

# **Get your community going...**

**Funding for your project is available  
from a variety of sources.**

This publication lists a number of funding opportunities, organised into grants available of a more general nature, for Councils, Schools and indigenous communities.

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## GENERAL GRANTS.

### **Smart Water Fund**

**Provider:** Smart Water Fund

**Funding: Total Pool:** \$5,000,000

**Closes:** November 9, 2007

**Purpose:** To encourage individuals, community groups, businesses and industry in the development of innovative ideas that will make a difference to the way we use our water resources.

**Overview:** The Smart Water Fund, through its various funding streams, is a Victoria-wide source of seed funding for innovative water saving, water recycling or bio-solids management projects in their planning, design, construction or operation stage and is also available for research and development projects.

Round Five, presents a further amount of up to \$5 million available to support additional sustainable water use projects within the geographic areas of greater metropolitan Melbourne and regional urban Victoria.

Round Five of the Smart Water Fund has two unique funding streams available. It is important to select the funding stream that is most relevant to you and your proposed project. The two different funding streams are as follows:

**Stream 1-** Research and Development into key challenges facing the water industry - This stream seeks project submissions for research and development into key challenges facing the water industry within the geographic boundaries serviced by Melbourne's metropolitan water businesses.

**Stream 2 -** Open Category for Victoria-wide Urban Innovations - This stream seeks project submissions for innovative sustainable water use projects that focus on water conservation, water recycling and/or biosolids reduction or reuse that provides a benefit to Victoria-wide urban areas (including metropolitan Melbourne).

**Who can apply:** The Fund is open to everyone - individuals, community groups, business, research and development organisations and industry.

**How to apply:** Mail, Email

**Website:** <http://www.smartwater.com.au/mainf.asp>

**Contact Details:** The Fund Manager Smart Water Fund

**Email:** [advisory@smartwater.com.au](mailto:advisory@smartwater.com.au)

**Freecall:** 1800 882 432

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## ***Holden Community Support***

**Provider:** Holden Foundation

**Funding:** Financial and 'in kind' support.

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To support a wide range of community based programs in Australia

**Overview:** Support may consist of a partnership, cash donation, or a donation 'in kind'. Donations 'in kind' include materials for fund raising events such as stickers for showbags and items for raffle prizes. It also includes one-off donations of larger objects that serve to assist education and technological innovation.

Currently, the company is supporting activities in the following major areas:

### **Environment**

Holden is particularly interested in projects that have a national focus and seek to educate and involve the Australian community in:

- Restoring and preserving the Australia's natural environment.
- Developing energy efficient strategies and alternative energy options.
- Applying technologies to achieve environmental gains.

### **Community Safety**

Reflecting its commitment to safety within its products and the community, Holden aims to support projects and educational programs that:

- Further improves road safety
- Contributes to child safety
- Increases personal security (vehicle related)

### **Technology**

As a business that relies on the advancement of Australian technology, Holden is interested in community-based projects and educational programs that:

- Advance automotive technological development in Australia
- Advance Australian engineering and science
- Recognise the achievements and enterprise of Australia's young people

### **Plants and facilities**

Holden is interested in supporting projects and educational programs that work towards advancing and developing local communities surrounding its plants and other major facilities.

**Limitations:** Funding is not provide for:

- Operational costs of organisations and established programs
- Equipment, conference, overseas travel or publications, unless they are an integral part of a project being funded
- Film, television or radio programs
- Capital appeals or endowment campaigns
- Tickets and raffles for fund raising events
- Religious purposes or political parties
- Individuals
- Projects that contribute to an individual's or business's financial gain.

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**How to apply:** Mail, Email, Fax

**Website:** <http://www.holden.com.au/www/holden/jsp/environmentcommunity/environmentcommunity.jsp>

**Contact Details:** Holden Community Support

**Email:** [community.support@holden.com.au](mailto:community.support@holden.com.au)

**Fax:** (03) 9647 1997

## ***Operation Backyard***

**Provider:** Landcare Australia, Westpac

**Funding: Average:** \$3,500 **Additional Info:** 50% of the cost of environmental materials is the maximum amount that can be approved.

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To help provide both volunteer labour and financial resources to support the successful completion of environmental projects in local communities.

**Overview:** Westpac Operation Backyard is Westpac's environmental donation program for projects in which our people are involved as volunteers. We support community environmental projects nominated by our people, including Westpac, Bank of Melbourne and Challenge Bank staff and In-store operators (our third party agency proprietors). These projects can include rehabilitating degraded recreation areas, making roadway corridors more wildlife friendly, and restoring coastal dunes, bushland and other areas for native flora and fauna.

Westpac's support for local environmental initiatives is driven by staff involvement. Through Westpac Operation Backyard, staff and In-store operators apply for funding of environmental projects in which they are involved as volunteers. Under the program, Westpac will fund up to 50% of the costs of the environmental materials required for approved projects.

A few simple rules apply:

- The project must be nominated by a Westpac staff member or In-store operator, and involve Westpac people as volunteers;
- The project must be supported by the local community;
- Landcare Australia will need to approve the project as truly environmental; and
- The project must comply with the Approval Guidelines.

The program has the scope to address most environmental issues including:

- preventing erosion and soil degradation;
- supporting the ongoing survival of a species;
- rehabilitating degraded coastal areas;
- protecting native habitat;
- addressing salinity problems;
- protecting urban reserves from degradation;

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- revegetation activities;
- river restoration; and
- controlling weeds.

