the following organisations: Australian Museum Lifelong Learning Branch, Museum of Contemporary Art Australia (National Centre for Creative Learning), or Sydney Living Museums. Mentorship applicants also have the option to choose their own organisation.
<a href="#">Artist Support Quick Response</a>	Artist Support Quick Response funding provides professional development opportunities for NSW-based professional artists and arts/cultural workers to support skills development, take up outstanding opportunities of significance for their practice and/or develop markets. Applications are received throughout the year for activities occurring between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018

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<a href="#">Ian Potter Cultural Trust Emerging Artists Grants</a>	The Ian Potter Cultural Trust offers grants of up to \$7,000 to assist <b>early career artists</b> to undertake professional development, usually overseas. International professional development opportunities allow emerging or early-career artists to gain experience, develop networks and learn skills from the world's best. There are three funding rounds each year.
<a href="#">Creative Arts Fellowship</a>	The Friends of the National Library of Australia Creative Arts Fellowship is open to creative practitioners and artists, working professionally in any art form, to create new artistic work that is inspired by or using particular collections. Artists may be working in such fields as music, dance, theatre, visual arts, emerging, hybrid and experimental art forms. 2018 Applications open 13 April 2017 and close 28 July 2017

### Commonwealth Arts grants

#### Australia Council for the Arts

The [Australia Council for the Arts](#) is the Australian Government's arts funding and advisory body. The Council describes its role in the following terms:

Our focus is on increasing the visibility of Australia's vibrant arts and culture, and recognising the evolving way that Australians make and experience art. Our role is to support the unimagined along with the reimagined, the unknown and experimental along with the keenly anticipated. We are a champion for Australian arts both here and overseas. We invest in artistic excellence through support for all facets of the creative process, and are committed to the arts being accessible to all Australians.

Further information on funding opportunities is available from the Council's [Grants Program](#) webpage. Some of the grants available are listed below:

- Career Development Grants for Individuals - \$5,000 - \$25,000
- Arts Projects for Individuals and Groups - \$10,000 - \$50,000
- Artists with Disability Funding
- Arts Projects – Organisations - \$10,000 - \$100,000
- Fellowships - \$80,000
- Four Year Funding for Organisations - \$75,000 - \$300,000 p.a.
- International Residencies

The next major grant round closing date is 3 October 2017. The Council also provides a [FAQs](#) section which provides further information on the application process for each grant program.

#### Creative Partnerships Australia

Creative Partnerships Australia (CPA) drives private giving, social investment and philanthropy for the arts in Australia. It also encourages sponsorship and corporate support, and builds partnerships between artists, business, private donors and the community to support the arts. Launched in February 2013, CPA is a Commonwealth owned company resulting from the merger of the Australia Business Arts Foundation and the Australia Council's Artsupport Australia program. Further information on CPA can be found [here](#).

An overview of the CPA funding programs is available [here](#).

### 3.5 CULTURE

#### Multicultural NSW

The [Multicultural NSW Grants Program](#) invests in:

...community projects and activities that foster community engagement, build community harmony and social cohesion and celebrate the unique riches of our culturally diverse state.

The program delivers on our principles for action to:

- Engage with all sections of society and break down barriers to participation
- Enable equitable access to services and programs
- Enrich social and economic capacity through cultural diversity as an asset of our state.

Multicultural NSW offers four grant categories:

- [Unity Grants](#)
- [Celebration Grants](#)
- [Support Grants](#)
- [Partnership Grants](#)

Further information on funding, eligibility criteria and application details are available in the [Grants Program Booklet](#)

### 3.6 ENVIRONMENT

The [NSW Office Environment and Heritage](#) (OEH) is one source of funding for community groups in this area. Further information is available on the Office's [Grants Programs](#) page.

The NSW OEH administers a number of funding programs and initiatives, including the NSW Environmental Trust. The Trust is an independent statutory body established by the NSW government to fund a broad range of organisations to undertake projects that enhance the environment of NSW.

The following table presents a summary of the status of all Environment Trust Grant Programs as at 5 July 2017. The table can be accessed [here](#).

