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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 Members and their electorate office staff to respond to these requests. 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 2018 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 2019.

2018 edition changes

Additional sub-sections on [education](#), [gambling](#) and [homelessness](#) have been included to increase the number of selected subject areas covered in the guide. The number of private companies covered in [section 4](#) has been increased to reflect a broader range of funding opportunities, while a redesigned section 6 divides local government funding opportunities into metropolitan and regional sub-sections. The contents of this section have also been updated to reflect the impact of recent council amalgamations in NSW.

All links are current as of the data of publication (20 June 2018). As funding opportunities constantly change, it is recommended that the enclosed links provided in this guide are monitored regularly throughout the year.

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.

The Service NSW website provides access to the [Community Building Partnership](#) program which 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 2018 application round timetable is available [here](#).

1.2 communitybuilders.nsw

The [communitybuilders.nsw](#) website is an interactive online hub for the community to explore how to engage, build and strengthen communities. Access to the following grants and funding opportunity resources is available:

- [Funding database](#); and
- [Philanthropic grants and trusts](#).

1.3 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. The following table provides links to grant and funding information currently available on each RDA Committee’s website:

RDA region	Grant and funding links
Central West	http://www.rdacentralwest.org.au/funding/
Far South Coast	https://www.rdafsc.com.au/grants-funding/
Far West	http://rdafarwestnsw.org.au/grants/
Illawarra	http://www.rdaillawarra.com.au/resources/grants-and-funding/
Mid North Coast	http://rdamnc.org.au/resources/funding-and-grants/opportunities/
Murray	http://www.rdamurray.org.au/newsletters/fyi-grants/
Northern Inland	http://www.rdani.org.au/links.php
Northern Rivers	https://rdanorthernrivers.org.au/grants-opportunities-2/
Orana	http://www.rdaorana.org.au/funding.htm
Riverina	http://www.rdariverina.org.au/funding.aspx

Southern Inland	https://www.rdasi.org.au/funding-and-grants/
Sydney	https://www.rdasymdney.org.au/grants-funding/grants-funding-directory/
Central West	http://www.rdacentralwest.org.au/funding/
Far South Coast	https://www.rdafsc.com.au/grants-funding/

1.4 Commonwealth Government

The key Commonwealth Government resource is the Grants and Assistance section of 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](#) and the [EasyGrants Newsletter](#) is available for an annual fee of \$85. Members of the NSW Parliament should note that the EasyGrants newsletter is available by accessing 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 2018, information was available for the following categories:

- Arts;
- Community Services;
- Education;
- Environment;
- Health;
- Infrastructure;
- Multicultural;
- Sport; and
- Other.

2.3 Pro Bono Australia

[Pro Bono Australia](#) is a non-government organisation that offers media, jobs, education, skilled volunteering and other resources for the not-for-profit sector. The website's [grants](#) section 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 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 2018, this includes access to the [Directory of Funders](#) at a subscription cost of \$110 for 12 months. 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 and professional development;
- Community projects;
- Research;
- Sport;
- Study; and
- Travel.

3. Grants in selected subject areas

This section focuses on community grants for the following subject areas:

- Arts;
- Disability ;
- Education;
- Environment;
- Gambling;
- Homelessness;
- Multicultural;
- Road safety;
- Rural and regional grants; and
- Sport and recreation.

For most of these areas, systematic searches for community grants and other funding opportunities can be conducted using the 'gateway' websites resources identified in [section 1](#) and [section 2](#).

3.1 Arts

Create NSW

[Create NSW](#) is the NSW Government's agency for arts, screen and culture in NSW.

Its website has a dedicated [Funding and support](#) section which provides information on a range of funding opportunities such as:

- [Western Sydney funding opportunities](#);
- [Western Sydney Strategic Opportunities Fund](#);
- [Western Sydney Emerging Organisations Program](#); and
- [Creative Koori - Aboriginal Strategic Program](#).

Create NSW offers direct funding to organisations, artists, practitioners and arts and cultural workers through the [Arts and Cultural Development Program](#) (ACDP). The ACDP funds everything from multi-year programs to one-off projects and professional development opportunities across visual arts, museums and history, literature, performing arts, music and more. Information on screen funding and incentives or filming in NSW is available from [Screen NSW](#).

