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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 such requests. It is organised under the following headings:

- Government gateways to community grants
- Non-government gateways to community grants
- Grants in selected subject areas
- Selected NGO and private sector funding sources
- Selected local government funding sources
- Selected NSW departmental/agency websites

It should be emphasised that this does not purport to be a comprehensive survey of the grants sector in Australia, an area which is as large as it is complex. The specific grants noted in the "Grants in selected subject areas" are indicative only, as are those in the "Selected private sector/non-government funding sources" and the "Selected local government funding sources" sections. It should also be emphasised that funding opportunities are subject to constant change and must therefore be checked for their current availability.

The key to successful funding is a proper assessment of the project at hand and matching this with the appropriate public and/or private sector scheme. For example, you may be seeking a grant for what is primarily a sporting activity, but grants may also be available under other categories, such as youth, older people, indigenous people, health and wellbeing.

### 1. Government gateways to community grants

#### 1.1 [Community Builders.NSW](#)

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

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

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

The pull-down menu under “Building Resources” includes reference to “funding database”, “government funding websites” and “philanthropic grants and trusts”. A side menu is provided for the “funding database” listing alphabetically the subject areas under which grants are available, from “Aboriginal people” to “young people”. Listed under “[philanthropic grants and trusts](#)” are sources of specific grants and funds, including such private sector sources as [Clubs NSW](#) and the [Westpac Foundation](#).

### **1.2 [Service NSW](#)**

Access is provided to the [Community Building Partnership](#) program, with the website stating:

The NSW Community Building Partnership (CBP) program provides grants to fund building and improvement of local community facilities. The program aims to improve community infrastructure for the people of NSW and to encourage the enhancement of local community based activities that create more vibrant and inclusive communities.

If you're acting for a community-based not-for-profit incorporated organisation or a local council, you can apply online for a grant. Applications close on Friday 7 August 2015.

Access is also provided to the [NSW Seniors Week Grant](#) program, with the website stating:

The 2016 NSW Seniors Week grants program provides \$200,000 in seed-funding for organisations to hold events for seniors during the NSW Seniors Week festival.

You can apply online for a grant to fund your event for NSW Seniors Week in 2016. Applications close on Friday 5 September 2015.

The terms and conditions relating to these grants can be found [here](#). The “eligibility criteria” state that:

2016 NSW Seniors Week grants are open to all not-for-profit and charitable organisations, public companies limited by guarantee and local government authorities based in NSW.

Workplaces or businesses that plan activities or projects in support of the needs of seniors and the ageing population can also apply.

To be eligible for funding, organisations must be incorporated. Where an organisation is not incorporated the application must be sponsored by an incorporated or local government organisation.

### **1.3 [Regional Development Australia \(NSW\)](#)**

RDA Committees in New South Wales 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. An example of one that does is the RDA Far West NSW [website](#) which notes that:

RDA Far West have compiled a list of grants that may help you identify grant opportunities, this is not an exhaustive list but is intended to providing a starting point.

Regional Development Australia Far West provides a Grant Writing support service to the local community. Our Project Officer can assist local organisations, clubs and businesses with identifying areas where they may be eligible for Government Grants or Funding and assist them in completing applications for submission.

The RDA Sydney website includes a [Grant Funding Directory](#), which is:

Not meant to be a comprehensive listing of grants and funding programmes but rather a listing of some key opportunities, with a focus on grants that may be relevant to the Sydney region.

Listed are a range of grants, among them the [Capital Grants Program](#) which provides:

funding to assist non-government primary and secondary school communities to improve capital infrastructure where they otherwise may not have access to sufficient capital resources.

### 1.4 Commonwealth government

The key source is the “grants and assistance” section of the [business.gov.au](#) webpage which states:

Our programmes are designed to help Australian businesses of all sizes and industries improve productivity and competitiveness, and create jobs.

Our programmes include incentives for research and development, support for small businesses, tax and duty concessions, and assistance for industries in transition. They support invention and technology development in businesses by fostering collaboration between industry and researchers.

The grants available are listed under various categories and these can be searched by jurisdiction on the “[Find Grants](#)” page. The categories include:

- Entrepreneur’s Programme
- Growth Fund
- Industry Skills Fund
- Energy and Fuels
- Manufacturing

For example, the Entrepreneur's Programme category includes "Business Growth Grants". Results from a search on the "[Find Grants](#)" page include for NSW:

- [Regional Industries Investment Fund - NSW](#) Supports economic growth in regional NSW as well as enhancing the attractiveness of regional areas. Funding is available to support various projects including: business investment, local infrastructure and economic development. The relevant agency is the Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development; applications may be made at any time.

## 2. Non-government gateways to community grants

### 2.1 [Funding Centre](#)

The Funding Centre is an enterprise of [Our Community.com.au](#). Grants can be searched for on this [webpage](#). According to a brochure available on the [website](#):

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

The EasyGrants Newsletter is available for a small fee (\$85 per year), but note that this is available to Members of the NSW Parliament via the Parliamentary Library's [homepage](#).

### 2.2 [Grants Guru Community](#)

This free database offers 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 disability brings up 119 results, showing those funding opportunities that are open and closed for application.

## 2.3 Pro Bono Australia

For non-government gateways a good starting point is this [website](#), which provides a free, comprehensive and up to date listing of grants available from all sources, government and non-government, and on all 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 [Seek funding](#) section of our website. You can also purchase the [Directory of Funders](#) to access contact details for more than 250 grant-makers.

There are costs involved, including \$99 for access to the [Directory of Funders](#) for 12 months.

## 2.5 [Grants Search](#)

The [website](#) for this subscription based service states:

**grantsearch** is Australia's original and most comprehensive funding database, detailing **\$8billion** distributed to **18,000** recipients every year. Over **4,000** entries identify grants and scholarships for:

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- travel
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## 2.6 [Business Grants Australia](#) (free phone 1800 785 972).

This is another non-government central clearing house for a wide range of public and private sector grants, available primarily to business and broken down by State. Full details and costs are available on request.

The website includes drop down menus headed “Small business grants women”, “success stories” and “funding by State”. A side-bar also sets out grants by industry. For example, the “primary producers – agriculture” [website](#) states:

Government grants offer Australian agriculture, farm and primary producers money and assistance on a constant basis through federal, state and local grant funding programs.

Farm loans & grants can be used for all purposes with financial assistance including money, advice and help to start, expand or exit a farming business in any state of Australia up to **\$1 million dollars**.

In relation to [NSW Primary Producer Grants](#) it is said that there “are over 100 programs offering money and assistance” and that

New South Wales Primary producers seeking money can get funding designed primarily for NSW farming and agriculture that is non repayable with amounts offered varying from \$5,000 into the millions.