Summary of Environmental Trust Grant Programs					
Program	Opening date	Closing date	Funding available	Anticipated announcement date	Next round Opening
Eco Schools	26 April 2017	19 June 2017	\$150,000	November 2017	April 2018
Education (Community)	2017 Round Closed	2017 Round Closed	\$500,000	November 2017	March 2018
Education (Government)	2017 Round Closed	2017 Round Closed	\$500,000	November 2017	March 2018



## Funding Opportunities for Community Groups

Lead Environmental Community Groups	Closed	Closed	\$600,000	July 2016	TBA
Protecting Our Places	29 June 2017	4 September 2017	TBA	December 2017	TBA
Research	2017 Round Closed	2017 Round Closed	\$1,000,000	November 2017	February 2018
Restoration and Rehabilitation (Community)	2016 Round Closed	2016 Round Closed	\$2,000,000	March 2017	September 2017
Restoration and Rehabilitation (State and local government)	2016 Round Closed	2016 Round Closed	\$2,000,000	March 2017	September 2017
Saving our Species Partnership Grants Program	Closed	Closed	\$10,000,000	TBA	TBA
Waste Less, Recycle More Initiative	See specific program	See specific program	See specific program	See specific program	See specific program

### Landcare Australia

[Landcare Australia](#) works with governments, corporate organisations and donors to facilitate funding opportunities for Landcare, Junior Landcare and Coastcare groups.

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.

The 2017 Yates Junior Landcare Garden Grants program offers 15 grants for fun, hands-on garden projects that would help young people learn about gardening, sustainability and the natural environment. The grants consist of \$1,500 in funding, \$500 of Yates garden products and a consultation with a Yates gardening expert. Any school, childcare centre or youth group in Australia is eligible to apply. Applications for the Yates Junior Landcare Garden Grants are now open and close on 29 June 2017.

Under [Funding opportunities](#), Landcare Australia also provides information on two recent grants:

- [2017 Sustainable Agriculture Grants](#)
- [2017 Habitat Restoration Grants](#)

While both these grants are now closed, the available information provides insight into the funding available and the type of environmental projects supported by Landcare Australia. Information on upcoming grant opportunities is also available [here](#) and/or potential applicants can sign up to the eNewsletter [here](#).

### 3.7 DISABILITY

With the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) funding for community groups in this area is in transition.

NSW Education administers the [Intervention Support Program – Community Grants Program](#), the purpose of which is to improve the educational opportunities and personal development of children with disabilities. The following funding streams are listed:

#### **Young Children with Disabilities (YCWD)**

This program provides grants to support learning and educational development opportunities for children with disabilities who are below school age to prepare them for inclusion into early childhood education programs and school.

#### **Children in Residential Care (CIRC)**

This program provides grants to assist children with disabilities living away from their families in residential care.

#### **Non-School Organisations (NSO)**

This funding is only available to those organisations currently funded under the NSO component.

The [Program Guidelines 2017](#) are now available. Organisations must submit their application using the ISP Online Service at [www.det.nsw.edu.au/cgpisponline](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/cgpisponline). This will be available from 26 September 2016. Applications have now closed.

NSW Education also provides a [Pre-school Disability Support Program \(PDSP\)](#), which replaces the Supporting Children with Additional Needs (SCAN) program and Intervention Support Program (ISP) for community preschools. Further information on the 2017 PDSP Guidelines is available [here](#).

The [Commonwealth Department of Social Services](#) also offer relevant grant funding opportunities:

The Department of Social Services (DSS) grant arrangements include three streamlined programs based on common social policy functions.

The programs have been designed to streamline services to make the most of common client needs, reduce duplication and ensure the most effective and efficient approaches are used to address community needs in line with Government priorities. Key to the grant arrangements is a reduction in regulation and reporting and providing an opportunity for innovation and collaboration in the delivery of services so providers have greater control over how they meet the particular needs of their clients and communities.

Funding is allocated to ensure support is provided to the most vulnerable Australians, in areas where there is greatest need. In line with the Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines, a list of DSS funded organisations is available in the DSS Grants Report.

Program guidelines and other relevant documentation for individual programs can be accessed from the below links. Program guidelines provide the starting point for organisations considering whether to participate in a program as they describe the aims and objectives of each activity and outline eligibility requirements.

The three grant programs are:

- Families and Communities Programme
- Housing and Homelessness Programme
- Disability, Mental Health and Carers Programme

The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) has been retained by the Department of Social Services under the Families and Communities Programme. The program guidelines will be updated in 2016.

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

The DSS website also provides information on its [New Community Grants Hub](#) which commenced operation on 1 July 2016. The [Community Grants Hub Website](#) is designed to simplify the grant experience for service providers, the community and the Government:

The Community Grants Hub website offers service providers information about Commonwealth Government grant opportunities and helpful information to support organisations seeking or managing grants to deliver community services and support.

All DSS grants are now advertised on the Community Grants Hub website and organisations are encouraged to subscribe to receive Hub updates and other grant alerts. Subscribers to DSS alerts will now receive updates from the Hub.

