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# Grants for the Community

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## Victorian Volunteer Small Grants

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

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

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To help community organisations develop a vibrant volunteer culture where everyone can participate.

**Overview:** Victorian Volunteer Small Grants are available for Victorian organisations to:

- attract new volunteers from diverse backgrounds, e.g. Indigenous people, newly arrived migrants, people with disabilities;
- create new volunteering opportunities; and
- strengthen existing volunteering programs as a way of engaging new volunteers.

Some examples of the activities or projects which could be funded include:

- a mentoring and awareness-raising program to involve people with disabilities as new volunteers in community organisations;
- a recruitment plan and advertising campaign, designed in partnership with an Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, to involve newly arrived migrants in rural communities in volunteering;
- recruiting and training local Indigenous volunteers to develop an Indigenous history program for local school children;
- providing essential equipment as part of a campaign to recruit and train more volunteers as life savers on local beaches; or

**Priorities:** Applicants must describe how their project will:

- increase the diversity of volunteers in their organisation; and/or
- involve and encourage new volunteers.

Priority will be given to groups with relatively small operating budgets which rely on volunteers.

**Limitations:** The Victorian Volunteer Small Grants will not fund:

- existing debts or budget deficits;
- projects which have already started or have been completed;
- purchases of prizes for fundraising events;
- staff salaries or general operating costs not associated with this project;
- equipment purchases not linked to developing new volunteers and opportunities; or
- travel costs not directly associated with this project.

**Who can apply:** Community not-for-profit organisations in Victoria can apply if they:

- involve volunteers at a local level;
- are an incorporated body, co-operative or association; and have an ABN or have written advice from the Australian Tax Office that no withholding tax is required from the grant payment.

Non-incorporated organisations may apply through another organisation which will manage the grant funds; this organisation must be an incorporated body or association & have an ABN.

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

**Further Information**

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au/web18/dvcgrants.nsf/AllDocs/02E6A4E787DD9401CA257180002C7188>

**Contact Details:** Grants Unit, Department for Victorian Communities

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

**Telephone:** 1300 366 356

**Fax:** (03) 9208 3680

## Jobs Fund

**Provider:** Dept of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

**Funding:** \$100 million is available in this first call for proposals.

**Closes:** 22 May 2009

**Purpose:** To support innovative community, environmental and heritage projects that will create jobs and build skills for the future.

**Overview:** The Jobs Fund is a \$650 million Australian Government Initiative to support and create jobs and skills development through projects that build community and social infrastructure. The Jobs Fund forms part of the Australian Government's Jobs and Training Compact and has been established to support families and communities most affected by the Global Economic Recession. The Jobs Fund will also invest in one-off capital projects to improve community infrastructure and will provide seed funding for social enterprises. Funding will be in the form of one-off grants for projects up to \$2 million, ready to commence from July 2009. The Jobs Fund has the following three streams:

- Local Jobs - \$300 million of funding is available over two years. Funding will be available for community infrastructure projects with a focus on the promotion of environment-friendly technology and heritage.
- Get Communities Working - \$200 million of funding is available over two years. Seed capital will be available for self-sustaining projects which create jobs and provide activities and services to improve community amenity.
- Infrastructure Employment Projects - \$150 million over two years. Projects under this stream will provide for investment in infrastructure projects which generate jobs in regions affected by the economic downturn.

**Priorities:** Priority will be given to projects in regions experiencing high levels of disadvantage and most affected by job losses.

**Who can apply:** Eligible organisations include non-profit and community organisations, employment services providers and local, state and territory governments.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Further Information**

**Website:** <http://www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobsFundfirstcallforproposals.aspx>

**Contact Details:** Dept of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

**Email:** [Jobs.Fund@deewr.gov.au](mailto:Jobs.Fund@deewr.gov.au)

## Seeds of Renewal Program

**Provider:** Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR), ANZ

**Funding: Max per grant:** \$10,000 **Total Pool:** \$300,000

**Closes:** 19 June 2009

**Purpose:** To fund small, rural and regional not-for-profit organisations that have projects and activities that aid the growth of their community.