There is also a “[Not for Profit](#)” page, which makes reference to “**Google Grants**-up to \$10,000 per month in free advertising”. Reference is also made to “Yes” Optus Community Grants:

The ‘yes’ Optus Community Grants Program funding will be awarded to projects aimed at supporting disengaged youth and/or activities that build social inclusion:

- by providing access to communications
- by connecting disengaged communities
- by helping disadvantaged young people improve their education, life skills and knowledge.
- Funding up to \$5,000 available

## 3. Grants in selected subject areas

For most of these subject areas, searches can be conducted on each of the "gateway" websites cited in an earlier chapter. Funding opportunities may also be found on the selected local council websites in Chapter 5 of this paper. The subject areas are as follows:

- Rural and regional grants
- Regional infrastructure
- Sport and recreation
- The Arts
- Culture
- Environment
- Disability



### 3.1 Rural and regional grants

Noted above were [Regional Development Australia \(NSW\)](#) and [Regional Industries Investment Fund - NSW](#). Discussed in more detail in a later section is the Regional Arts NSW [website](#), which includes reference to the:

#### [Regional Flagship Events Program](#)

The Regional Flagship Events Program supports the marketing of events that play an important role in bringing visitors to regional NSW. Increased visitation can deliver much-needed tourist dollars to communities and strengthen the regional economy. To be funded under the Regional Flagship Events Program, events must have tourism potential and reflect the character and culture of an area and act as a “flagship” for their region.

Destination NSW provides funding in \$10,000 one-off grants or triennial funding of \$20,000 per year for three years to event organisers to support the marketing and advertising of events.

Since 1996, the NSW Government has provided more than \$5.1 million to support more than 235 events in Regional NSW.

The [Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal](#) (FRRR) offers another good introduction 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 can apply for funding of its projects and activities. There is an “eligibility criteria” [link](#) which sets this out very clearly. Grants are grouped under the following headings: Enable Grants; Engage Grants; Educate Grants; Recover and Strengthen; and Industries & Place. The [ANZ Seeds of Renewal grants program](#) is independently administered by the FRRR (see 4.6).

There is also 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 25 August 2015 the following grants were “open”:

Grant Program	Summary	Status	Key Dates
<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="#">Small Grants for Rural Communities (SGRC) - Round 28</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	Open	Grants now open
<a href="#">REAPing Rewards - Round 5</a>	National program targeting educational outcomes in rural and	Open	Applications now open

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	remote communities. It supports locally-driven projects and programs that directly benefit people up to 18 years of age, and their educators		
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In addition the [website](#) makes reference to the following grants programs:

Grant Program	Summary	Status	Key Dates
<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	2015/16 program opens in September
<a href="#">Lachlan Region Community grants program</a>	The program provided funding for projects that address Education and Young People, Employment and Industry, Community Spirit and Stability or Services and Infrastructure for communities in the Lachlan Shire, NSW. This program has now ended.	Closed	Grants recipients announced
<a href="#">Repair-Restore-Renew (RRR) 2013 - Round 2</a>	The Repair-Restore-Renew (RRR) grants program helps communities in Qld, NSW, VIC and TAS recover from the fires, floods and cyclones that affected communities during 2013.	Closed	Grants recipients announced
<a href="#">CIRCLE - Grants Program</a>	New program focussing on developing the local leadership necessarily to effectively prepare for and respond to change, including structural and economic change and natural disasters.	Closed	Grants announced
<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 now being assessed
<a href="#">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 now being assessed
<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	Applications being assessed
<a href="#">ANZ Seeds of Renewal</a>	An ANZ funded program which focuses on enhancing education and employment opportunities in rural, regional and remote areas. Consideration will be given to projects in communities with fewer than 15,000 people.	Closed	Applications being assessed
<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.	Closed	Applications now being assessed



There is an [FAQ page](#) to assist applications.

The **NSW Department of Primary Industries website** is another useful website for accessing rural and regional grants in this State. Some of the programs, including selected scholarships and bursaries, cited currently are as follows:

<p><b>Australian Federation of Graduate Women NSW - Cowra-Canowindra HSC Scholarship (\$2000)</b></p>	<p>The aim of this annual scholarship is to assist a highly-motivated female student who lives and attends school in the Cowra-Canowindra area and has been accepted for University. Highly commended awards may also be given at the discretion of the HSC Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship is valued at \$2000 and is financed entirely from funds raised from our Central West group functions, newsletters and donations. Interested students are invited to submit a CV and a letter of application to the AFGW HSC Coordinator at the following email address: <a href="mailto:afgwcwhsc@gmail.com">afgwcwhsc@gmail.com</a>. Closes 30 January 2016</p> <p>Full details: See the <a href="#">Scholarship Summary</a> page.</p>
<p><b>Australian Federation of Graduate Women NSW - The Dr Barbara Wright Post-Graduate Scholarship (\$4000)</b></p>	<p>The Dr Barbara Wright Post-Graduate Scholarship is awarded to a woman from Central West NSW seeking to continue her post-graduate education. Since its inception in 2001 this scholarship has been awarded every two years when funds permit. It was renamed in 2007 to honour one of our members, Dr Barbara Wright. Dr Wright was a past president and committee member of the Branch for over 30 years. Barbara was a driving force in the establishment of this scholarship. She was a highly respected GP, who was committed to the local community and as a tribute following her death, AFGW Central West launched an appeal for funds to ensure the scholarship's continuance. The generosity of the rural community and of Barbara's many friends from far and wide has meant that a substantial sum has now been placed in the AFGW NSW Education Trust. Donations to the Dr Barbara Wright Post-Graduate Scholarship Fund are still welcome and are tax-deductible.</p> <p>Full details: See the <a href="#">Scholarship Summary</a> page.</p>
<p><b>Australian Society of Agronomy Conference Bursaries</b></p>	<p>Provides bursaries for young farmers (35 years and under) to cover free registration plus up to \$800 for travel and accommodation expenses to attend the 2012 Australian Agronomy Conference.</p> <p>The Society is also offering bursaries to support students undertaking tertiary studies in agriculture or a related field, with these awards covering free conference registration and up to \$500 for travel and accommodation expenses to attend the conference. Preference will be given to students who present a paper at the conference.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.agronomy.org.au/awards/conference-bursary.htm">www.agronomy.org.au/awards/conference-bursary.htm</a></p>
<p><b>Commonwealth Learning Scholarships</b></p>	<p>Assist rural, regional, and Indigenous students with the costs of high education. The scholarships are merit-based, non-repayable and are available through individual higher education institutes. There are two new scholarships: The Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship which provides \$2000 per year for up to four years; and The Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship which provides undergraduate students from rural and regional areas with \$4000 per year for up to four years.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.deewr.gov.au/HigherEducation/programs/studentsupport/CommonwealthScholarships">www.deewr.gov.au/HigherEducation/programs/studentsupport/CommonwealthScholarships</a></p>
<p><b>Global fund for women</b></p>	<p>Supports women's groups that advance the human rights of women and girls by providing small, flexible, and timely grants ranging from \$500 to \$20 000 for operating and project expenses. Groups applying must: be based in a country outside the United States; demonstrate a strong commitment to women's equality and human rights; and be governed, directed, and led by women. Priority is given to groups that: are just beginning or need initial funding, and which do not have access to funds from larger donor agencies; are working on issues that are difficult or controversial for women to raise in their communities, yet are critical to the realisation of women's human rights; are organized and led by women from particularly marginalised populations, including but not limited to: refugees, rural women, lesbians, sex workers, women with disabilities, and women from ethnic, religious, and cultural minorities; are located in a region or country that has extremely limited funding resources; and actively seek to include the perspectives of those served by or benefiting from its activities.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.globalfundforwomen.org">www.globalfundforwomen.org</a></p>