A list of funding that is open for application can be found [here](#).

## 4. SELECTED NGO AND PRIVATE SECTOR FUNDING SOURCES

### 4.1 ENTERPRISE & TRAINING COMPANY (ETC)

The [Enterprise & Training Company Ltd](#) (ETC) is a not-for-profit provider of employment, training and business services which administers the [Community Support Fund](#). This fund is designed to help organisations reduce disadvantage, generate opportunity, increase support services and/or build capacity in the communities in which ETC operates. These communities are located in the Mid North Coast and North Coast of NSW, and on the Gold Coast. ETC have supported:

...young people, people living with disability or mental health concerns, carers, families at risk, migrants and refugees, sufferers of cancer and chronic illness, and the broader community. Recipient organisations have used ETC funding to purchase infrastructure, equipment, resources, information technology and materials; develop publications, kits and information; develop and deliver support services and programs, training and professional development; provide direct financial assistance for disadvantaged people; establish social enterprises; and achieve special projects.

The ETC Community Support Fund supports ETC's vision to deliver positive social change in our communities; and our mission to empower people through employment, business growth and skills development. We fund projects which help as many people as possible as much as possible, which can align with ETC's focus on employment and training, and which meet one or more of our funding objectives:

- Contribute to reducing disadvantage faced by the unemployed and/or other disadvantaged groups
- Support the availability and/or sustainability of employment and training opportunities
- Enhance community support services and/or build community capacity

ETC prefers that projects will not require recurrent ETC funding, and we look favourably on applications that can leverage other financial or in-kind contributions. We are interested in projects that might provide an opportunity for ETC to become involved; to help us achieve outcomes for our clients and our purpose as an organisation.

The ETC [website](#) reports that funding is closed for the 2017 year. During the recent 2016/17 funding round, 14 applicants across the ETC operating areas were successful in securing funding. Examples of projects that were recently funded include:

#### Gold Coast region

- OzHarvest Ltd (\$10,000) – the project will enable a fully functioning kitchen and equipment for the Nourish program which will deliver a pathway to employment in the hospitality industry for vulnerable youth aged 14-25 years.
- Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre Inc (\$10,000) – to establish a Community Tools Library as a resource for community members for participating in skills development workshops and undertaking basic repairs and maintenance around the home.

North Coast NSW region

- OneVisionProductions (\$7,497) – to fund essential IT equipment and software for Mentoring for Change, a program which uses culture and the creative arts to empower disengaged young people and improve educational, vocational and social outcomes.
- RED (Realising Every Dream) Inc (\$8,100) – to expand the educational capacity of ESpace, a social tech-space in Lismore, including the addition of a 3D design program. This will provide more opportunities for people with disabilities, significant employment barriers or other disadvantage to develop skills and participate socially.

Mid North Coast region

- Wauchope Neighbourhood Centre (\$6,342) – purchase of a fridge, water tank, washer and dryer to enhance food production and storage and provide a laundry facility so that more essential support for highly disadvantaged and homeless people can be provided.
- Macleay Valley Community FM Radio Station Inc (\$4,000) – to provide essential equipment for the successful completion of a second studio, to be used primarily as a training facility across the range of broadcasting skills, in the radio station’s new premises in West Kempsey.

A list of past recipients is available [here](#).

**4.2 JAMES N KIRBY FOUNDATION**

The James N Kirby Foundation is a private ancillary fund that provides funding across a broad range of charitable organisations and is committed to distributing approximately \$1 million in grants each year. The Foundation [objectives](#) are clearly detailed on its website:

The James N Kirby Foundation has been and continues to be committed to supporting organisations that provide innovative solutions and opportunities to those in our community who need it most. Our Foundation considers requests under the following four categories, seeking to support organisations and programs whose work benefits:

- Education and Technology
- The Environment
- Health
- Social Welfare, and The Arts

A complete list of the 2016 grant recipients is available [here](#). Examples of projects that were funded include:

<b>Health</b>	<b>Royal Far West</b> Caring for Country Kids – to fund a clinical room used by kids from hundreds of country towns every year.	\$50,000
	<b>Spinal Cure Australia</b> Stimulating a cure for spinal cord injury – to help fund the scientist who will lead this project.	\$35,000