Projects with an educational aspect are looked upon favourably.

**Who can apply:** To be eligible, your project must involve Westpac employees.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Website:** [http://www.landcareonline.com/funding\\_opportunity\\_details.asp?fo\\_id=7](http://www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=7)

**Contact Details:** Mr David Hehir , Project Coordinator Landcare

**Email:** [david@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:david@landcareaustralia.com.au)

**Telephone:** (02) 9662 9977

## **Small Grants**

**Provider:** Victoria Law Foundation

**Funding: Max per grant:** \$3,000

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To provide funding for projects that meet the statutory objects and comply with the guiding principles of the Foundation that in the opinion of the Executive Director are meritorious and appropriate.

**Overview:** The following are generally funded:

- Innovation and practicality - ideas that translate into sustainable, practical solutions
- Partnerships and collaborations - which build expertise and learning
- Multi-purpose - to realise a number of the Foundation's objectives
- Fostering networks - within and between the legal sector and the community
- Significant impact - measured either by the size of the audience or by the depth of impact for a small target group
- Efficient use of resources - doing 'more with less'
- Accountability and evaluation - of processes and outcomes
- Balancing short- and long-term outcomes - necessary one-off, moment-in-time projects coupled with projects that can make a lasting contribution
- Leadership in public benefit best practice
- 'But for' - priority support for work which 'but for' the Foundation, would not be undertaken.

Small grants at anytime of the year and we aim to respond to you within 14 days (this may be longer if we require additional information from you).

**The Foundation recommends you visit the webpage and contact the grants manager before you apply.**

**Limitations:** The following will generally not be funded:

- Academic research - or study to obtain a degree or diploma.
- Interstate, national or international projects - that do not benefit the people of Victoria. Part of a project may be funded if some component primarily benefits the people of Victoria.
- Core funding - for bodies established to provide services
- Capital expenditure - for overheads related to the ongoing activities of an organisation.

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- Travel costs - both interstate and overseas, unless there is a clear and direct benefit to the Victorian community.
- Conferences, symposiums or workshops - by sponsorship or subsidy, or for the attendance of individuals. However, we may be able to assist community organisations in conference organisation and securing free and low cost venues.
- Profit-making projects - however, we may fund a repayable subsidy, which requires repayments to be made to offset the cost of the original grant. If the expected income does not eventuate the Foundation will not require the loan to be repaid.
- Retrospective grants - to cover spending incurred before a decision on an application.
- Litigation - of any kind.

**Who can apply:** The Foundation accepts applications from most organisations. However, the Foundation only accepts applications from individuals in exceptional circumstances.

**How to apply:** Mail, Email, Fax

**Website:** <http://www.victorialaw.org.au/grants.asp>

**Contact Details:** Grants Manager Victoria Law Foundation

**Email:** [grants@victorialaw.org.au](mailto:grants@victorialaw.org.au) **Telephone:** (03) 9604 8188 **Fax:** (03) 9602 2449

## ***Renewable Remote Power Generation Program (RRPGP)***

**Provider:** Australian Greenhouse Office

**Funding:** Various

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To provide rebates for households, communities, not-for-profit, business, government and other organisations, in those areas of Australia not close to a main-grid, to support the installation of renewable generation systems.

**Overview:** Applicants that fully satisfy the requirements of this programme will be entitled to a rebate of up to 50 per cent of the capital costs of eligible renewable generation equipment, essential enabling equipment and services. For new photovoltaic systems (not upgrades) connected to a fossil fuel powered mini-grid, the rebate will be \$8 per watt (up to a maximum of \$8,000) or 50 per cent of eligible costs whichever is the greater.

### **Applicant requirements**

The applicant must be the purchaser of the new renewable generation system.

For systems serving **private residences:**

- the applicant must be the owner of the land on which the residence is located; and
  - the system must primarily supply a residential dwelling that is the permanent place of residence of the applicant or of a specified permanent occupant.
- For systems serving **communities:**
- the applicant must be the governing authority of the community or an appropriately authorised representative; and
  - the system must primarily supply facilities that are a key part of the community.
- For systems powering incorporated **not-for-profit, business, government and other organisations:**

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- the ABN must be provided and the applicant must be the owner or management authority of the not-for-profit, business, agency or other organisation; and
- the system must primarily supply facilities that are a key part of the organisation's operations.
- For systems installed by an Independent Power Producer (IPP) to supply electricity to a **third party**:
  - the ABN must be provided and the applicant must be the owner or management authority of the IPP business; and
  - the applicant must have a power purchase agreement with the third party.

**Who can apply:** To be eligible, applicants must have their Pre-purchase application approved by the administrator before buying and installing new renewable generation systems.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Website:** <http://www.greenhouse.gov.au/renewable/rrpgp/index.html>

**Contact Details:** Australian Greenhouse Office

**Freecall:** 1800 105 688

## ***Solar Hot Water Rebate Programme***

**Provider:** Australian Greenhouse Office

**Funding: Max per grant:** \$1,000

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To help Australian households install greenhouse friendly hot water technologies.

**Overview:** Rebates of \$1000 are available in eligible circumstances to install solar and heat pump hot water systems.