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<p><b>Greening Australia Whole of paddock rehabilitation</b></p>	<p>Landholders that have areas of 10ha or more of degraded box gum woodland can apply under this program. Greening Australia will carry out a 5 year restoration program of revegetation - involving stewardship payments for loss of income during rehabilitation. EOIs open now, assessed on a first come first served basis.</p> <p>Ph:0262533035 Email: <a href="mailto:wopr@greeningaustralia.org.au">wopr@greeningaustralia.org.au</a></p>
<p><b>Ian Potter Foundation</b></p>	<p>Provides grants up to \$100 000 for Australian urban and regional communities to live sustainably and preserve biodiversity. Expressions of interest are ongoing.</p> <p>Phone:0396503188 Email:<a href="mailto:admin@ianpotter.org.au">admin@ianpotter.org.au</a> Website: <a href="http://foundation.ianpotter.org.au/environment-amp-conservation">http://foundation.ianpotter.org.au/environment-amp-conservation</a></p>
<p><b>Irrigation Modernisation Planning Assistance</b></p>	<p>As part of Water for the Future, this program provides up to \$350 000 to help irrigation water providers to develop modernisation plans for their districts that identify ways to upgrade irrigation infrastructure and assess options to adapt to a future with less water. Closes 29 October 2012 (unless available funds are committed earlier).</p> <p>Email:<a href="mailto:waterplanenquiries@environment.gov.au">waterplanenquiries@environment.gov.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/water/programs/srwui/impa.html">www.environment.gov.au/water/programs/srwui/impa.html</a></p>
<p><b>James N Kirby Foundation Grants</b></p>	<p>Provides grants to charitable, educational and technical bodies throughout Australia in the areas of health, education, technology and science, art, literature, and the conservation, management and development of Australia's natural resources. Grants range from \$500 to \$100 000 and the average grant is around \$4 000.</p> <p>Ph:0292122711 Website: <a href="http://www.kirbyfoundation.com.au">www.kirbyfoundation.com.au</a></p>
<p><b>Layne Beachley Aim for the Stars Grant</b></p>	<p>Provides grants to Australian females aged 12–26 years to achieve goals in their sporting, academic, community, business, environmental or cultural pursuits. Grants are provided to hard-working females who are committed to pursuing their passion and who need financial support. 2016 grants close 13 November 2015.</p> <p>Mob:0422600733 Email:<a href="mailto:info@aimforthestars.com.au">info@aimforthestars.com.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.aimforthestars.com.au">www.aimforthestars.com.au</a></p>
<p><b>Leg-Up Grants for Volunteer-Run Museums</b></p>	<p>Provides \$100 to \$500 dollar-for-dollar matched grants for things such as attending a workshop, visiting another museum to gather information, hosting an event, travel assistance, attendance fees and speaker fees. Available any time throughout the year until funds are expended.</p> <p>Ph:1800114311 Website: <a href="http://www.arts.nsw.gov.au/index.php/funding-and-support/types-of-funding/volunteer-initiated-museums-vims-grant-program">www.arts.nsw.gov.au/index.php/funding-and-support/types-of-funding/volunteer-initiated-museums-vims-grant-program</a></p>
<p><b>Nuffield Australia Farming Scholarships</b></p>	<p>These scholarships are awarded each year to Australian farmers, with the objective of increasing practical farming knowledge and management skills and techniques generally. The scholarships give Australian citizens the opportunity to study farming practices in New Zealand, Europe, Asia and the Americas and those countries best suited to each scholar. They also promote a closer understanding between farmers in the countries visited. Upon returning to Australia it is expected that scholars will be able to actively spread the knowledge and understanding they have gained among their fellow farmers and others.</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://nuffield.com.au/schols.html">nuffield.com.au/schols.html</a></p>
<p><b>Peter Brock Foundation</b></p>	<p>Provides funding under three categories: 1) Welfare, eg. preventative programs that help young disadvantaged people; 2) Social Issues, eg. programs that deal with drug addicts and their families; and 3) Community Programs, eg. particularly those that emphasise a growing understanding of self-reliance and responsibility.</p> <p>Ph:0397148263 Website: <a href="http://www.peterbrockfoundation.com.au">www.peterbrockfoundation.com.au</a></p>
<p><b>Regional Arts</b></p>	<p>Offers a range of grants including: Country Arts Support Program, Regional Arts Fund, Quick Response Arts Grants, Quick Response Performing Arts Grants - Prop Ups. Also includes a list of grants from other sources.</p>

<b>NSW</b>	Ph:0292478577 Website: <a href="http://regionalartsnsw.com.au/grants">http://regionalartsnsw.com.au/grants</a>
<b>The Spark Fund</b>	Provides funding support for young people aged 12-25 years to ignite an innovative idea which makes a positive contribution to the community and enhances their skills and experience. Website: <a href="http://www.youngaustralians.org/fund/ya_fund_spark.asp">www.youngaustralians.org/fund/ya_fund_spark.asp</a>
<b>Women in Tourism &amp; Hospitality Scholarship</b>	Gives a young woman from regional NSW the opportunity to achieve her career goals through a \$20 000 scholarship grant from the AHA (NSW)'s Charitable Foundation. The recipient will undertake a three-year Bachelor of Business Degree (International Hotel & Resorts Management) at the Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School. Ph:0282181815 Email: <a href="mailto:leone.cruden@ahansw.com.au">leone.cruden@ahansw.com.au</a> Website: <a href="http://www.ahansw.com.au/index.php/events/women-in-tourism">www.ahansw.com.au/index.php/events/women-in-tourism</a>

### **Commonwealth Regional Development grants:**

The federal Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development [website](#) refers to the [Community Development Grants Programme](#), stating:

The Australian Government has established the Community Development Grants Programme to support needed infrastructure that promotes stable, secure and viable local and regional economies. The Programme will fund projects including the 2013 election commitments and some identified uncontracted projects from the Regional Development Australia Fund and Community Infrastructure Grants Program.

More than \$300 million is available under the Community Development Grants Programme for single year or multiple years projects. Funding for projects range in value from \$2,000 to \$13 million. Funding will commence in the 2013-14 financial year and will cease on 30 June 2017. Multi-year projects must be scheduled for completion and final payment made on or before 30 June 2017.

Guidelines, application forms and further details are available on the same [website](#).

### **3.2 Sport and Recreation**

Federally, a good starting point is the Australian Sports Commission [website](#), which sets out a range of grants and scholarships available to individuals. The following schemes are included:

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

For NSW a key source is the [NSW Office of Sport and Recreation](#). The [website](#) notes that:

Each year Sport and Recreation provides millions in government grants to nurture sporting talent, help build sport facilities and develop the industry as a whole.