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	<b>Stewart House</b> Program to support emerging mental health issues in children	\$15,000
<b>Education &amp; Technology</b>	<b>Sydney Maritime Museum Ltd</b> Apprentice Employment	\$15,000
	<b>Muscular Dystrophy Association of NSW</b> The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program for young people with Muscular Dystrophy	\$15,000
	<b>The Pyjama Foundation</b> Love of Learning – to conduct training sessions in areas outside of Sydney (eg. Wollongong and Newcastle to increase the number of volunteers in those areas and therefore help more children in the foster care system	\$10,500
	<b>The Helmsman Project Limited</b> To allow the recruitment into its program of a new school located in a disadvantaged community in Western Sydney.	\$30,000
<b>Environment</b>	<b>Australian Wildlife Conservancy</b> Restoring the mammals of central Australia at Newhaven Wildlife Sanctuary	\$25,000
	<b>Bush Heritage Australia</b> Completing the Cocklerina-Coolabah swamp wetland enclosure	\$21,500
<b>Social Welfare &amp; Art</b>	<b>Camp Breakaway Inc</b> A Breakaway for Children with High Medical Needs and/or Disabilities and their Families	\$20,000
	<b>Autism Spectrum Australia (ASPECT)</b> Aspect GEARS Peer Mentoring Program	\$25,050
	<b>Karinya House Home for Mothers &amp; Babies Inc</b> Costs of relocation and infrastructure components to transition to the new home, delivering expanded and essential services and support to some of the most vulnerable women and children in the community.	\$15,000

### 4.3 IMB COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

IMB has a branch network throughout the Illawarra, Sydney, NSW South Coast, the ACT and Melbourne. It supports the local communities in which it operates through various grants and sponsorship schemes. According to the IMB Community Foundation [webpage](#):

IMB has grown alongside the communities in which we live and work, and we believe it's important to play our part and give back. The IMB Community Foundation was established in 1999 as a way for IMB to assist community groups in building community assets

The Foundation supports projects that reflect its objectives, which include enhancing the economic self-sufficiency of communities, as well as generating economic, social, cultural, environmental, tourism and educational benefits for those communities.

There is a “how to apply” page and a list of previous finding recipients. For 2016 over 40 grants were provided. Examples of projects that were funded include:

Organisation	Project
CareSouth	Homework Hub
Disabled Surfers Association of Australia	Maintaining Safety for Disabled Surfing
Illawarra Drug Awareness Group Ltd	Life Education Illawarra Truck
Thirroul Men's Shed Inc.	Establishment and fit out of new premises
Canberra City Care	Harvest Garden to Table
Shakti Migrant and Refugee Women's Support Group Melbourne Inc.	Multilingual Domestic Violence Crisis Line
St John Ambulance Australia (ACT) Inc	Bicycle Emergency Response Team (BERT)
Cancer Patients Foundation Limited	Look Good Feel Better Workshops
Friends of Milton Library Inc	Milton Library
Shoalhaven Heads Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade	Fire Truck Power Inverters

#### 4.4 OPTUS FUTURE MAKERS PROGRAM

The [OPTUS Future Makers Program](#) supports innovative technology solutions which can be used to solve societal issues for disadvantaged youth. The program is described on the website as inclusive and open to social entrepreneurs, enterprises and not-for-profits / charities. Optus is offering up to \$300,000 in funding over two stages:

##### Stage 1

During the program finalists will have the opportunity to pitch for a small tech development grant to build a rapid beta prototype or modify an existing prototype.

##### Stage 2

Finalists can pitch for further funding so that their project can achieve social impact for disadvantaged youth.

Optus, in partnership with World Vision, is also offering seed funding of \$20,000 to support the development of an innovative tech solution for a specific social challenge. Further information about the World Vision Challenge is available [here](#).

#### 4.5 BUPA HEALTH FOUNDATION

The Bupa Health Foundation offers grants that range from \$100,000 to \$500,000 for up to three years. The Foundation aims to fund new health initiatives and innovative interventions that:

- Empower people to either prevent or better manage health conditions
- Positively impact on health policy and practice to improve the health and care of Australians

The Foundation website provides the following information in relation to the latest round of funding:

This year, the annual expression of interest funding round will change to ensure a more efficient application process for potential partners. Our funding commitment to health research will continue and remain at the same level as in previous years.

The Foundation will be refining key areas of focus for funding and sharing these areas via the website and with existing partners via email in due course.

To register to receive expression of interest notifications please email your contact details to [foundation@bupa.com.au](mailto:foundation@bupa.com.au).

There is also a [FAQs](#) section which provides further detail on the application process.

### 4.6 ANZ

The ANZ Seeds of Renewal grants program is independently administered by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) referenced earlier in section 3.1. The [ANZ community grants program](#) website states:

Seeds of Renewal is a grants program supported by ANZ that has been running since 2003, with the sole purpose of helping to build thriving communities in regional Australia. Since the program's inception, ANZ has provided more than \$4 million in grants to support 772 community projects.