**Overview:** What can be funded?

- Communities that have a population of 15,000 people or less
- Projects with a charitable purpose
- Grants will be made in amounts up to \$10,000
- Applications from not-for-profit organisations with an ABN

**Priorities:** Preference will be given to applications that contribute to the development of communities through the following:

- Community and Social Enterprise that supports volunteer initiatives at a local community level

- Demonstrates community collaboration

**Who can apply:** Not-for-profit Organisations.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Further Information**

**Website:** <http://www.frrr.org.au/programsDetail.asp?ProgramID=1>

**Contact Details:** Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR)

**Email:** [info@frrr.org.au](mailto:info@frrr.org.au)      **Freecall:** 1800 170 020

## Eco-Living Grants Program

**Provider:** Dept of Sustainability and Environment (VIC)

**Funding: Max per grant:** \$300,000 **Min per grant:** \$50,000

**Closes:** 23 April 2009

**Purpose:** To build the capacity of households and communities to respond to the impacts of climate change and sustainability issues.

**Overview:** The Program provides funding to assist development of EcoLiving Centres to support households and communities reduce everyday environmental impacts by:

- helping households overcome barriers to change
- providing locally relevant information and learning programs
- working together with a range of community members, organisations and businesses to help achieve the changes needed
- demonstrating sustainable technologies and practices

The objectives of the Program are to:

- facilitate greater understanding and take-up of sustainable practices by community members in their homes and everyday lives
- facilitate long-term behavioural change towards sustainable living in the community
- build the capacity of communities to adapt to climate change

Applicants are required to respond to each of the following categories:

- learning and change
- monitoring and evaluation
- partnership and collaboration
- demonstration
- project governance and long-term viability.

**Limitations:** Projects with the following characteristics will not be eligible:

- successful applicants from EcoLiving Grants Program Round 1
- neighbourhood houses and/or councils applying on behalf of a neighbourhood house that are funded through the Neighbourhood House Coordination Program and do not have existing sustainability features - please refer to 'What are the funding streams?'
- projects that do not address the assessment criteria
- projects that predominantly focus on demonstration of sustainable technologies
- projects that do not align with the Sustainability Fund Priority Statement
- works on school buildings or local government municipal offices
- projects seeking retrospective funding for projects/programs that have been started or have been completed
- applications for funding to supplement current programs or funding requests for core administration costs of the organisation

- projects not meeting state and national legislative requirements and other relevant approvals and permits

**Who can apply:** Community groups.

**How to apply:** Mail, Email

**Further Information**

**Website:** <http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/DSE/nrence.nsf/childdocs/-51B7A26E5FB2257B4A2567CB000310AFBE96743DB0C03151CA2572F4000C7BD7?open>

**Contact Details:** Dept of Sustainability and Environment (VIC)

**Email:** [sustainable.state@dse.vic.gov.au](mailto:sustainable.state@dse.vic.gov.au) **Telephone:** 136 186 **TTY:** 1800 122 969

## 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: Supporting the Use of Renewable Energy for Remote Power Generation

Displacing fossil fuels with renewable generation such as solar and wind power not only benefits the environment, but can also improve the lifestyle of Australians living in remote parts of the country, giving them greater access to electricity, reducing noise and air pollution and reducing the need to transport fuel over long distances.

### Residential and Medium-scale (RM) sub-program

The Residential and Medium-scale (RM) sub-program provides 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 (where existing RRPGP sub-programs are not available).

Rebates of up to 50 per cent of the capital cost of renewable generation and essential enabling equipment are available to applicants that fully comply with the eligibility requirements and procedures outlined in the RM subprogram guidelines.