However, as at 25 August 2015 it is said that no grants are available at this time. Interested parties are invited to “Subscribe to our mailing list for alerts about new grants”.

Reference is made to the [Community Builders.NSW](#) website and to specific key grant programs that support sport and recreation projects, as follows:

- [ClubGRANTS Category 3 Fund](#): Between \$500,000 and \$1 million is available for individual projects that encourage active participation in sport and recreation. A total of \$8 million is available for projects in this funding round. EOI’s opened on 25 August 2015 and will close on 8 October; applications open on 17 November and closed on 16 December. An application information pack can be accessed [here](#). Eligible criteria for projects are as follows: must be a sports facility or field, a park and/or active recreational facility based in NSW; will benefit the general public or community; relate to facilities that significantly improve and enhance sporting and recreational infrastructure to increase capacity; involve use and outcomes for local communities; concern upgrading, building, renewing or expanding sporting or recreational infrastructure or acquiring land in conjunction with the construction of a sporting or recreation facility; and concern projects commencing by 30 April 2016 and completed by 30 April 2018.
- [Community Building Partnership Program](#): Applications for 2015 are now closed. The website notes that “Applicants should demonstrate how their project will benefit their local community through the building or improvement of facilities to deliver positive social, recreational or environmental outcomes. Applications from local councils require a commitment of matching cash funding by the council. Projects should be ready to commence by early 2016 and be completed before the end of March 2017. The types of projects that can be funded are set out [here](#).”
- [Community Development Grants Program](#): See commentary under “rural and regional grants”.
- [Stronger Communities Program](#): A federal Government initiative, its objective is to fund small capital projects which will deliver social benefits. The programme aims to improve local community participation, cohesion and contribute to vibrant and viable communities. Grants of between \$5,000 and up to a maximum of \$20,000 are available to local governments and not-for-profit organisations. Applicants are required to confirm matched funding in cash or in-kind on at least a dollar-for-dollar basis. Funding of \$150,000 per federal electorate per year will be allocated for two years commencing 2015-16.

### 3.3 The Arts

Federally, a good starting point is the Attorney-General’s Department/Ministry for the Arts [website](#), which sets out the full range of funding and support opportunities. Among other things, the website [notes](#) the following three sources:

#### ***Australia Council***

The Australia Council is the Australian Government’s principal arts funding body, which provides a range of programs to individual artists and arts organisations. Further information on funding grants can be found [here](#).

#### ***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](#).

### **Arts Access Australia**

*Cultivate* is a professional development fund for Australian artists with a disability. *Cultivate* provides seed funding of up to \$8,000 for the costs associated with developing a professional practice as an artist including specific skills or professional development opportunities.

For more information about *Cultivate* go to the [Arts Access Australia website](#).

For NSW, the best starting point is the [Arts NSW](#) webpage, which includes a page titled "[Grants and professional development for arts and culture in NSW](#)" and another on the "[Types of Funding](#)" provided. This includes reference to:

- [\*\*Aboriginal Regional Arts Fund\*\*](#)

Applications for the 2015 Aboriginal Regional Arts Fund have closed. [More](#)

- [\*\*2015 Western Sydney Arts Fellowship\*\*](#)

Applications for the NSW Western Sydney Arts Fellowship are now open. The fellowship is offered by the NSW Government to enable an artist or arts/cultural worker from Western Sydney to [...] [More](#)

- [\*\*2015 NSW Young Regional Artist Scholarship\*\*](#)

The NSW Young Regional Artist Scholarships are offered by the State Government to support young artists from regional NSW to undertake a self-directed professional development program or project in their chosen field. [More](#)

Another entry point is the Regional Arts NSW [website](#), which sets out the grants available by category and also by calendar date. In respect to regional arts grants the following are noted:

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

Small grants to arts and community organisations and local arts councils in regional NSW for short term, locally initiated projects. [Read more](#)

### [Quick Response Grants \(QUICKS\)](#)

Small grants that respond to arts development and professional development opportunities that arise at short notice. Before you proceed, please see this document for a list of activities that will NOT be funded under the Quick Response Program. [Read more](#)

There is also a "[Grants From Accessible Arts](#)" page which refers to the following schemes:

### [Small Grants](#)



### Accessible Arts

The funding program will support arts and cultural projects at any stage of their creative development and/or public presentation. They can include projects that support online resources, venue accessibility, adaptation of equipment for specific use in creative expression and other initiatives supporting the creation of artwork.

The Accessible Arts Small Grants Program will support projects that improve social inclusion outcomes for people with disability through increased involvement in arts and cultural activities. The benefits of the funded projects may be realised by the participants in the Scheme as well as other people with disability. [Read more](#)

### Quick Response Accessible Arts

The Lifetime Care and Support Authority (LTCSA) has provided funding to Accessible Arts for a two year Small Grants Program for not-for-profit arts and disability services/organisations and/or for groups or individual artists with disability living in NSW.

Grants are for projects that improve access for current and future Scheme participants, other people with brain and/or spinal cord injuries and people with disability more generally. As such, funded projects will need to demonstrate the legacy the project will leave. [Read more](#)

A comprehensive list of grants available for all art forms can be found [here](#). They include:

<a href="#">Aboriginal Quick Response</a>	Increasing representation for NSW Aboriginal arts and culture at trade fairs and export markets and support for market development opportunities in creative industries and priorities under the Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Strategy.
<a href="#">Ian Potter Cultural Trust</a> <a href="#">Ian Potter Foundation</a>	Assists early career artists of exceptional talent to undertake professional development, usually overseas. There are 3 closing dates throughout the year. <a href="#">Read more</a>
<a href="#">Arts Residency</a> <a href="#">Asialink</a>	An Asialink Arts Residency Grant of up to \$12,000 for three months goes towards travel, living and project expenses, and affords recipients the opportunity for in- depth research, stimulating cultural exchanges, international collaboration and uninterrupted time for creativity <a href="#">Read more</a>
<a href="#">Country Arts Support Program</a> <a href="#">Regional Arts NSW</a>	Small grants to arts and community organisations and local arts councils in regional NSW for short term, locally initiated projects. <a href="#">Read more</a>
<a href="#">Arts Projects for Individuals and Groups</a> <a href="#">Australia Council for the Arts</a>	Funds a range of activities that deliver benefits to the arts sector and wider public, including national and international audiences. Grants are available from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Supported activities must last no longer than three years from the proposed start date and include a range of activities, such as the creation of new work, practice based research, creative development, experimentation, collaborations, touring, festivals, productions, exhibitions, performances, publishing, recording, promotion and marketing and market development activity. In 2015, applications to the Arts Projects for Individuals and Groups program close on: 1 September, for projects starting after 1 December 2015; 1 December, for projects starting after 1 March 2016 <a href="#">Read more</a>



### 3.4 Culture

The [Multicultural NSW](#) grants program page sets out:

Our new 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

Our new Grants Program has four grant categories

**PARTNERSHIP GRANTS**

**UNITY GRANTS**

**SUPPORT GRANTS**

**CELEBRATION GRANTS**

The details for each category are set out in this online [booklet](#).