Regional Arts NSW

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

- [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](#): The Country Arts Support Program is an annual small grants program administered by Regional Arts NSW on behalf of Create NSW. It 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 19 June 2018 and close 10 August 2018.

A comprehensive list of all available art forms and general grants can be 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. In 2018, 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; and
- Four Year Funding for Organisations: \$75,000 - \$300,000 p.a.

The Council website provides a [FAQs](#) section with further information on the application process for each grant program. The Council also issues [Scam Alerts](#) to provide information 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. An overview of its funding programs is available [here](#). CPA encourages sponsorship and corporate support, and builds partnerships between artists, business, private donors and the community to support the arts.

3.2 Disability

With the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), funding for community groups in this area is in transition. The NDIS website provides a [grants](#) section and information on the availability of [NDIS services in NSW](#).

The [Commonwealth Department of Social Services](#) (DSS) offers three relevant grant funding opportunities based on common social policy functions:

- Families and Communities;
- Housing and Homelessness; and
- Disability, Mental Health and Carers.

Information for grant recipients is available [here](#). The DSS website also provides access to its [Community Grants Hub Website](#) which is designed to simplify the grant experience for service providers, the community and the Government. The following table presents a summary of the open DSS Grants Programs as at 15 June 2018:

Grant title	Category	Description	Closing date
Settlement Engagement and Transition Support (SETS) – Community Capacity Building	Settlement Services	SETS is an early intervention program that equips and empowers eligible clients and communities to address their identified settlement needs in order to improve social participation, economic well-being, independence, personal well-being and community connectedness.	26 June 2018
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 veteran community by providing funding for projects that support activities and services to sustain or enhance health and wellbeing.	28 February 2019
The Try, Test and Learn Fund: Tranche 2	Transition to work	The Try, Test & Learn Fund Tranche 2 funds trials of innovative approaches to help groups at risk of long-term welfare dependence.	28 September 2018

The [Ian Potter Foundation Health and Disability Program](#) provides grant funding (in excess of \$100,000 subject to eligibility conditions) to improve the quality of life of people who are living with a disability or illness. The program focuses on disease prevention and the development of employment opportunities for individuals with a disability.

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. Details of the 2018 Public Education Foundation Scholarships for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students are available on the NSW Department of Education [website](#). Further information on all 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 scholarships 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.

Similarly, the NSW Teachers Federation provides [Future Teacher Scholarships](#) valued at \$4,000.

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.” As the website notes, these “scholarships can cover an array of costs from tuition fees to living and accommodation costs.”

The Commonwealth Government offers a range of [scholarships](#) for students who need financial support for their studies. These include the [Australia Awards](#) and other [International Scholarships](#). The Commonwealth Department of Education and Training also provides the [Study Assist](#) website, which is a useful resource about sources of government assistance for financing tertiary study.

Education funding for regional students

The [Country Education Foundation of Australia](#) (CEF) is a national not-for-profit organisation which offers rural and regional students financial grants for education and employment expenses. Grants can range from \$500 to \$5,000. The allocation of CEF grants is based on “financial need, not academic success.” According to the CEF [grants](#) section: “applications can be made at any time however each local foundation has their own grant cycle dates for consideration.” 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 15 June 2018.

Program	Opening date	Closing date	Funding available	Anticipated announcement date	Next round opening
Eco Schools	Round Open	18 June 2018	\$280,000	November 2018	2019
Education (Community)	2017 Round Closed	2017 Round Closed	\$500,000	November 2017	TBA
Education (Government)	2017 Round Closed	2017 Round Closed	\$500,000	November 2017	TBA
Lead Environmental Community Groups	Closed	Closed	\$600,000	July 2016	TBA
Protecting Our Places	2017 Round Closed	2017 Round Closed	TBA	December 2017	TBA
Research	5 February 2018	12 March 2018	\$1,000,000	September 2018	TBA
Restoration and Rehabilitation (Community)	29 January 2018	26 March 2018	\$2,000,000	July 2018	TBA
Restoration and Rehabilitation (State and local government)	29 January 2018	26 March 2018	\$2,000,000	July 2018	TBA
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

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

Liquor and Gaming NSW has established a series of initiatives to examine the impact of gambling in NSW communities. As at 15 June 2018 current initiatives include:

- The [Responsible Gambling Fund](#) funds programs and services that aim to reduce the harm of problem gambling on individuals and communities in NSW;

- [Infrastructure grants](#) are available to NSW communities to support the building, renovation and fit out of infrastructure; and
- The [Community Development Fund](#) was established to create and implement programs for community benefit.