### Renewable Energy Water Pumping Sub-program

The Renewable Remote Power Generation Program - Renewable Energy Water Pumping sub-program provides rebates for business, government and other incorporated organisations, to support the installation of renewable energy water pumping systems in those areas of Australia not close to a main-grid. The sub-program aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by decreasing reliance on diesel fuel for remote water pumping applications.

The Renewable Energy Water Pumping sub-program provides rebates for the renewable energy components of water pumps that displace diesel engine powered pumps in off-grid applications.

**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

**Further Information**

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

**Contact Details:** Australian Greenhouse Office

**Freecall:** 1800 105 688

## The Myer Foundation - G4 Fund (Small Grants)

**Provider:** The Myer Foundation

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

**Closes:** 14 April 2009

**Purpose:** To support youth focussed and driven strategies across a range of areas.

**Overview:** The G4 Small Grants Program aims to be responsive to community needs and to support youth focussed initiatives and driven strategies across a range of areas.

G4 supports projects that:

- Benefit the Australian community and are conducted within Australia
- Have young men and women, aged 12-25, as participants, drivers or targets of the initiative
- Are small, discrete initiatives with a total project budget of up to \$30,000 that meet the needs of a community.

Applications submitted to the Small Grants Program are considered at four meetings during the year and are accepted in the lead up to specified closing dates.

**Priorities:** The priority areas for the G4 Small Grants Program include but are not limited to:

- Capacity building for youth organisations
- Environmental education targeting and involving young people aged 12-25 years
- Youth-driven events
- Activities and initiatives addressing the health of young people

**Limitations:** Organisations can only receive one grant from the G4 Small Grants Program within a 12-month period.

**Who can apply:** The G4 Small Grants Program only supports small community based organisations.

**How to apply:** Mail, Email

**Further Information**

**Website:** [http://www.myerfoundation.org.au/\\_110.asp](http://www.myerfoundation.org.au/_110.asp)

**Contact Details:** Administration Coordinator The Myer Foundation

**Email:** [enquiries@myerfoundation.org.au](mailto:enquiries@myerfoundation.org.au)      **Telephone:** (03) 9207 3040      **Fax:** (03) 9207 3070

## Men's Sheds Program 2009

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

**Funding: Max per grant:** \$50,000

**Closes:** 22 May 2009      **Opens:** 26 March 2009

**Purpose:** To help build new Men's Sheds in areas of high need across Victoria.

**Overview:** The Men's Sheds Program 2009 is the second round of a funding program to provide infrastructure funding to not-for-profit organisations to:

- Construct a new Men's Shed facility (eg where a new Men's Sheds group has been established but has no premises to operate from, or an existing Men's Sheds group is currently operating from a makeshift facility, such as a community member's garage, & is looking for its own facility).
- Redevelop an existing building to allow the establishment of a new Men's Shed program (eg where a new men's shed group has been established and has found a building that may be suitable, but needs redevelopment before it can be used).
- Redevelop a facility so that a Men's Shed program could become a co-located element of a multipurpose facility or hub for the community.
- Redevelop leased premises as a new Men's Shed facility where there is a substantial lease.

A Men's Shed project will be considered for funding if it is for construction of a new shed or to modify an existing building to establish a Men's Shed Program, including costs associated with:

- Construction/building modifications
- Development of purpose built workspaces
- Disability access
- Wiring of electricity/utilities.

**Priorities:** Priority will be given to projects that can demonstrate:

- A high level of need for the project in their community and a level of disadvantage consistent with A Fairer Victoria priorities. A Fairer Victoria is the Victorian Government's social policy action plan and is available on the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) website at [www.dpcd.vic.gov.au](http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au)
- Partnership and/or support from relevant community groups such as the local council, community health centre, Neighbourhood House, University of the Third Age, the Returned and Services League (RSL) and the Country Fire Authority (CFA).
- Links with local area priorities e.g. Neighbourhood Renewal, Community Renewal, Community Building Initiatives and/or council community planning priorities.
- A sustainable strategic plan for the operation of the Men's Sheds program.