### 3.5 Environment

The NSW Office Environment and Heritage is one source of funding for community groups in this area. These are set out on the Grants Programs [website](#), with this [page](#) setting out the status of all programs as at 25 August 2015, as follows:

Summary of Environmental Trust Grant Programs				
Program	Opening date	Closing date	Funding available	Anticipated announcement date
<a href="#">Bush Connect</a>	Closed	Closed	\$8,000,000	October 2015
<a href="#">Education (Community)</a>	Closed	Closed	\$500,000	November 2015
<a href="#">Education (Government)</a>	Closed	Closed	\$500,000	
<a href="#">Eco Schools</a>	Closed	Closed	\$150,000	November 2015
<a href="#">Lead Environmental Community Groups</a>	Closed	Closed	\$600,000	TBA
<a href="#">Protecting Our Places</a>	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<a href="#">Research</a>	Closed	Closed	\$1,000,000	November 2015
<a href="#">Restoration and Rehabilitation (Community)</a>	10 August 2015	18 September 2015	\$2,000,000	March 2016
<a href="#">Restoration and Rehabilitation (State and Local Government)</a>	10 August 2015	18 September 2015	\$2,000,000	March 2016
<a href="#">Restoration and Rehabilitation (Heritage)</a>	10 August 2015	18 September 2015	\$1,300,000	March 2016

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<a href="#">Saving our Species Partnership Grants Program</a>	10 August 2015	28 September 2015	\$10,000,000	TBA
<a href="#">Waste Less Recycle More Initiative</a>	See Specific Program	See Specific Program	See specific program	TBA

Note that a number of these grants are recurring and will be on offer again in 2016, including:

- [Eco Schools](#) (opens March 2016)
- [Lead Environmental Community Groups](#) (opens January 2016)
- [Restoration and Rehabilitation](#) (opens February 2016)

The [National Landcare Directory](#) (NLD) is a network of community environmental 'care' groups across Australia, including Landcare Networks and support organisations. [Landcare Australia](#) administers the **Junior Landcare Grants Program**, through which any school or organization (including youth groups, scouts groups, pre-schools, primary schools, high schools, day care centres) that would like to involve their students in Landcare projects, in conjunction with local Landcare groups, can apply for grants to assist them with the cost of their projects. The "grants now open" [website](#) refers to two schemes, both now closed but which appear to be recurring from year to year:

- [2015 Yates Junior Landcare Creative Gardening Grants](#): Yates and Junior Landcare are encouraging schools to get creative in the garden. In celebration of the 25 years that Landcare Australia has been working with the Landcare community, Yates is proud to award 25 grants of up to \$1,000 each to schools and youth groups who can demonstrate innovative ways of creating a garden within their school or community. Grants will be awarded to the most innovative, sustainable and environmentally conscious entries.
- [2015 Jemena Live. Grow. Explore. Grants](#) The Jemena Junior Landcare Grants encourage communities within Jemena's areas of operation (which include NSW) to undertake projects that will increase environmental sustainability at their school or in their communities. These communities include schools, kindergartens, preschools, day care centres and youth/community groups (e.g. Scouts) In 2015 35 grants were available for up to \$1,000.

Other sources for environmental funding include the [Telstra Kids Fund](#), [Coles' Junior Landscape School Garden Grants](#) and the [City of Sydney](#) (see 5.1).

### 3.6 Disability

With the ongoing implementation of the NDIS scheme, 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:

- [Capital Grants for Projects at Non-Government Centres](#)  
The Intervention Support Program's (ISP) small capital program allocated almost all funds to community-based preschools. As community-based preschools are

no longer eligible for ISP funding, the Capital Funding component will cease from 2015, and the funding will be rolled into the remaining components of the ISP.

- **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. Click here for the [Program Guidelines 2016](#). The closing date for applications is Friday 30 October 2015. Organisations are required to submit their application using the ISP Online Service at [www.det.nsw.edu.au/cgpisponline](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/cgpisponline) which will be available from Monday 28 September 2015.
- **Children in Residential Care (CIRC)**  
This program provides grants to assist children with disabilities living away from their families in residential care. Click here for the [Program Guidelines 2016](#). The closing date for applications is Friday 30 October 2015.
- **Non-School Organisations (NSO)**  
**This funding is only available to those organisations currently funded under the NSO component.** Click here for the [Program Guidelines 2016](#). The closing date for applications is Friday 30 October 2015. Organisations are required to submit their application using the ISP Online Service at [www.det.nsw.edu.au/cgpisponline](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/cgpisponline) which will be available from Monday 28 September 2015.

NSW Education also provides a [Pre-school Disability Support Program](#), which replaces the Supporting Children with Additional Needs (SCAN) program and Intervention Support Program (ISP) for community preschools.

The Lifetime Care and Support Authority (LTCSA) is a statutory authority and manages the Lifetime Care and Support Scheme (the Scheme) which provides treatment, rehabilitation and care services to people severely injured in motor accidents in NSW. It provides funding through the [Accessible Arts Grants Program 2015-2016](#). According to the website:

The LTCSA has provided funding to Accessible Arts for a two year Small Grants Program for not-for-profit arts and disability services/organisations and/or for groups or individual artists with disability living in NSW.

Grants are for projects that improve access for current and future Scheme participants, other people with brain and/or spinal cord injuries and people with disability more generally. As such, funded projects will need to demonstrate the legacy the project will leave.

Grants for disability and other matters are also available from the [Commonwealth Department of Social Services](#), the website for which states:

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

The programmes 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](#).

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

The nine grant programmes are:

- [Families and Communities Programme](#)
- [Housing and Homelessness Programme](#)
- [Disability, Mental Health and Carers Programme](#)
- [Support for the Child Care System Programme](#)

#### [Ageing and Aged Care Programmes:](#)

- Commonwealth Home Support Programme
- Residential and Flexible Care Programme
- Workforce and Quality Programme
- Ageing and Service Improvement Programme
- Access and Information Programme

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

## 4. Selected NGO and Private Sector Funding Sources

### 4.1 [ETC](#) (Employment, Training, Community)

This not-for-profit organisation administers the [Community Support Fund](#). The ETC [website](#) states:

A not-for-profit organisation, Enterprise & Training Company Limited (ETC) enjoys giving back to the communities where we operate. One of the ways we do this is through the ETC Community Support Fund. Since 2012 the ETC Community Support Fund has provided nearly half a million dollars to worthwhile projects.

We have supported young people and children, people living with disability or mental health concerns, carers, families at risk, retirees and the aged, 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 reduce disadvantage in our communities; and our mission to help the unemployed find and sustain jobs by

delivering innovative employment and training programs. We fund projects which help as many people as possible as much as possible, 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 Community Support Fund invites applications under competitive funding rounds each year of up to \$15,000 per project. Not for profit, non-government organisations in the NSW Mid North Coast, NSW North Coast, the Gold Coast, Wollongong and the Shellharbour local government areas are eligible to apply.