To be eligible for the rebate, a hot water system must:

- replace an electric storage hot water system
- be purchased and installed after 17 July 2007
- be a solar or heat pump hot water system that is eligible for at least 20 Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) at the time of purchase at the installation address
- be verified by a Registered Agent
- be installed by a qualified electrician or plumber
- have a warranty of at least five years.

An applicant has up to three months after an eligible system is installed to submit an Application Form. Rebate applications must be made via the official application process described on the programme's website. The applicant should allow 6-8 weeks for the application to be processed.

The closing date for applications will be midnight 31 March 2012 or as otherwise determined by the Australian Government. No applications will be accepted after the closing date.

**Who can apply:**

- The dwelling where the hot water system is installed must be a principal place of residence.
- The applicant's taxable family income must have been less than \$100,000 in the most recent tax year as

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lodged with the Australian Taxation Office.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Website:** <http://www.greenhouse.gov.au/solarhotwater/>

**Contact Details:** Australian Greenhouse Office

**Telephone:** 1800 808 571

## ***Renewable Energy Support Fund***

**Provider:** Sustainability Victoria

**Funding:** Up to 20% of the capital cost.

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To facilitate and demonstrate innovative renewable energy projects that contribute to reducing Victoria's greenhouse gas emissions.

**Overview:** Renewable energy sources are those that cannot be depleted or can be replaced and include energy from:

- solar
- wind
- biomass
- geothermal
- wave and tidal
- hydro

Energy from renewable energy sources is not confined to electricity generation. Renewable resources can also be converted to heat energy, as seen in solar heating and geothermal projects.

Proposals are invited for three project types:

### **Demonstration projects**

Demonstrate innovative applications of medium scale (20 kW–5 MW electrical, 70 MJ/hr–20 GJ/hr thermal) renewable energy technologies in Victoria.

### **Access projects**

Increase accessibility to best practice technologies that can be used in medium-scale renewable energy projects.

### **Capacity building projects**

Build capacity to install, service and/or maintain medium-scale renewable energy projects.

**Who can apply:** To be eligible projects must:

- be located in Victoria
- reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- have a maximum capacity between 20kW and 5 MW for electricity projects or between 70 MJ/h and 20GJ/h for thermal projects
- use technically proven technology that is innovative in its application in Victoria
- show the potential for further application in Victoria.

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**How to apply:** Mail

**Website:** <http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/www/html/1476-renewable-energy-support-fund.asp?intSiteID=4>

**Contact Details:** Sustainability Victoria Email: [info@sustainability.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@sustainability.vic.gov.au)

**Telephone:** (03) 8626 8700

## ***Multicultural Festivals and Events***

**Provider:** Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC)

**Funding: Max per grant:** \$10,000 **Average:** \$1,000 **Total Pool:** \$65,000

**Closes:** October 12, 2007

**Purpose:** To encourage the participation of the whole community in celebrating and valuing cultural diversity.

**Overview:** The purpose of these grants is to support major festivals, conferences and/or special ethnic community events that aim to:

- encourage the participation of the whole community in celebrating and valuing cultural diversity;
- promote awareness of cultural diversity, community contributions, mutual respect and understanding;
- address a major issue through a conference or special event.

The festivals or events must be held between January 2008 and July 2008.

This is the second round of grants for this financial year. In the last round (for events held between July 2007 and January 2008), the Victorian Multicultural Commission received around 739 applications. Of these, 426 applications were successful, with organisations receiving an average grant of around \$1000.

Successful Multicultural Festival and Events projects will be inclusive to all the community and demonstrate the value of Victoria's rich multicultural heritage.

While annual dinner dances and community luncheons have been funded in previous years the increasing competition for funding, and the need to fund projects that create the greatest community outcomes, means that these activities will not be a priority for funding.

**Priorities:** Schools are encouraged to apply for funding for activities held during Celebrate our Cultural Diversity Week (17-23 March 2008).

**Limitations:** The grants will not fund the following:

- applications submitted by individuals;
- competitions, commercial or fund raising activities;
- events held for the sole benefit of members of the applicant organisation;
- events held outside Victoria;
- funding for overseas artists to visit Victoria;
- funding for transport to interstate conferences or events ;

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- organisations that receive income from electronic gaming machines;
- organisations that have failed to abide by the terms and conditions of previously provided grants funded by the VMC; and
- organisations seeking retrospective funding for projects that have already started or have been completed.

**Who can apply:** Non-profit organisations, councils or schools. Organisations must be incorporated under the Australian Corporations Act or as an Association under the Associations Incorporation Act and have an Australian Business Number (ABN).

**How to apply:** Mail, Email, Fax

**Website:** <http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/Web24/vmc.nsf/allDocs/RWP6A3239ECE5EEEC4CA2572F0002408B9?OpenDocument>

**Contact Details:** The Grants Manager Victorian Multicultural Commission

**Email:** [vmc@dvc.vic.gov.au](mailto:vmc@dvc.vic.gov.au)

**Telephone:** 1300 366 356

**Fax:** (03) 9208 3179

## ***Victoria's Awards for Excellence in Multicultural Affairs***

**Provider:** Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC)

**Funding:** Various

**Closes:** October 12, 2007

**Purpose:** To recognise and reward the contribution of individuals and organisations in the promotion of Victoria's multicultural harmony.