**Limitations:** The Men's Shed Program 2009 will not fund:

- Redevelopment or relocation of an existing Men's Shed building;
- Projects requiring ongoing funding from the Victorian Government other than the initial grant;
- Requests for retrospective funding where construction projects have commenced or are completed prior to receiving funding approval;
- The purchase of land. In general the land on which the facility development is proposed will be municipal property, a Crown reserve, land owned by a public authority or land held for public purposes, such as trustees;
- Organisations that do not have a legal status such as being incorporated;
- Repair of facilities damaged by vandalism, fire or other natural disasters where the act should be covered by insurance;
- Facilities where little or no disability or public access is available;
- Additional funding for a project or Men's Shed components that have already received substantive funding from the Victorian Government;
- Equipment or freestanding furniture or resources, such as tools, chairs and the like;
- Request for ongoing operational costs such as, salaries, electricity, water and other utilities;
- Areas designated for gaming machines operations within a proposed facility;
- Routine or cyclical maintenance works to existing facilities; and
- Men's Sheds Program 2007 successful grant recipients.

**Who can apply:** The following organisations can apply for these grants:

- Not-for-profit organisations that currently auspice a Men's Shed Program that does not have a Men's Shed facility e.g. a neighbourhood house, University of the Third Age, community health service, RSL or CFA etc.
- Incorporated not-for-profit organisations that are intending to establish a Men's Shed program.
- Local Government Authorities. Applicants must be a legal entity e.g. incorporated.

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

**Further Information**

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.dpcd.vic.gov.au/web18/dvcgrants.nsf/allDocs/CDBDE7F7D89F6B8BCA2573670013CB0D>

**Contact Details:** Department of Planning and Community Development (VIC)

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

## New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS)

**Provider:** Employment Services Network

**Funding:** Business development training and a financial allowance.

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To help eligible unemployed people to start and run their new, viable small business.

**Overview:** NEIS can provide training in small business management, business skills and business plan development, and if approved:

- NEIS Allowance (if eligible) for up to 52 weeks
- NEIS Rental Assistance for up to 26 weeks (if eligible) and
- business advice and mentoring support during the first year of operation.

NEIS will help you develop a business plan as part of your training. The plan will need to be approved before you can start your business with NEIS assistance.

The plan will help you if you need to approach banks or credit unions for finance. NEIS, does not provide start-up funds such as loans or grants.

**Limitations:** Only eligible Job Seekers should apply.

**Who can apply:** To participate in NEIS you must be either:

- registered as eligible for the full range of Job Network services and:
  - at least aged 18 years at the time of signing a NEIS Participant Agreement
  - be receiving an allowance specified by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) from time to time as NEIS eligible, or
- a mature age job seeker not on income support who:
  - will be aged 50 years or over at the time of signing a NEIS Participant Agreement
  - has the capacity to be financially self-sufficient while undertaking training and NEIS

**How to apply:** Mail

**Further Information**

**Website:** <http://www.workplace.gov.au/workplace/Programmes/NEIS/>

**Contact Details:** Employment Services Network

**Telephone:** 13 62 68

## STA Travel Trust Grant

**Provider:** STA Travel

**Funding:** Various

**Closes:** 21 May 2009

**Purpose:** To assist individuals and community groups explore the world and in doing so explore the issues of peace, tolerance, justice and equality.

**Overview:** You supply your time and skills and STA will help you with the cash or airfare – you just need to learn, experience and share.