The Seeds of Renewal program provides technology or funding grants of up to \$15,000 to community organisations for projects focused on creating education and employment opportunities. Technology grants (laptops and/or tablets) are provided by ANZ's technology supplier, Lenovo, and the program is independently administered by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR).

In 2016, \$275,000 in community grants and Lenovo IT equipment (9 laptops and 1 tablet) were awarded. ANZ Seeds of Renewal funded 29 community projects that focused on:

- Development and expansion of social enterprises, creating local business and employment opportunities.
- Education and training opportunities to enable community members to build skills, increasing their capacity for employment.
- Technology training programs to improve digital education.

The 2016 Seeds of Renewal Program is now closed; the program will reopen in mid-2017.

Another ANZ funding opportunity is through the [Australian Staff Foundation](#), as follows:

The ANZ Staff Foundation was established in 1988, and more than 647 charities have benefited from donations in excess of \$3.8million. Grants of around \$5,000 support a variety of projects from disadvantaged youth to the environment. A National Advisory Board and State Committees comprising ANZ employees decide the granting rounds each year. In FY2014, the ANZ Staff Foundation provided 69 grants totalling over \$315,000 to community organisations across Australia.

Applications are accepted twice a year: 15 January and 15 July.



## 4.7 COMMONWEALTH BANK COMMUNITY GRANTS

The [Commonwealth Bank Community Grants](#) are designed to assist children and young people and are funded through the organisation's workplace giving program, the Staff Community Fund.

To be eligible for a grant, an organisation must deliver a program that:

- Supports Australian youth to access quality education; or
- Engages youth in learning to develop life skills for their future; or
- Addresses the mental, physical and emotional wellbeing of youth; or
- Creates stable family environments that support youth to thrive.

Grants are for funding amounts up to \$10,000. To be eligible to apply for a Community Grant, organisations must be endorsed with DGR status by the Australian Tax Office. A copy of the 2017-2020 Community Grant Guidelines is available [here](#).

Applications for 2017 Community Grants have now closed. Applications for the next round will open in early 2020. Potential applicants can register their details for the 2020 round using this [link](#).

A full list of 2016 recipients by State is available [here](#). Examples of NSW grants included:

### **Conservation Volunteers Australia - \$9,955**

Conservation Volunteers Australia is Australia's largest conservation organisation involving the community in practical and educational conservation projects. The River Rescue program will engage up to 250 seven to twelve year olds from rural public schools, promoting the enjoyment of nature and the outdoors by involving them in the conservation of our precious waterways. The program will deliver one classroom session with environmental games and trivia and one tree planting activity to ten schools. This Community Grant will enable the River Rescue program to promote active citizenship for young people to become the volunteers of the future and to be environmentally aware and concerned citizens.

### **Books in Homes Australia - \$9,500**

Books in Homes Australia provides books of choice to families living in remote and low socio-economic areas, ensuring crucial early literacy engagement and the development of reading skills needed for lifelong success. This Community Grant will fund a program to help kids enjoy the joys of reading at Wyong Public School. 17 per cent of students at the school are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, 20 per cent have a language background other than English. 48 copies of books are donated each term to the library. Families benefit as students bring three books home each term to read with their parents, building a culture of reading in the home. The books are carefully selected with 25 per cent of titles written or illustrated by Indigenous creators.

### **Edmund Rice Camps - \$9,800**

Edmund Rice Camps provide recreation and positive relationships to children who are experiencing disadvantage and stress. By bringing children and young adult volunteers together in a safe and supportive environment, Edmund Rice Camps encourage

healthy activity, positive role modelling and respite from the pressures of everyday life. This Community Grant will deliver one residential siblings camp for 28 children, as well as volunteer training and a post-camp activity day. The camp will reunite children who may be living in separate care arrangements, for a week of recreational activities focused on team building, resilience building, and relationship development, not only with their siblings, but also with peers living in similar circumstances.

### **Kids Giving Back - \$8,700**

Kids Giving Back offers local, national and international volunteer opportunities for families with children aged six to 18. The Cook4Good+GROW program is a strategic response to the urgent needs of both at-risk youth and the homeless community. This values-based, service-learning program provides a holistic/wellness approach to educating young people in the social skills required to develop empathy and actively contribute to our society. More effective than a one-off session, this series promote life habits such as sustained teamwork, self and social awareness, communication, and effective decision-making, to enhance future employability and resilience. This Community Grant will enable 15 disadvantaged youths to take part in the program and an estimated 1,000 meals will be delivered to communities in need.