3.6 Homelessness

[Community Sector Banking](#) operates a [Social Investment Grants Program](#) with a total of \$300,000 available in community grants. In 2018, theme will be “Building resilience and capability in people experiencing homelessness or domestic abuse”.

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 grants program focuses on “supporting housing first and permanent supportive housing solutions.” 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 Grants Program](#) invests in:

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

Multicultural NSW offers five grant categories:

- [Premier’s Fund for Social Cohesion](#);
- [Unity Grants](#);
- [Celebration Grants](#);
- [Support Grants](#); and
- [Partnership Grants](#).

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

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:

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

As of 15 June 2018 the website reported that the following grants were open:

Grant Program	Summary	Status	Key Dates
ANZ Seeds of Renewal	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, thanks to ANZ's technology par...	Opening Soon	Expected to open in July
School and Beyond	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	Contact FRRR for Partner Information
Tackling Tough Times Together	Tackling Tough Times Together is a rolling grants program that helps communities access the resources they need to support one another through the drought. Grants up to \$15,000 are available, with EOIs invited for grants up to \$50,000.	Open	Accepting applications for Round 10
Repair-Restore-Renew (RRR) 2017 - Round 1	The Repair-Restore-Renew (RRR) grants program helps communities in Qld and NSW recover from the floods and cyclones that affected communities during 2017.	Open	Closes 18 June

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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 New South Wales and Victoria.	Open	Closes 9 July
Back to School	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.	Awarded vouchers distributed	EOIs for 2018-19 program open Nov

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 2018-19 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. The 2018-9 application form 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. As at 15 June 2018, the details of the 2018 round of Habitat Action Grants had not been released online. Upon release, the 2018 application forms will be made available on the [Habitat Action Grants](#) webpage.

Destination NSW

[Destination NSW](#) manages a [Regional Flagship Events Program](#) designed to identify and support events in regional NSW that have the potential to generate significant levels of ongoing tourism. Funding opportunities are organised under three categories:

- The [Incubator Event Fund](#): supports the establishment of new events;
- The [Flagship Event Fund](#): supports the marketing of emerging events to increase their profile and encourage visitation;
- The [Event Development Fund](#): supports the strategic development of proven flagship events as drivers of tourism.

3.10 Sport and Recreation

Australian Sports Commission

The [Australian Sports Commission](#) (ASC) website provides information on a range of sports-related grants and scholarships. In 2018, these currently include:

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

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

NSW Office of Sport

The [NSW Office of Sport](#) provides funding to “nurture sporting talent, help build sports facilities and develop the industry as a whole.” As of 15 June 2018 the website reports that the following grants were 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 2018 Applications close: 13 July 2018
Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund	The fund will invest in new and existing facilities to improve the quality and quantity of sports infrastructure across Greater Sydney	Open	Applications open: 1 June 2018 Applications close: 31 August 2018

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

- [NSW Asian Cup 2015 Legacy Fund](#);
- [Local Sport Defibrillator Program](#);
- [Local Sport Grant Program](#);
- [Safe Shooting Program](#);
- [Sport Development Grant Program](#);
- [Surf Club Facility Program](#);
- [Community Development Grants Program](#); and
- [Stronger Communities Program](#).

4. Selected Private Sector Funding Sources

The [ANZ Seeds of Renewal](#) grants program provides small grants of up to \$15,000, or technology equipment, to rural community organisations to support regional Australia. Applications are invited from not-for-profit, community based organisations that will deliver projects with a demonstrable benefit to a regional community of 15,000 people or less.

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 [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. Further information is available [here](#).

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 is designed to support the financial sustainability of community organisations by awarding grants for a period of three years. This allows recipients to deliver crucial programs over the longer term. Applications for the next round will open in early 2020.

The [IMB Community Foundation](#) provides financial support to community groups to assist them in translating their ideas into working projects.

The [James N Kirby Foundation](#) offers support to organisations whose working in the following four areas:

- Education and Technology;
- Environment;
- Health;
- Social Welfare; and the Arts.