**Limitations:** Only Australian & New Zealand residents are eligible to apply.

**Who can apply:** Applicants must be over 18, but there is no upper age limit. Groups and individuals are welcome to apply.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Further Information**

**Website:**

[http://www.statravel.com.au/cps/rde/xchg/au\\_division\\_web\\_live/hs.xsl/travel\\_trust.htm](http://www.statravel.com.au/cps/rde/xchg/au_division_web_live/hs.xsl/travel_trust.htm)

**Contact Details:** STA Travel

**Email:** [traveltrust@statravel.com.au](mailto:traveltrust@statravel.com.au)

**Telephone:** 134 782

## Commemorations Grants

**Provider:** Dept of Veterans' Affairs

**Funding: Max per grant:** \$4,000

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To preserve our heritage from wars and conflicts and encourage community participation in commemorative events.

**Overview:** Projects must be directly commemorative of Australia's servicemen and women involved in wars, conflicts and peace operations to be eligible for funding under the Saluting Their Service commemorations grants program.

Each application is considered on its merits and in accordance with program priorities. Organisations and communities are expected to contribute towards the project, financially and by providing in-kind support.

Up to \$3,000 may be available for:

- restoration, preservation and interpretation of Australian wartime memorabilia for public display
- commemoration of significant anniversaries of battles & other military operations (eg 40th or 65th)
- publishing unit wartime histories, where none exists
- schools initiatives (eg research projects involving local veterans or recording visits to commemorative sites overseas)
- significant unit reunions (eg 40th or 65th).

Up to \$4,000 may be available for:

- restoration and upgrading community war memorials and improving access and safety to the immediate surrounds
- restoring vandalised memorials and improving security
- constructing new community memorials where none exists and where the new memorial will be the focus of community commemoration
- restoration of commemorative plaques and honour boards for public display
- new commemorative plaques and honour boards for public display.

**Limitations:** What is not eligible:

- expenditure already incurred or ongoing expenditure
- recurring activities, travel and accommodation
- construction and repair of buildings, including memorial halls and sporting facilities
- purchase and hire of vehicles and equipment
- maintenance of memorials and their surrounds
- memorials to individuals or memorials located overseas
- purchase of military hardware
- educational materials where DVA projects already provide resources for schools
- documentaries, CDs and videos
- events to mark enlistment, graduation or the formation or anniversaries of associations.

**Who can apply:**

- Community and ex-service organisations
- Local government authorities
- Other bodies such as museums and schools, depending on the project

**How to apply:** Mail

**Further Information**

**Website:** <http://www.dva.gov.au/commemorations/grants/>

**Contact Details:** Department of Veterans' Affairs

**Email:** [commemorations@dva.gov.au](mailto:commemorations@dva.gov.au)

**Freecall:** 1800 026 185

**Telephone:** (02) 6289 1111

## Local Sporting Champions program

**Provider:** Australian Sports Commission

**Funding:** Grants of \$500 will be available for successful individual applicants, and \$3000 for successful team applications.

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To provide financial assistance for junior sportsmen and women towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state or national sporting competition.

**Overview:** The grants will be distributed by the Australian Sports Commission on behalf of Federal Members of Parliament.

Grants can contribute towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment for the nominated national sporting organisation endorsed state or national sporting competition, or national school sport competition.

Grants will be assessed quarterly. It may therefore take up to four months before you are notified of the outcome of your application.

**Limitations:** Grants are not available for ongoing training or seasonal competition.

**Who can apply:** To be eligible to apply for a Local Sporting Champions grant, individuals and all team members must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- be between 12 and 18 years of age (inclusive) at the time of the nominated sporting competition
- be participating as an athlete in an official state or national sporting competition which is endorsed by the relevant Australian Sports Commission recognised national sporting organisation (NSO), or national school sport competition. This does not include coaching or officiating at such competitions
- be required to travel greater than 250km return to participate in the nominated NSO endorsed state or national sporting competition, or national school sport competition
- be an Australian citizen
- must not have been the recipient of a Local Sporting Champions grant, either as an individual or a member of a team, within the year ending 30 June 2009
- must not have received funding from other government sources for the nominated NSO endorsed state or national sporting competition, or national school sport competition
- must not be participating in a professional competition that involves prize money.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Further Information**

**Website:**

[http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools\\_and\\_juniors/juniors/get\\_involved/local\\_sporting\\_champions](http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools_and_juniors/juniors/get_involved/local_sporting_champions)

**Email:** [juniorsport@ausport.gov.au](mailto:juniorsport@ausport.gov.au)

**Telephone:** (02) 6214 1111

**Fax:** (02) 6214 1224

## Country Football and Netball Program

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

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

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To assist grass roots country football and netball clubs to develop facilities in rural, regional and outer metropolitan locations.