**Overview:** There are nine categories for nomination of an award:

1. Award for Meritorious Service in the Community recognising the outstanding achievement of an individual or community group.
2. Premier's Award for Community Harmony recognising the outstanding achievement of an individual or organisation that has developed programs, strategies or activities, which furthered cross-cultural harmony in Victoria.
3. Business Corporate Award recognising inclusive practices and or initiatives by a business or corporation that utilises and promotes Victoria's multicultural advantage.
4. Service Delivery to Multicultural Victoria Awards recognising excellence in service delivery in the specified portfolio areas; Aged Care, Arts, Community Services, Education, Emergency Services, Employment, Health, Local Government, Planning, Regional Development and Tourism.
5. Victorian Multicultural Commission Ambassador Award recognising achievements in multicultural affairs by an organisation, an individual or a young person.
6. Victorian Multicultural Commission Media Award recognising excellence in the reporting of multicultural affairs in the media.
7. Police and Community Multicultural Awards Advisory Committee (PACMAC) acknowledging police members who have demonstrated exemplary commitment to the development and enhancement of harmonious relations between police and Victoria's culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

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8. Victorian Multicultural Education Award recognising initiatives and practices for the promotion of multiculturalism in school communities.
9. Local Government Award recognising major improvements made, or initiatives developed, by a local municipal council that promotes and strengthens multiculturalism and meets the identified needs of that municipality's culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Website:** <http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/>

**Contact Details:** Victorian Multicultural Commission **Email:** [vmc@dvc.vic.gov.au](mailto:vmc@dvc.vic.gov.au)

**Telephone:** (03) 9208 3183

## ***Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) Programme***

**Provider:** Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)

**Funding:** Various

**Closes:** October 26, 2007

**Purpose:** To provide grants to state, regional and community level organisations to provide free and impartial rural financial counselling to primary producers, fishers and small rural businesses who are suffering financial hardship and who have no alternative sources of impartial support.

**Overview:** RFCS Programme grants provide funding to organisations to deliver rural financial counselling services throughout Australia.

The Australian Government is now seeking suitable organisations to deliver rural financial counselling services for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2011. Grant funding will be provided by the Australian and participating state governments.

Applications are invited from organisations to deliver rural financial counselling services in:

- New South Wales
- Victoria
- South Australia
- Queensland
- Western Australia
- Tasmania

We encourage you to apply if your organisation has:

- strong ties to the rural community
- sound corporate credentials, and
- the ability to provide rural financial counselling services.

The successful organisations will deliver a free and impartial rural financial counselling service to primary producers, fishers and small rural businesses suffering financial hardship, with the aim of helping them manage the challenges of industry change and adjustment. There are separate guidelines and application forms for each state.

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**Who can apply:** To apply for an RFCS Programme grant, your organisation:

- must be incorporated or must be prepared to become incorporated, and
- if incorporated, must have satisfied all the requirements of your state's incorporated associations legislation, and
- if in receipt of grant funding from any government source in the last five years, must have complied with all acquittal and accountability requirements for that grant funding.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Website:** <http://www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/aaa/rfcs>

**Contact Details:** Rural Financial Counselling Service, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry - Australia

**Email:** [rfcs@daff.gov.au](mailto:rfcs@daff.gov.au)

**Freecall:** 1800 686 175

## ***Australian Biological Resources Study (ABRS) Participatory Program – Grants Scheme***

**Provider:** Dept of the Environment and Water Resources

**Funding: Max per grant:** \$60,000 **Min per grant:** \$3,000

**Closes:** November 9, 2007

**Purpose:** To support the documentation of Australia's biological diversity and to improve and increase the national taxonomic effort.

**Overview:** The intent of the scheme is to fund rigorous taxonomic treatment mainly at a species level and work contributing to regional or continental generic or higher level reviews, including the development of identification aids to taxa.

The ABRS Participatory Programme recognises two types of grants.

1. Research Project Grants for which the primary aim is to undertake systematic research on the Australian Biota; and
2. Biodiversity Information Product Grants for the development or design of a discrete product that aids in the dissemination of taxonomic information to the wider community. The products can be in the form of published or online interactive keys, development of databases such as completing a section of the Australian Faunal Directory, completion of ABRS publications such as the Flora of Australia, field-guides, and any other value-added product that facilitates the easy dissemination of taxonomic information.

**Priorities:** Within the above National Research Priorities, the Committee has identified the following specific criteria for applications under the ABRS Grants Scheme:

- Documentation of Australia's biological diversity with particular emphasis on systemics research of lesser-known groups, including microorganisms.
- Rigorous taxonomic treatment mainly at species level.

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- Contribution to regional or continental generic or higher-level systematics research.
- Groups of high conservation value.
- Groups of economic, health and/or social benefit.
- Innovative approaches for dealing with complex systematics problems.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Website:** <http://www.deh.gov.au/biodiversity/abrs/admin/grants/index.html>

**Contact Details:** Mr Stephen Dwight Dept of Environment and Heritage

**Email:** [Stephen.Dwight@environment.gov.au](mailto:Stephen.Dwight@environment.gov.au)

**Telephone:** (02) 6250 9554

**Fax:** (02) 6250 9555

## ***Community Facilities Funding Program - Minor Facilities (Community Organisations)***

**Provider:** Sport and Recreation Victoria

**Funding: Max per grant:** \$60,000

**Closes:** October 2, 2007

**Purpose:** To assist organisations, communities and councils to work together to develop local sport and recreation facilities that create more accessible, usable and sustainable leisure opportunities.