The 2015 ETC Community Support Fund opened on 10 August 2015 and closes on 20 September 2015. Examples of previous recipients can be found [here](#). These include:

- The Tidy Up Taree Project received \$11,000 for the [Taree Civic Heart](#) initiative to build new civic spaces including a local men's shed
- [Kempsey Family Support Service](#) received \$5,750 to expand its Speak Out 4 Kids program, which provides practical awareness sessions for children on how to make safe choices in the community
- [Access Group Wollongong](#) received \$11,257 for its Next Gen Wollongong Program, which provides mentoring and employment for Year 10 and 11 high school students to undertake routine tasks for small and micro businesses in the Wollongong LGA.

### 4.2 [James N Kirby Foundation](#)

The James N Kirby Foundation is described on its [website](#) as a:

private ancillary fund established by the late Sir James Kirby with an initial investment of \$2million in 1967, a time when major philanthropic initiatives by businessmen in Australia were extremely rare. Since its inception, the family has continued to contribute funds and to date has donated nearly \$17 million across a broad charitable spectrum, and is committed to distributing approximately \$1m in grants each year.

According to its "[objectives](#)" the 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

Note that the Foundation “particularly seeks to support organisations that are unable to rely on high profile fundraising”. Note, too, that:

The James N Kirby Foundation can only consider requests from organisations with current Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) endorsement. Our Foundation does not make grants to auspiced entities (i.e. an organisation that applies for funding through another organisation which has DGR status.)

A list of “recent grants” can be accessed [here](#). For 2015 these include the following:

<b>Health</b>	<p><b>Barnardos Australia</b></p> <p>Towards supporting the work of the Indigenous Learning Centre Queanbeyan</p>	\$10,000
	<p><b>Ku-ring-gai Youth Development Services Inc</b></p> <p>Towards Counselling Room Furnishings &amp; Therapy Equipment</p>	\$5,101
	<p><b>The Humour Foundation</b></p> <p>Towards the 'Clown Doctors Program' in visiting childrens' hospitals in NSW</p>	\$15,000
<b>Education &amp; Technology</b>	<p><b>Aboriginal Literacy Foundation</b></p> <p>Towards supporting the NSW Literacy Support &amp; Aspire Program</p>	\$10,000
	<p><b>North Steyne Surf Life Saving Club Inc</b></p> <p>Towards supporting Special Needs Nippers Weekly and Holiday Program</p>	\$4,500
	<p><b>Science Foundation for Physics University of Sydney</b></p> <p>To support science students in regional and remote Australia to attend the 2015 International Science School (ISS)</p>	\$15,000
	<p><b>University of Technology Sydney</b></p> <p>Towards supporting The Maker Lab a multidisciplinary engineering learning environment with the latest in technology and thinking.</p>	\$50,000
<b>Environment</b>	<p><b>Hunter Region Working Women's Group Ltd</b></p> <p>Towards supporting the Global Sustainability Project</p>	\$14,800
	<p><b>Port Kembla Community Project Inc</b></p> <p>Towards supporting Jobs for Young People and Refugees Program</p>	\$22,547
	<p><b>Black Dog Institute</b></p>	\$10,000



Social welfare & the arts	Supporting Dealing with Depression in Rural Communities	
	<b>Central Coast Outreach Service</b>	\$12,000
	Towards the Food Truck Maintenance	
	<b>Musica Viva Australia</b>	\$10,000
	Increasing access to live music, teacher capacity building and community engagement in Northern NSW	

### 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 2015 nearly 50 grants and projects are listed in total, including:

Bowral Men's Shed Inc	BMS Web portal
Dapto Rural Fire Brigade	Kitchen upgrade
Rotary Club of Kiama Inc	Mental Health First Aid Courses
Nowra East Public School Parents & Citizens Association Inc.	Community Garden/ Learning Seating Circle
1st St Georges Basin Scout Group	Canoeing program
Sylvania Heights Public School	Sylvania Heights Public School
PCYC Campbelltown	PCYC Campbelltown Sport Outreach
Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW Inc	Birunji AMHU Recreational Space

### 4.4 OPTUS Community Grants Program

The OPTUS community grants [webpage](#) comments that:

Optus Community Grants have been supporting organisations that help vulnerable young Australians since 2008. So far, 237 grants have been given out, and over \$1.5 million has been donated. We're really inspired by the work that takes place across Australia and extremely proud to help the helpers.

The terms and conditions for 2015 grants are available [here](#), applications for which have now closed. Grant recipients for 2014 can be found [here](#). According to the “selection criteria for applications” [webpage](#):

All funded projects must address at least one of the selection criteria below:

### **Education and employability**

This selection criterion funds projects which help to improve education outcomes. Projects funded will aim to close education gaps, help kids stay engaged in school and remove barriers to completing education or training. These projects may help young people with future career options and transitions to employment.

### **Inclusion and wellbeing**

This selection criterion funds projects which help to improve young people's mental wellbeing and health. This selection criterion may include opportunities and accessibility for isolated and remote areas to ensure they have access to services.

### **Access to technology**

This selection criterion funds projects for young people who, due to disadvantage, don't have access to technology. Projects may focus on delivery of technology that enables or improves access.

## **4.5 [BUPA Health Foundation](#)**

This is one example of where a major provider of private health care provides grants for health related projects. The [website](#) states:

Since our inception in 2005, we have invested close to \$26 million across our five focus areas:

- Wellbeing
- Healthy ageing
- Promoting affordable healthcare
- Empowering people about their health
- Chronic disease

It is explained that:

### **The Foundation is interested in funding innovative replicable interventions and projects that:**

- Empower people to either prevent or better manage health conditions
- Empower people to use health education and engagement to tackle health risk factors and promote healthy lifestyle habits.

**Grants range from \$100,000 to \$500,000 for up to three years.**

There is a [FAQs](#) section which sets out the application process. It also includes the following information:

**My organisation is a not for profit/charity. Can I still submit an application to be considered?** The Bupa Health Foundation funding is open to all organisations.

**Is the Foundation interested in local community initiatives?** The Foundation wants to get involved in projects with a potential for national or state level significance in order to help as many Australians as possible.

**How much funding is available?** In the past the Foundation has given up to a total of \$3 million each year to various initiatives, both targeted and those awarded through the Expression of Interest (EOI) process.

Examples of current funding are set out and there is a link to [the Bupa Health Foundation 10 years Highlights Report](#). Recipients seem mainly to be major institutions, notably University departments and such organisations as CSIRO.

### 4.6 ANZ

As noted, the [ANZ Seeds of Renewal grants program](#) is independently administered by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR). The [website](#) states:

ANZ Seeds of Renewal is a grants program that has been running since 2003, with the sole purpose of building thriving communities in regional Australia. Since the program's inception, ANZ has provided more than \$3.5 million in grants to support 708 community projects.