**Overview:** The Country Football and Netball Program will provide funding to assist country football and netball clubs to develop facilities in rural, regional and outer metropolitan councils, including:

- Football, netball and umpire facilities.
- Shared community, club and social facilities.
- Multi-use facilities.
- Lighting.

Priority will be given to a range of project proposals, particularly those that can successfully demonstrate that they can positively impact participation levels in country football and netball.

Examples include:

- Applications relating to venues/clubs that have not previously benefited from funding under this program
- Applications relating to venues where football and netball activities are jointly located
- Applications that demonstrate football & netball clubs operating together & sharing project benefits
- Applications that develop facilities from a holistic perspective to increase participation levels (i.e. courts, lighting and shelters), rather than solely addressing a safety focused element such as minimum court run off requirements.
- Applications that demonstrate collaboration between a range of stakeholders.

All project applications will be assessed against the Country Football and Netball Program eligibility and assessment criteria. Smaller scale local level projects are encouraged.

Applications should be supported by the Victorian Country Football League, Football Victoria and Netball Victoria representatives (where applicable). They should also be consistent with and supported by local council planning.

Councils are able to submit up to three applications in any given financial year. These may consist of:

- Two applications that each seek \$20,000 or less towards each project.
- One application that seeks up to \$60,000 towards a single project.

**Examples:** Examples of potential projects include:

1. Modifying existing football &/or netball club facilities to improve usage & provide access such as:
  - Meeting space.
  - Disability access.
  - Change room facilities for players and umpires of both genders.
2. Projects encouraging interaction of all age groups including associated facilities for families & carers
3. Development or upgrading football playing fields.
4. Development or upgrading of netball courts.
5. Development or upgrading of lighting facilities.

**Limitations:** The program will not fund:

- Requests for retrospective funding, where projects have commenced or are completed prior to receiving funding approval.
- The purchase of land.
- Projects that require ongoing funding or support other than the initial grant.
- Routine or cyclical maintenance works to existing facilities.
- Facilities where little or no public access is available.
- Direct funding of individuals or organisations that do not have a legal status such as being incorporated.
- Areas designated for gaming machine operations within a proposed facility.
- Repair of facilities damaged by vandalism, fire or other natural disasters where the act should be covered by insurance.
- Requests for ongoing operational costs such as, but not limited to, salaries, electricity, water and other utilities.
- Requests for the purchase of recreation, entertainment, sporting, maintenance or any other equipment, community transport or any other type of vehicle.

**Who can apply:** Funding will be available to country football and netball clubs through the eligible 48 rural and regional and 9 outer metropolitan councils. Clubs can access funds by submitting an Expression of Interest to their local council. Councils can then choose to endorse project proposals and submit applications to the Department for Victorian Communities for funding consideration.

**How to apply:** Mail, Email, Fax, Online (preferred method)

**Further Information**

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au/web18/dvcgrants.nsf/AllDocs/DAD93AE594516637CA25717D000D6EB5>

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

## Music Equipment Grants

**Provider:** Victorian Government

**Funding:** Various

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To support aspiring young musicians in Victoria by making funds available for use by local musicians through local councils.

**Overview:** Are you trying to start a band or work on your music skills? Is the cost of equipment holding you back or practice space limited? Now, in addition to the FReeZA and FReeZACentral programs, the Victorian Government is supporting aspiring young musicians in Victoria through the Music Equipment Grants (MEG) funding program. The program makes \$10,000 worth of musical equipment available for use by local musicians through local councils.