**Overview:** The objectives of Minor Facilities funding are to encourage:

- Participation in sport and recreation
- Involvement of community organisations in planning and developing facilities
- A co-ordinated response through co-operation between councils and their communities
- A strengthened community through sustainable sport and recreation facilities.

Minor Facilities funding will support sport and recreation projects such as:

- Program and meeting space
- Provision of disability access
- Change facilities for junior or female use
- Shared paths and tracks
- Open space development
- Sports surface development
- Projects promoting efficient and sustainable use of Victoria's natural resources for community sport and recreation facilities
- Projects for young people, such as playgrounds, skate parks or BMX tracks
- Projects encouraging interaction of all age groups including joint-use facilities, associated facilities for families and carers e.g. toilets, change rooms, seating, shade etc.

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Applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss project ideas with council before completing the Application Form for Community Organisations.

**Who can apply:** Community organisations have the opportunity to access funds by applying directly to their local council (please refer to the guidelines, which includes the application form).

**How to apply:** Mail Online

**Website:** <http://www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au/web18/dvcgrants.nsf/AllDocs/DCC97E81E45D3ADDCA25717D003E344D>

**Contact Details:** Sport and Recreation Victoria

**Email:** [grantapplications@dvc.vic.gov.au](mailto:grantapplications@dvc.vic.gov.au) **Telephone:** 1300 366 356 **Fax:** 03 9208 3680

## ***GEMstone: The GEM Grant***

**Provider:** Grassroots EmpowerMent (GEM)

**Funding: Max per grant:** \$5,000

**Closes:** October 15, 2007 **Opens:** September 3, 2007

**Purpose:** To address social issues through community service projects that are a joint initiative between youth and the community.

**Overview:** GEM was founded with the objectives of:

- Encouraging youth to take a socially active role in the community;
- Equipping youth with the necessary skills, network and resources to successfully set-up and run sustainable community service projects; and
- Establishing accredited university courses that integrate mainstream studies with involvement in GEM projects.

## **What type of projects will GEM fund?**

GEM is looking for projects that demonstrate financial need and share similar objectives to those of our organisation. Applicants are required to show how their project empower youth, lead to sustainable change and have a commitment to the principles of service learning.

Projects can come from one of the following five categories:

- Youth issues
- Social harmony
- Sustainable development
- Environment
- Education

GEM is willing to grant funds to either established or new projects. New projects not yet operating are required to also submit an action plan as part of their application.

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**Limitations:** GEM is unable to provide funds for the following:

- Projects of an individual nature that do not involve any immediate benefits to the community beyond the benefits to the applicants, including:
- Medical treatment
- Undergraduate and post-graduate study (including fees, texts, living and related expenses)
- An overseas course of study or training
- Projects in which funding will contribute to the spread of particular religious or political beliefs
- Projects which do not require funding from GEM in order to be achieved
- On-going organisational infrastructure eg computers, office equipment, uniforms, other core operational items, etc.
- Retrospective funding

In addition, GEM wishes that no more than 15% of the grant will be used for administrative purposes.

## **Who can apply:**

- Applications must be submitted on behalf of a group, involving three (3) or more members. For the purpose of the application, please select the three people who will be most involved in the project, in order to submit contact details and details of referees.
- Applicants must have past community service experience, with a minimum of three months volunteering. This experience must be detailed in the application. Reference checking will also take place and referees must be able to vouch for your past community service experience.

**How to apply:** All applications are required to be submitted online.

**Website:** [http://www.geminc.org.au/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=19&Itemid=30](http://www.geminc.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=19&Itemid=30)

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### ***Working on Country Programme***

**Provider:** Dept of the Environment and Water Resources

**Funding:** Various

**Closes:** October 19, 2007

**Purpose:** To contract Indigenous people to provide environmental services in remote and regional areas.

**Overview:** Working on Country has two main objectives:

- to provide the means for Indigenous people to undertake environmental work on country that meets both their aspirations for caring for country and the Australian Government's environmental responsibilities; and
- to provide a mechanism through which Indigenous people, including those involved with the CDEP programme, can move into jobs.

To meet these objectives preference will be given to longer term projects rather than those that involve short-term activities.

Initially, Working on Country will fund projects that make a contribution to the environment in one of three broad areas:

1. Keeping country healthy: undertaking work to identify, conserve, maintain, manage and repair the land.
2. Looking after sea country: undertaking work to identify, conserve, maintain and manage sea country.
3. Protecting heritage: undertaking work to identify, protect, conserve and celebrate Australia's Indigenous heritage.

**Limitations:** You are not eligible to apply or to manage a contract if you are:

- An Australian, state or territory government department, agency or authority.

**Who can apply:** You can get involved if you are:

- an Indigenous group or organisation wanting to do work on country; and/or
- an Indigenous organisation that is legally incorporated that can manage the contract; or
- a not-for-profit body that is legally incorporated in Australia that can act as a contract manager for an Indigenous group or organisation; or
- a local government authority or a regional natural resource management body can act as a contract manager (works that are considered part of the local government's normal responsibility are not eligible).

**How to apply:** Mail

**Website:** <http://www.environment.gov.au/indigenous/workingoncountry/index.html>

**Contact Details:** Dept of the Environment and Water Resources

**Email:** [workingoncountry@environment.gov.au](mailto:workingoncountry@environment.gov.au)

**Freecall:** 1800 803 772

**Telephone:** (02) 6274 2939

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## ***The Business Ready Program for Indigenous Tourism (BRPIT)***

**Provider:** AusIndustry

**Funding:** Various

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To assist existing and start-up Indigenous tourism businesses to develop the business skills and knowledge required to establish and run a commercially viable tourism operation.