The Seeds of Renewal program provides technology and/or funding grants of up to \$10,000 to community organisations for projects focused on creating education and employment opportunities. Technology grants (laptops and tablets) are provided by ANZ's technology supplier, Lenovo, and the program is independently administered by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR).

#### ***Who could apply?***

Not-for-profit community based organisations that contribute to the development of education and employment opportunities within regional communities of 15,000 people or less. Organisations are required to have an ABN or Incorporation Certificate.

#### ***Examples of suitable projects***

- Developing and distributing education materials in remote / isolated communities
- Purchasing IT equipment for community centres intended for educational purposes
- Programs that help individuals better prepare for employment.

Single grants will be made in amounts of up to \$10,000.

Applications for 2015 opened in July 2015 and closed in mid-August. These grants are likely to be recurring in 2016.

Another ANZ funding stream is via 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 purpose of these grants, which are funded and administered by Commonwealth bank employees, is to assist children and young people. The [website](#) states that:

Congratulations to all successful Community Grant recipients in 2015. We are awarding more than \$2 million in Community Grants to 228 community organisations across Australia, who are working to improve the health and wellbeing of young Australians.

Since 1917 our Staff Community Fund has been supporting the health and wellbeing of young Australians. Thanks to the generosity of our staff who donate to the Staff Community Fund, we are able to assist thousands of Aussie kids each year.

As with other schemes, a [FAQ](#) section is included which answers questions about levels of funding and eligibility. Grants are for amounts up to \$10,000. Programs must benefit the health and wellbeing of Australian children and youth up to 21 years of age. To be eligible to apply for a Community Grant, organisations must be endorsed with DGR status by the Australian Tax Office.

Applications for the next round of Community Grants will open in early 2016. A full list of 2015 recipients, divided by State, is provided [here](#). Over 80 grants were awarded in NSW, including the following:

<b>Amputee Association of Sydney – \$9,250</b>	The Amputee Association of Sydney helps new amputees and people with congenital limb difference of all ages. The Association offers opportunities for peer support and information through organised social and educational events for members, family and friends. This Community Grant will enable 30 teenagers to attend Teen Amp Camp, Australia's only camp for teens with limb loss or congenital limb difference. Incorporating workshops with games and creative activities, it gives teens from all over Australia an opportunity to meet others with amputation in a supported environment, easing their sense of isolation.
<b>Boys' Town Engadine – \$8,640</b>	Dunlea Centre is a unique family preservation service targeting at-risk 12 to 16 year olds from the Sydney Metropolitan and Illawarra areas. Attendees have complex mental health problems including behavioural, social and emotional regulation issues, which often include learning difficulties and developmental delays. The program offers a residential living program and a day education program for six to 12 months, and includes counselling, behaviour intervention, social and emotional support. This Community Grant will enable the Dunlea Centre to offer its Life Skills program to 32 young people, offering them practical opportunities to develop and practise essential living and social skills. The program will help them re-engage with their families and transition back into mainstream school or find employment.
<b>Central Coast Kids in Need – \$10,000</b>	Central Coast Kids in Need is a small volunteer group of 20 fundraisers who help families with sick children being treated in Sydney and Newcastle hospitals cover accommodation costs. A large proportion of these children are cancer patients, premature babies, children undergoing bone marrow or organ transplants, or children with spina bifida or cystic fibrosis. This Community Grant will help cover accommodation costs for Central Coast families while their children stay in hospitals in Sydney and Newcastle. This support is vital in relieving the financial strain of illness, as the daily cost of accommodation ranges from \$35 to \$149 per night. The organisation also pays travel costs for these trips and subsequent visits after the child is released from hospital.
<b>Gunawirra – \$10,000</b>	Gunawirra is a group of professionals who run projects for more than 40 preschools in outback New South Wales with Aboriginal children aged 3–5, to

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	<p>empower children with knowledge about self care, culture and community. The group has created a program called the Five Big Ideas — Health and Hygiene; Nutrition; My Culture, My identity; Handling Tough Times At Home; and My Environment, My Country, My Self Respect. This Community Grant will fund 'Here Comes the Chef!', a program that aims to improve the lives of 150 Aboriginal families in the Minimbah complex on the outskirts of Armidale. A chef will come three days a week to make meals for the children, teach mothers to cook and help the children create a booklet of recipes and art.</p>
<p><b>Police Citizens Youth Clubs NSW, Bathurst – \$9,010</b></p>	<p>Police Citizens Youth Clubs (PCYC) bring together communities and the NSW Police in outreach to young people at risk of involvement in crime, engaging them in sports, education and recreational activities. The organisation aims to promote the welfare of young people as responsible citizens by supporting individual and social activities that develop skills and leadership with the objective of youth crime prevention. This Community Grant will support The Pit Stop Café Program, a learning and development program designed for young offenders and youth at risk at the Bathurst PCYC. The program helps to engage young people positively with the community while providing a service to the patrons of the Bathurst PCYC. The program also gives disadvantaged youth aged 15–18 the necessary qualifications, skills, experience and confidence required to apply for work in the hospitality sector.</p>
<p><b>Stewart House – \$9,888</b></p>	<p>Stewart House provides a free and safe haven for 1,800 children who visit for 12 days each year, where they receive dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment. The children also take part in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall wellbeing. This Community Grant will allow children from outback New South Wales to visit Stewart House. School principals from public schools in the Far West region of New South Wales will nominate 40 children in need of a break from their current circumstances. These include children who are experiencing economic disadvantage, too many carer responsibilities, are not in parental care, are in homes where there is mental illness or are in crisis.</p>
<p><b>Youth off the Streets – \$9,800</b></p>	<p>Youth off the Streets provides extensive frontline support services and innovative programs for around 7,800 chronically homeless and marginalised young people in Sydney and throughout NSW. The organisation operates a food van, outreach programs and alternative education for disadvantaged youth, as well as a crisis refuge and mental health services to help address their physical and emotional needs. This Community Grant will support the Parramatta Koori Court Support program, developed in response to the high number of Aboriginal young people involved in Western Sydney's juvenile justice system. An experienced Aboriginal Services team will work with the Koori Youth Court to support Indigenous youth throughout legal processes, providing one-on-one mentoring, service referrals, advocacy, and participation in cultural learning and community activities.</p>

### 4.8 [Telstra's Kids Fund](#)

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

Powered by the Telstra Foundation, the **Telstra Kids** Fund 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 in arts and culture, education, health, the environment, sport and recreation.

Each year, **Telstra Kids** gives a million dollars in \$1,200 grants to local non-profit groups that help kids to play and learn.

**Telstra Kids** supports school 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.

An FAQ page can be found [here](#). In respect to the types of projects funded, it is said that:

Telstra Kids funds local projects that help kids in Australia to play and learn.

The focus is on grassroots projects. By 'grassroots' we mean local projects, delivered by a local non-profit group, for local kids.