### **Sutherland Special Needs Toy Library - \$2,000**

Children living with intellectual and physical disabilities require specialised, expensive resources to support their learning and development. Often these resources are only needed for a short time, making them unaffordable for families already having to cope with expenses associated with medical and therapy needs. The Sutherland Special Needs Toy Library provides families with the resources their child needs. This Community Grant will allow the toy library to purchase hands-on, manipulative mathematics and literacy resources to support learning for children with additional needs who struggle to learn these concepts at school using traditional 'chalk and talk'. The new resources will enable children to undertake the intensive practice and instruction needed to learn skills and grasp concepts.

### **St Vincent de Paul - North Coast Settlement Services - \$10,000**

The St Vincent de Paul Society helps people experiencing disadvantage, and offers more than 100 specialised community support services. The North Coast Settlement Service (NCSS) helps newly-arrived migrants and refugees to become self-reliant, to participate in the local community, and to develop a shared purpose and a sense of identity and belonging. This Community Grant will allow NCSS to establish a Homework Club for primary school students from migrant and former refugee families. Children will get help with their homework, take part in fun activities and learn about life skills such as healthy eating. Outcomes include improved English language and reading skills, increased resilience and hope for the future.

## **4.8 TELSTRA'S KIDS FUND**

The [Telstra's Kids Fund](#) website states:

Powered by the Telstra Foundation, Telstra Kids champions local community connections for kids in Australia.

We fund the little things that make a big difference to kids' lives: connections to local activities supporting digital citizenship, arts and culture, education, health, the environment, sport and recreation.

Each year, Telstra Kids gives a million dollars in grants to local community groups that help kids to play and learn.

Telstra Kids supports school digital making activities and cyber-safety programs, veggie gardens, bouncing balls for sports clubs, books for bubs in childcare, just to name a few. It funds thousands of local, grassroots community activities that sprout up across Australia in response to local needs.

The key grant criteria are:

Telstra Kids allocates \$1,200 grants to community projects that:

- benefit kids in Australia
- are delivered by a local non-profit group
- are nominated by an eligible Telstra employee
- are implemented in a local community.

The fund has multiple grant rounds each year. Potential applicants can subscribe [here](#) to be notified when the next funding round opens.

### 4.9 AURIZON COMMUNITY GIVING FUND

Aurizon is Australia's largest rail freight operator and their Community Giving Fund [webpage](#) notes:

The Community Giving Fund was established to provide support to our communities in the areas of Health and Wellbeing, Community Safety, Environment and Education. Since 2011, we are proud to say that we have helped over 180 charities and community groups around Australia. **Who is eligible for a grant:**

- Non-profit organisations that hold an approved deductible gift recipient (DGR) status charity (Item 1) from the Australian Tax Office. If you are unsure of your organisation's tax status, check with your financial advisor and the Australian Government's ABN Lookup [website](#).
- The Aurizon Community Giving Fund is focused on the broad areas of health and wellbeing, community safety, the environment and education. All applications for an Aurizon Community Giving Fund grant must fit within at least one of these funding categories to be eligible for consideration.
- Cash grants are only available for projects that affect the immediate areas in which Aurizon operates. [Click here](#) to view map.

**Aurizon Community Giving Fund applications are closed. The next round of grants will open in September 2017.**

For NSW, cash grants are only available for the Hunter/Newcastle region. The latest version (March 2017) of the FAQs page is available [here](#).

### 4.10 CLUBS NSW

The ClubGrants [website](#) reports that, last year registered clubs allocated more than \$100 million to deserving causes through the ClubGRANTS program:

Since the scheme began, clubs have given close to \$1 billion to recipients such as Surf Life Saving, the Ted Noffs Foundation, Vision Australia and Legacy. ClubGRANTS funding is available to community groups, charities and sporting teams across NSW. Approximately 500 clubs voluntarily allocate funds to the ClubGRANTS scheme. Funding is available under three separate 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, such as hospitals and sporting facilities.*

Examples of recent funding include:

- Canterbury Hurlstone Park gave \$45,000 to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital for their iSAIL (integrated support after infant loss) Clinic. This clinic is the first in NSW to provide an integrated support system for families who have experienced pregnancy and infant loss.
- The Ella Centre in Sydney's Inner West supports people with disabilities, people who are ageing and their carers. They received \$6,000 from Five Dock RSL Club towards the cost of running a community transport program for people with disabilities in the area.
- Clubs in Cessnock gave \$8,605 to Buckety and District Rural Fire Brigade to assist in protecting the community from deadly bush fires.
- Pittwater RSL gave \$5,000 to the Warriewood Surf Life Saving Club to continue their work keeping swimmers safe at Warriewood Beach.
- Clubs in Wollongong gave a total of \$23,450 to CareWays community. A community outreach program offering services to the most disadvantaged and marginalised in the community.