**Overview:** The program will fund business mentors to work directly with a portfolio of such businesses to transfer skills to individuals in the businesses on all aspects of small business and the tourism industry.

The Business Ready Program for Indigenous Tourism will assist individuals, start-up and existing Indigenous tourism businesses to increase their potential for commercialising tourism products and/or services. The program seeks to address key barriers to the successful development of Indigenous tourism businesses, namely the lack of management, business and strategic planning skills.

The program funds selected business mentors to identify Indigenous tourism businesses in their region and work with them to:

- provide tailored intensive support to develop their management, business and strategic planning skills,
- assist individuals, start-ups and existing Indigenous tourism businesses to increase their potential for commercialising tourism product or services, and
- ensure the businesses are capable of operating successfully within the Australian tourism industry.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Website:** <http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/content/level3index.cfm?ObjectID=AAC495C7-0289-4F27-903A46D88EF303E4&L2Parent=AEB901E5-7CB8-4143-A3BF33B2423F9DA6>

## ***Indigenous Small Grants***

**Provider:** The Foundation for Young Australians

**Funding: Max per grant:** \$5,000

**Closes:** November 19, 2007

**Purpose:** To provide an opportunity for Indigenous organisations and organisations that work with Indigenous people and communities to be offered small amounts of support funding to support innovation and the expansion of existing successful initiatives.

**Overview:** Funds are available for initiatives that enhance youth participation or create opportunities for the development of young people aged 12-25 years.

The focus of The Foundation is on initiatives that result in meaningful change for young people. The Foundation is committed to supporting initiatives that have an impact on the community by creating opportunities for young people:

- to participate fully in their community;
- to be empowered;
- to address issues that they are passionate about;

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- to act as catalysts for change within their communities;
- to enhance self esteem through building a sense of belonging and ownership of destiny;
- to break entrenched cycles by opening up new, positive opportunities and experiences for young people;
- to develop leadership capability in young people;
- to develop a sense of 'connectedness' by creating significant and sustainable relationships with family, peers, school and communities; and/or
- to develop knowledge, skills and talents to enhance young people's contribution to the development and growth of their peers and broader community.

**Limitations:** It is unlikely that grants will be made for the following purposes:

- to cover on-going organisational infrastructure;
- an initiative which duplicates existing available services to an identical target group within the same geographic location;
- retrospective funding;
- medical treatment;
- undergraduate study;
- an overseas course of study or training which does not offer any special advantage over those available in Australia; or
- donations for unspecified initiatives.

**Who can apply:** Applications will be accepted from non-profit organisations (including local government and schools). If your organisation is not an Indigenous organisation please provide information of your organisation's experience in working with Indigenous people and organisations.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Website:** [http://www.youngaustralians.org/fund/ya\\_fund\\_indigenous\\_small\\_grants.asp](http://www.youngaustralians.org/fund/ya_fund_indigenous_small_grants.asp)

**Contact Details:** The Foundation for Young Australians

**Email:** [fya@youngaustralians.org](mailto:fya@youngaustralians.org)

**Freecall:** 1800 252 316

**Telephone:** (03) 9670 5436

**Fax:** (03) 9670 2272

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## FOR COUNCILS

### **Community Facilities Funding Program**

**Provider:** Sport and Recreation Victoria

**Funding: Max per grant:** \$2,500,000 **Min per grant:** \$30,000

**Closes:** October 2, 2007

**Purpose:** To provide high-quality, accessible community sport and recreation facilities across Victoria.

**Overview:** The program encourages:

- Better planning of sport and recreation facilities
- Innovative sport and recreation facilities
- Increasing communities' access to leisure opportunities
- Inclusion of environmentally sustainable design initiatives into projects
- Strengthening communities through sport and recreation participation

There are two categories of funding available in this program, Planning and Building Community Infrastructure.

The **Planning** category provides funding for the future sport and recreation needs of communities through better information collection, consultation and strategic planning. Grants up to \$30,000 are available for projects focussing on recreation planning or facility feasibility.

The **Building Community Infrastructure** category provides grants for improving places where communities meet and interact. There are four sub-categories focussing on building or upgrading community sport and recreation facilities:

**Minor Facilities** - Grants of up to \$60,000 (where the project costs \$200,000 or less excluding GST) are available for community groups, working in partnership with council, to develop or upgrade community sport and recreation facilities.

**Please Note:** Community organisations have the opportunity to access funds from the Minor Facilities category by applying directly to their council using an Application Form for Community Organisations. Local councils will provide advice on when applications by community organisations are to be lodged to them. Please see our separate entry on the Minor Facilities (Community Organisations) for more information.

**Major Facilities** - Grants of up to \$500,000 (where the project costs more than \$200,000 excluding GST) are available for development of major sport and recreation facilities.

**Aquatic Access/Better Pools** - Grants of up to \$2.5 million are available to provide quality aquatic leisure facilities through new aquatic centres or extensions to existing centres.

**Seasonal Pool Renewal** - Grants of up to \$200,000 are available to rejuvenate seasonal swimming pools in small communities in rural and regional Victoria and in the interface councils that can demonstrate significant isolation from an aquatic centre that provides all year round aquatic opportunities.