The [Myer Foundation and Sidney Myer Fund](#) provide individual grants programs under the following 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 [NAB Foundation](#) offers grants that target social change by supporting organisations that have a social purpose within the community. In 2018, the grants

program is focused on addressing domestic and family violence, financial resilience and environmental wellbeing.

The [Optus Future Makers Program](#) is a capacity-building program that focuses on supporting technology innovators to use their skill set to address social issues for vulnerable people. The program identifies poverty, mental health issues, living in remote areas and difficult family circumstances as factors that create vulnerability by impacting on an individual's access to vital services and education.

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. It funds thousands of local, grassroots community activities that sprout up across Australia in response to local needs.

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 available at the earlier link.

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 tackle complex social issues and increase access to education, training, and employment opportunities in their local community.

[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

[ClubGrants NSW](#) offers community funding opportunities through its [ClubGRANTS 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, such as hospitals and sporting facilities.

The [Enterprise & Training Company Ltd](#) (ETC) is a not-for-profit organisation which 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 \$10,000 to organisations that fight poverty, loneliness, suffering and oppression, but struggle to find funding. The foundation website provides access to a [community grants](#) and [scholarships](#).

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 21 March 2018).

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. These resources include grant programs that are managed by LGNSW under agreements with the relevant government agencies. These grants programs provide resources to councils that they may otherwise be unable to access. 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 four types of grants:

- [Heritage Grants](#);
- [Community Grants](#);
- [Venue Hire Grants](#); and
- [ClubGRANTS](#).

These community grants are designed to enable local groups to partner with the Council to address community needs. Grants of up to \$25,000 are available through the Connected Communities Program and up to \$10,000 is available through the Community Assets and Equipment grant category.

Inner West Council

The [Inner West Council](#) offers two types of community grants:

- [Community Wellbeing Grants](#); and
- [Stronger Communities Grants](#).

The Community Grants Program provides financial support and in-kind resources up to \$7,500 for not-for-profit community organisations that undertake projects or activities that:

- Address local issues;
- Promote social justice;
- Enhance wellbeing; and
- Foster inclusion and social connection.

The Stronger Community Grants offer funding in the \$10,000 to \$50,000 range.

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 2018,

community grants of up to \$5,000 are available. Grants are awarded to projects that benefit residents, build or enhance the reputation of Liverpool City Council and support delivery of the Council's [Our Home, Liverpool 2027 Community Strategic Plan](#).

City of Parramatta

The City of Parramatta 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 objectives of the City's [Community Strategic Plan](#).

In 2018, 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 all year round.

City of Sydney

The [City of Sydney](#) offers four types of grants:

- [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 latest [grants and sponsorship policy](#) (as at December 2017) and the [2018 program guidelines](#) are available from the City of Sydney website. These guidelines provide applicants with the information needed to apply for a grant or sponsorship from the City.

6.2 Regional

Armidale Regional Council

The Armidale Regional Council provides a [Grants and Funding Opportunities](#) webpage which outlines two small grant programs:

- Community Small Grants Program: Local not-for-profit organisations can apply to the Council for support up to \$1,000.
- Sports Council Small grants: Residents of the Armidale Regional LGA can apply for up to \$250 per calendar year to support their attendance at state, federal or international sporting events.

Coffs Harbour City Council

The [Coffs Harbour City Council](#) provides a range of grant programs:

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

Other grant opportunities are listed [here](#).

The City of Newcastle

The [City of Newcastle](#) offers a range of grants in 2018 to “help activate public spaces, enhance community wellbeing and strengthen the city's reputation as a destination for tourism, business and events.” These grants include:

- [Community Place Making Grants](#);
- [Economic Development](#);
- [Events Sponsorship](#); and
- [Recreation Facilities Program](#).

In 2018, [Community Place Making Grants](#) will provide funding of up to \$4,000 for projects that “promote and enhance a caring and inclusive community, and vibrant and activated public places.”

Orange City Council

The [Orange City Council](#) provides financial assistance to community groups that provide a direct benefit to the community. The Council's [Donations and Grants policy](#) has 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*.

Wollongong City Council

The [Wollongong City Council](#) offers a number of grants that provide financial support to groups and individuals in the Wollongong community. These include:

- [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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