### **4.11 OTHER PRIVATE SECTOR/NON-GOVERNMENT FUNDING SOURCES INCLUDE:**

Woolworths – [Community Grants](#)

Myer – [The Myer Foundation and Sidney Myer Fund](#)

NAB – [Community Grants](#)

Westpac - [Foundation Community Grants](#)

[Sisters of Charity Foundation](#)

Further examples of non-government sources for grants can be found in the Commonwealth Parliamentary Library's [Community Grants: a quick guide to Internet links](#) (last updated 15 January 2016).

## 5. SELECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING SOURCES

### 5.1 CITY OF SYDNEY

The City of Sydney offers a wide range of grants, including:

- [Community grants](#)
- [Cultural grants](#)
- [Environment grants](#)
- [Business grants](#)

The City of Sydney website provides a [grants and sponsorship policy](#) and the [2017 program guidelines](#). These guidelines provide applicants with the details they need to apply for a grant or sponsorship from the City.

#### Community Services Grants

The City of Sydney offers community services grants that provide funding of up to \$50,000 per year for between 1 and 3 years. These grants:

...support organisations to deliver community programs or projects that support sustainable communities and contribute to a connected, liveable, inclusive and engaged city.

The program assists organisations to pilot or trial innovative services or establish a program that addresses an unmet need for residents, workers and visitors.

High priority areas for funding will be identified by the City of Sydney for each funding round. Priority areas include but are not limited to projects which address 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.

#### Matching Grants

The City of Sydney also offers a matching grant program. The aim of this program is to deliver local, community-based projects which:

- engage the community
- develop skills
- build capacity
- share funding arrangements.

Applicants are required to demonstrate how they will address the needs of a specific community project, which may include:

- cultural projects
- community building ideas
- cycling-related projects
- community gardens
- public art projects
- multicultural programs
- neighbourhood events and activities.

The program supports projects that involve genuine community participation. By 'matching' what the community contributes, the City is building a sense of community and strengthening partnerships as people work together on the project.

The matching grant program recognises any community contribution towards a project and can offer up to \$10,000 support to match this contribution.

Contributions from the community or the City can be made in cash or value-in-kind.

### 5.2 WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL

The Wollongong City Council offers a number of grants to provide financial support to groups and individuals in the Wollongong community. These include:

- [Wollongong Heritage Fund](#): The Wollongong Heritage Fund supports conservation works or reports for heritage items that are listed in a current or draft [Local Environmental Plan](#). Applications for this program have now closed. In 2017, fund applications were received from 1 February to 30 April 2017.
- [Small cultural grants](#): Established in 1998, our Small Cultural Grants program supports a diverse range of activities that enrich the cultural life of our area, and promote community participation in cultural activities. This program is open to individual and not-for-profit community groups in the local cultural industry, including music, performing arts, visual arts, crafts and other cultural initiatives. Those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.
- [Small Grants NAIDOC Week Event](#): This grant aims to involve as many people as possible in NAIDOC Week celebrations of the history, culture and achievements of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Applicants must be not-for-profit community organisations proposing an activity that will occur as part of NAIDOC Week. Applications for this program have now closed. Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application once the assessment process has been completed.
- [Sponsorship of Community Events](#): The Sponsorship of Community Events program provides assistance for not-for-profit groups, organisations or individuals seeking to organise a community event within the City of Wollongong. Activities sponsored through this program include citywide events, local community events, and sporting events of State or National significance. Those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Applications for this program have now closed.
- [Contribution to public bands and choirs](#): Council provides support on an annual basis to public bands and choirs that contribute to the community's sense of belonging and cultural life. Those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Applications for this program have now closed.
- [Minor Donations](#): Groups, organisations or individuals within the City of Wollongong who are not eligible for support under any other Financial Assistance program may be considered for a Minor Donation. Eligible categories include:
  - Selection to represent the City of Wollongong in a recognised national or international event.

- Providing a recognised community service which would otherwise be non-existent
- Being a recognised not-for-profit organisation under the Charitable Fundraising Act.