Since 2000 the Victorian Government has invested \$146 million through the Community Facility Funding Program towards more than 1,650 community facility projects. This investment has seen the development of:

- 119 swimming pools and aquatic leisure projects;

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- 126 major facilities including multipurpose indoor facilities and multi-use outdoor courts and spaces;
- 1113 minor facilities including sports surface development, BMX tracks and change room facilities; and
- 319 planning projects to ensure quality community outcomes.

**Who can apply:** Only Councils are eligible to apply.

**How to apply:** Mail, Email, Fax Online

**Website:** <http://www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au/web18/dvcgrants.nsf/AllDocs/1007AB6A0BF48F70CA25717D003D6531>

**Contact Details:** Facilities Project Officer Sport and Recreation Victoria

**Email:** [grantapplications@dvc.vic.gov.au](mailto:grantapplications@dvc.vic.gov.au) **Telephone:** 1300 366 356 **Fax:** (03) 9208 3680

## ***Living Libraries Program***

**Provider:** Department of Planning and Community Development (VIC)

**Funding: Max per grant:** \$500,000

**Closes:** October 26, 2007

**Purpose:** To assist Victorian councils in the provision of high quality and accessible public library facilities that support the role of public libraries in strengthening communities.

**Overview:** These grants aim to:

- Provide new or improved public library infrastructure.
- Support the role of the public library in strengthening communities as a meeting place, facilitator of life long learning and provider of free access to information and reading resources.

The Living Libraries Program will support projects that deliver demonstrable community benefits and/or provide increased community access. Grants are for construction works and permanent fixtures and fittings only. Permanent fixtures may include items such as carpeting, circulation desks and shelving. Buildings must include access for persons with disabilities to the appropriate standard.

Examples of the type of projects that will be considered for funding include:

- The construction of a new library for a community that does not have a public library building.
- The construction of a library building to replace an existing library.
- The conversion of an existing non library building for use as a library.
- The renovation/refurbishment or extension of an existing library building.
- The incorporation of a public library space as an element of a broader community facility.
- A new mobile library.
- Interior refurbishment of an existing mobile library.
- Partial replacement of a mobile library (eg replacement of engine, prime mover, trailer).

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their application with the Department of Planning and Community Development prior to submission.

**Limitations:** What will not be considered for funding?

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- Requests for retrospective funding for projects that are under construction or have been completed.
- Additional funding for a project or components of a project that have already received substantive funding assistance from the Victorian Government.
- Any preliminary work required or completed prior to notification of funding approval and agreement to conditions attached to funds.
- Funding for equipment, freestanding furniture, shelving etc.
- Resources and materials such as books, magazines, audio-tapes, CDs, etc. (nor are these to be considered as part of the council's matching funds).
- Works associated with on-going operating costs or cyclical maintenance.
- Costs associated with the purchase of land.
- Projects requiring on-going funding support (other than the current level of recurrent funds) from the Victorian Government once completed.
- Shared ancillary facilities, eg toilets, meeting rooms, kitchens, etc where the library is part of a larger complex, unless these are proven to be essential components of library service delivery.
- Non-public use areas, eg staff work areas, offices, etc unless they are part of a larger project focused on public use/access areas.

**Who can apply:** All Victorian councils and Regional Library Corporations can apply for funding from the Living Libraries Program.

**How to apply:** Mail, Online

**Website:** <http://www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au/web18/dvcgrants.nsf/AllDocs/4F18095CFAA0B827CA25718000278BA4>

**Contact Details:** Department for Victorian Communities (DVC)    **Freecall:** 1300 366 356

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## ***State Schools' Relief Fund***

**Provider:** State Schools' Relief Committee Inc. (SSRC)

**Funding:** Clothing and Footwear.

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To assist **very needy students** attending Victorian Government Primary, Special and Secondary Schools with clothing and footwear.

**Overview:** The State Schools' Relief Committee was founded in 1929 during the Great Depression and has since assisted needy students in Victorian schools with clothing and footwear.

Applications for assistance are forwarded to the Committee by the Principal of the school the student is attending.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Website:** <http://www.ssrc.net.au/services.html>

**Contact Details:** Mr David Schmidt , Manager State Schools' Relief Committee Inc.

**Email:** [schmidt.david.p@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:schmidt.david.p@edumail.vic.gov.au) **Telephone:** (03) 9888 8722 **Fax:** (03) 9888 8926

## ***Artists in Schools***

**Provider:** Arts Victoria

**Funding:** The Artists in Schools program provides grants of \$5,000 for professional practising artists to work in a Victorian school for up to 20 days.

**Closes:** September 28, 2007

**Purpose:** To create the opportunity for practising professional artists to work with young people in Victorian primary and secondary schools.

**Overview:** It involves schools and communities in creative partnership projects while providing students, teachers and artists with diverse and challenging learning experiences. The program generates innovative ways to engage students across all strands of the curriculum, Prep - Year 10. Artists and designers may work in any artform.

The Artists in Schools program aims to:

- Support diverse student learning across the curriculum.
- Enrich teaching practice through interaction with professional artists.
- Expand opportunities for artists to work with young people.
- Support schools to design, develop and deliver authentic learning experiences through creative partnerships.
- Generate creative learning experiences that build on the interests and expertise of those involved.