Here are some examples:

- **arts and culture projects** — including musical instruments, art supplies and rock eisteddfods
- **education projects** — including language programs, playground upgrades and toys
- **nature based and environmental projects** — including plants for playgrounds, veggie patches and frog bogs
- **health and wellbeing projects** — including physical therapy programs, nutrition programs, health education and shade sails
- **sports and recreation projects** — including sports equipment, camping gear, sports uniforms and activity days

Grants are awarded twice a year; each time there's approximately 1-2 weeks when applications can be submitted. Sign up [here](#) to be notified when the next funding round opens.

### 4.9 [Aurizon Community Giving Fund](#)

According to the [website](#):

The Community Giving Fund was established to provide support to our communities in the areas of Health & Wellbeing, Community Safety, Environment and Education. Since 2011, we are proud to say that we have helped over 168 charities and community groups around Australia. It doesn't matter how big or how small the charity or project is, if it benefits our communities, we want to help it succeed.

#### **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 2015.**

For NSW, cash grants are only available for the Hunter/Newcastle region. An FAQs page is available [here](#).

### 4.10 [Clubs NSW](#)

The ClubGrants [website](#) states 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 funding projects in 2014 can be found [here](#). Examples are provided as follows:

The Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation received \$10,000 from [clubs in Hurstville](#) to provide weekend camps and other activities for children and youth who are carers for parents with a mental illness.

The South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club received \$35,560 from [South Sydney Juniors](#) to construct a lifeguard tower at South Maroubra Beach.

[Oak Flats Bowling Club](#), [Albion Park Bowling Club](#) and [Warilla Sports Club](#) combined to provide \$6,000 to the Albion Park Rail Public School to run a breakfast program in response to the increasing number of students attending school without having breakfast.

Rainbow Club Australia received \$14,000 from [Sharkies](#) to provide supervised swimming lessons to local children with special needs.

The [Sutherland United Services Club](#) and [Miranda RSL](#) provided \$5,200 to the 'Enough is Enough' anti-violence movement to work with disadvantaged at-risk youth and assist them secure long-term employment.

### 4.11 Other private sector/non-government funding sources include:

Coles – [Our Local Community Support Program](#)

Coles - [Junior Landscape School Garden Grants](#)

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 16 September 2014).

## 5. Selected Local Government funding sources

### 5.1 [City of Sydney](#)

The City of Sydney offers a wide range of grants, including business grants, environment grants, innovation grants, cultural grants and matching grants. The last 2 are set out in more detail by way of example:

#### [Cultural and creative grants](#)

The cultural and creative grants and sponsorship program supports projects and initiatives that provide opportunities for creative participation, enhance creativity in the public domain and strengthen the sustainability and capacity of the City's cultural and creative industries.

Please see grants and sponsorship guidelines for expected program outcomes, assessment criteria, and eligibility.

#### Funding available

- Generally funding is available in amounts over \$5,000 and up to \$50,000.
- Annual project funding or multi-year project (funding up to 3 years).
- Grantees may be required to provide sponsorship benefits back to the City of Sydney community in return for funding. These benefits will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis and can be up to the value of their funding provided.

#### [Matching grants](#)

The matching grant program aims to deliver local, community-based projects and:

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

The program mainly works with community groups that partner with the City to support events, services and projects in their local neighbourhoods.

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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.

Recognised in-kind community contributions include:

- in-kind contributions such as donated supplies, materials, venues or services

- volunteer time such as labour, meeting times and project management. The rate of volunteer time is calculated as \$20 per hour. For professional or contracted services the rate is \$75 per hour.

Eligibility and exclusions for all categories of grants are set out [here](#).

### 5.2 [Wollongong City Council](#)

Grants covering a number of subject areas are available from the Council, including:

- **[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. Applications for this program have now closed. Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application in July 2015.
- **[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](#). The due date for Heritage Grant Fund Applications has been extended. Applications will be received until Close of Business 24 April 2015.
- **[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. Applications for this program have now closed. Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application in July 2015.

### 5.3 [Armidale Dumaresq Council](#)

The Council's "funding opportunities" [website](#) makes reference to the following programs:

- **Sports Council Small Grants**: These grants are provided to local residents 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 \$500 per calendar year.
- **Community Assistance Small Grants Scheme**: Round 2 of the Community Assistance Small Grants Scheme has now closed. Please visit the page again in the new financial year for further grant information.

### 5.4 [The City of Newcastle](#)

The Council's [website](#) makes reference to the Make Your Place Community Grant Program, stating that "the Make Your Place Community Grant Program provides grants up to \$2,000 (GST exclusive) for community projects". It is further stated that:

To be eligible for consideration, your application needs to:

- relate to public space within the Newcastle Local Government area
- be proposed by a group of at least three people, not by an individual

- have not received funding from any of Council's grants or sponsorship programs for the same project within the same financial year.
- 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.

Current grants are listed and include:

Project	Location	Community Contribution	Council Contribution
Industrial Transformers Mural	Wickham	\$8,035	\$2,000
Merewether dunes revegetation	Henderson Parade and Frederick Street, Merewether	\$20,459	\$2,000
Heralding Newcastle Writers Festival	Enlivening Laman Street Newcastle Conservatorium of Music Laman Street and Art Gallery	\$1,450	\$900

### 5.5 Parramatta City Council

The Council's funding round starts in October every year and presently consists of a total of \$480,000 distributed across a diverse range of grants. The precise titles of these various grants are currently under review. However, it is expected that the same amount of funding will be available in 2016. The current funding opportunities are set out in the Council's [website](#) "Community Grants and Sports & Community Contribution Scheme - Annual Program". It notes that:

Parramatta City Council's Community Grants provides an annual funding opportunity for the Parramatta Local Government Area. The grants support local not-for-profit community-based groups, organisations, sport clubs and services. Through Community Grants, Council supports a wide range of services and activities that contribute to the strategic objectives of the Parramatta 2038 strategy.

### 5.6 Selected other local council websites

- [Auburn City Council](#)
- [Blacktown City Council](#)
- [Dubbo City Council](#)
- [Fairfield City Council](#)
- [Gosford City Council](#)
- [Griffith City Council](#)
- [Hurstville City Council](#)
- [Liverpool City Council](#)
- [Parkes Shire Council](#)
- [Port Macquarie-Hastings Council](#)
- [Wagga Wagga City Council](#)

## 6. Selected NSW Departmental/Agency websites

Department of Education and Communities	<a href="https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eas/isp/index.htm">https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eas/isp/index.htm</a>
Department of Family and Community Services	<a href="http://www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/sp/funding_and_grants">http://www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/sp/funding_and_grants</a>
Office of Environment and Heritage	<a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/grantsintro.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/grantsintro.htm</a>
Office of Sport and Recreation	<a href="http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/grants/">http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/grants/</a>
Department of Primary Industries	<a href="http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/rwn/funding">http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/rwn/funding</a>
Department of Industry	<a href="http://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/http://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/">http://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/http://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/</a>
Multicultural NSW	<a href="http://www.crc.nsw.gov.au/home">http://www.crc.nsw.gov.au/home</a>
Regional Arts NSW	<a href="http://regionalartsnsw.com.au/">http://regionalartsnsw.com.au/</a>

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