### 5.3 ARMIDALE REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Armidale Regional Council offers a Grants and Funding Opportunities [webpage](#) which provides information on two grant schemes:

- Community Small Grants Program: These grants are offered twice a year in September and February. Council can provide assistance through the small grants program for applicants seeking up to \$1000. Not-for-profit organisations from within the Armidale Regional Council LGA can submit an application. The grants are designed to:
  - Provide support for local programs or initiatives which are considered beneficial to the community and which address community needs.
  - Support the development of special initiatives or programs which demonstrate community cooperation between a number of local groups and organisations.
- Sports Council Small grants are provided to residents of the Armidale Regional Local Government Area who may need assistance to attend state, federal or international sporting events. Applications from Individuals may be considered by the Sports Council executive at any time however all decisions will be endorsed at the following meeting of the Sports Council. Applicants can apply for up to \$250 per calendar year.

### 5.4 COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

The [Coffs Harbour City Council](#) provides four annual grant programs for the community:

- [Environmental Levy Grants](#)
- [Community Arts and Cultural Development Grants](#)
- [Green Schools Sustainability Grants](#)
- [Community Capital Infrastructure Grants Program](#)

As part of its grant program, the Council offers applicants support through free workshops and a detailed [guide](#) on the funding application process.

### 5.5 ORANGE CITY COUNCIL

The [Orange City Council](#) has a [Donations and Grants policy](#) with the following objectives:

- To provide financial assistance to groups or individuals who offer significant contribution to the social, economic and/or environmental wellbeing of the community.
- To provide assistance to community groups and/or sporting bodies by way of financial contribution and/or in kind support to capital improvement projects in accordance with S356 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The council will provide financial assistance to community groups that provide a direct benefit to the community under the following categories:

- Rates and reimbursement for not for profit organisations. These will be considered annually as part of the budget process.
- Requests up to \$1,000 per application for costs associated with sporting representation, prize giving for school/community organisations reimbursements fees and charges for Council venues and miscellaneous minor requests. These will be considered quarterly.
- Organisations/Groups seeking ongoing yearly subsidies up to \$3,000 per year. These will be considered annually as part of the budget process.
- Sports Facility Partnership Program. Total available in one year \$50,000, with a maximum of \$15,000 per application, matched on a dollar for dollar basis by the applicant. These will be considered annually as part of the budget process.

### 5.6 THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE

The [City of Newcastle](#) offers grants and sponsorships covering the following:

- [Economic Development](#)
- [Recreation Facilities Program](#)
- [Events Sponsorship](#)
- [Community Assistance](#)
- [Make your Place Community Grants](#)

The [Community Assistance Program](#) “has been designed to provide grants for community events, projects, services or activities to promote and enhance a caring and inclusive community, and vibrant and activated public places.”

Applications for the 2017-18 Community Assistance Program have now closed. Applications for 2018-19 will open around April 2018.

The [Make Your Place Community Grant Program](#) provides grants up to \$2,000 (GST exclusive) for community projects”. In order to be eligible, the grant application must:

- Relate to public space within the Newcastle Local Government area.
- Be proposed by a group of at least three people, not by an individual.
- Applications for a repeat project in the same location, in consecutive grant rounds will not be supported.
- Show evidence of matching the value of the grant through either in-kind support or \$ contribution.

Assessment Criteria:

- Show evidence of local community involvement and/or local business partnership
- Deliver place activation
- Deliver community benefit.

The next 2017 grant round closes on 21 August 2017.



## 5.7 CITY OF PARRAMATTA

The City of Parramatta offers a range of quarterly and annual funding opportunities across the Local Government Area (LGA). The aim of the Community Grants Program is to:

...support local not-for-profit community, recreation and sporting groups, clubs, organisations, services, social enterprises and even individuals with a wide range of services and activities that contribute to the strategic objectives of the City's Community Strategic Plan.

2017 funding opportunities are listed [here](#).

## 5.8 SELECTED OTHER LOCAL COUNCIL WEBSITES

[Albury City Council](#)

[Ballina Shire Council](#)

[Bega Valley Shire Council](#)

[Blacktown City Council](#)

[Blue Mountains City Council](#)

[Broken Hill City Council](#)

[Central Coast Council](#)

[Cumberland Council](#)

[Dubbo Regional Council](#)

[Griffith City Council](#)

[Hurstville City Council](#)

[Inner West Council](#)

[Lake Macquarie City Council](#)

[Liverpool City Council](#)

[Port Macquarie-Hastings Council](#)

[Shellharbour City Council](#)

[Tweed Shire Council](#)

[Wagga Wagga City Council](#)

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