**Limitations:** Performances or workshops that are identical, or very similar to those that the artist provides regularly in schools on a commercial basis will not be funded through the Artists in Schools program.

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**Who can apply:** The program accepts applications from Victorian primary and secondary schools, including government and non government schools.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Website:** <http://www.arts.vic.gov.au/arts/funding/programs/2007/artistsinschools.htm>

**Contact Details:** Ms Anna Kelly Arts Victoria

**Email:** [anna.kelly@dpc.vic.gov.au](mailto:anna.kelly@dpc.vic.gov.au) **Freecall:** 1800 134 894

**Telephone:** (03) 9954 5029 **Fax:** (03)9686 6186 **TTY:** (03) 9682 4864

## ***Flagpole Funding Initiative***

**Provider:** Dept of Education, Science and Training (DEST)

**Funding: Max per grant:** \$1,500

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To assist schools to meet the condition of funding that every school have a functioning flagpole and fly the Australian flag as part of their civics and citizenship education.

**Overview:** This funding is provided for:

- purchase and installation of a flagpole where a school does not currently have one; or
- repair of an existing flagpole; or
- replacement of a flagpole where the cost of any repairs is excessive in relation to the replacement cost; and
- installation of a plaque acknowledging the Australian Government's funding contribution.

**Who can apply:** All state registered primary and secondary schools which are eligible to receive Australian Government general recurrent funding appropriated under the Schools Assistance (Learning Together through Choice and Opportunity) Act 2004 and which do not have a functioning flagpole may apply for funding under this initiative.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Website:** [http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/school\\_education/programmes\\_funding/general\\_funding/capital\\_grants/flagpoles/default.htm](http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/school_education/programmes_funding/general_funding/capital_grants/flagpoles/default.htm)

**Contact Details:** Department of Education, Science and Training

**Email:** [flagpoles@dest.gov.au](mailto:flagpoles@dest.gov.au) **Telephone:** 1300 363 079 **Fax:** (02) 6123 7770

## ***National Awards for Quality Schooling***

**Provider:** Teaching Australia

**Funding:** The Australian Government is providing over \$1.1 million in prize money for the 2008 awards.

**Closes:** October 15, 2007

**Purpose:** To recognise and reward teachers, principals, support staff and schools who, in their different

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ways, make an exceptional contribution to their school community and to outcomes for students.

**Overview:** The awards build a better understanding and greater appreciation of the work done in Australian schools, and are a way of sharing good ideas and practice among school communities across the country.

The Award categories are:

## **Individual awards**

- Excellence by a Teacher
- Excellence in Teacher Leadership
- Excellence by a Beginning Teacher
- Excellence by a Principal
- Excellence by a Support Staff Member

## **School awards**

- Excellence in School Improvement
- Excellence in Family School Partnerships

Award winners in each of the teacher, teacher leadership, beginning teacher, principal and support staff categories for 'best', and 'highly commended' achievements receive individual prize money with an additional prize for their school.

School improvement and family-school partnerships prize money for 'best' and 'highly commended' achievements is paid to the school.

In addition to the prize money, recipients of awards are:

- recognised nationally for their exceptional achievement;
- honoured at an award ceremony;
- presented with an award certificate; and
- invited to participate in professional exchange opportunities.

**Who can apply:** The awards are open to people working in pre-primary, primary and secondary schools, in all sectors.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Website:** <http://www.teachingaustralia.edu.au/ta/webdav/site/tasite/shared/awards/index.html>

**Contact Details:** Department of Education, Science and Training.

**Email:** [awards@ Austcolled.com.au](mailto:awards@ Austcolled.com.au) **Freecall:** 1800 131 323

**Telephone:** (02) 6125 1645 **Fax:** (02) 6125 1644

## ***Green Vouchers for Schools Programme***

**Provider:** Dept of the Environment and Water Resources

**Funding:** Various

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To provide up to \$50,000 for every school to install solar hot water systems and a rainwater tank

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to improve energy and water efficiency.

## **Overview:** What will be funded?

A rainwater tank above 10,000 litres and a solar hot water system, along with their associated infrastructure and fittings can be purchased with the grant. For tanks the installation costs can include a pump and reticulation to toilets, gardens and ovals etc. The water is not to be used for drinking purposes.

## **How to apply?**

All schools will be sent a voucher they can use to access the programme. Every school will be invited to register their interest online or by calling 1800 020 625. Schools will need to develop a plan to determine the works that best suit them. During this planning process schools will also identify necessary licences and approvals.

## **How does the voucher work?**

Each school will receive a single grant payment. The payment will be based on a firm quote and delivery timelines obtained by each school to undertake their identified works.

## **What happens when the work is done?**

After the work has been completed each school will provide a final online report and acquittal. Through the online acquittal process, schools will be asked to provide feedback on their energy and water awareness activities undertaken, and the estimated energy and water savings obtained by participating in this programme.

**Who can apply:** All Australian primary and secondary schools are eligible for funding.

Where a school has previously received funding for rainwater tanks under an Australian Government programme, such as Community Water Grants, this amount will be deducted from the \$50,000 grant.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Website:** <http://www.environment.gov.au/programs/greenvouchers/>

**Contact Details:** Department of the Environment and Water Resources

**Email:** [greenvouchers@nrm.gov.au](mailto:greenvouchers@nrm.gov.au) **Freecall:** 1800 020 625 **Telephone:** (02) 6274 1111