Councils who receive MEG funding are working out with local musicians where you can access the equipment to rehearse and perform in partnership with the Victoria Rocks - A Place to Rock initiative which encourages local communities to promote the creative endeavours of young people through partnerships and resources.

The Music Equipment grants are still open for Victorian councils to submit an expression of interest to establish a music equipment bank so get in touch with your local council to see how you can get access the music equipment and participate in the program. It is a great opportunity to explore and promote your talents to your local community.

**Examples:** The Central Goldfields Shire is one the first local councils to received the funding under the \$1.3 million program which has been announced by Youth Affairs Minister James Merlino. With the MEG money, the Central Goldfields Shire will be purchasing a PA system, acoustic, electric and bass guitars, a keyboard, synthesiser, microphone stands and a practice pad drum kit. The Shire is also working with MEG funded Macedon Ranges and Mount Alexander Shire's, to coordinate and share equipment among interested musicians across the region.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Further Information**

**Website:**

<http://www.freeza.vic.gov.au/Home/About+FReeZA/FReeZA+News/ViewPage.action?&repositoryName=&siteNodeId=1578&CurrentFolderID=10381&ItemID=11226&Disclaimer=>

## The Invergowrie Foundation Grants

**Provider:** The Invergowrie Foundation

**Funding: Max per grant:** \$15,000

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To fund development and/or operational costs directly related to providing educational opportunities for girls and women in the State of Victoria.

**Overview:** To be eligible for assistance a project must comply with the goals of The Invergowrie Foundation by clearly demonstrating a commitment to encouraging disadvantaged girls and women to further their education.

A project will be eligible for assistance if it

- supports the education of girls and women who are disadvantaged
- is of benefit to the community, and
- is run by a not for profit organisation with annual audited accounts.

Applications will be considered in August, November, February and May each financial year. While applications can be submitted at anytime, applications should be received by the Foundation by the middle of the preceding month.

The Invergowrie Foundation has established a three-stage process in the selection of successful applications for grants - preliminary proposal, full proposal and interview.

**Limitations:** It is unlikely that a grant will be provided by The Invergowrie Foundation if an organisation is:

- unable to provide audited accounts
- primarily dependent on government funding and is applying for a project which should be covered by such funding
- a well-established, well-resourced organisation seeking funding for a mainstream project
- applying for funding to cover general staff salaries, motor vehicle expenses, or normal operation costs; payment for specific project staff would, however, be considered.

**Who can apply:** To be eligible for assistance a project must comply with the goals of The Invergowrie Foundation by clearly demonstrating a commitment to encouraging disadvantaged girls and women to further their education.

**How to apply:** Mail, Email

**Further Information**

**Website:** <http://www.invergowrie.org.au/>

**Contact Details:** The Invergowrie Foundation    **Telephone:** (03) 9576 3177    **Fax:** (03) 9576 3188

## SaveWater Awards

**Provider:** savewater.com.au

**Funding:** Various

**Closes:** 1 June 2009

**Purpose:** To recognise the outstanding water conservation achievements of businesses, government, schools, local communities and individuals across Australia.

**Overview:** The savewater!® Alliance is celebrating the official launch of their seventh national savewater! awards®, a program dedicated to recognising and rewarding outstanding achievement in water conservation across Australia. Regarded as the nations leading water sustainability awards, the program showcases water saving innovation in businesses, government departments, schools, local communities and individuals across nine categories:

- Business Award
- Regional and Rural
- Government
- Education Institutions
- Built Environment & Gardens
- International Product Innovations Award
- Community Action
- Young Achiever - \$1000 in prize money
- Photographic Award

This year, our Australian product companies, will have the opportunity to compete against the rest of the world, as a result of the Product Innovations category opening up internationally.

#### **Further Information**

**Website:** <http://www.savewater.com.au/?sectionid=211>

**Contact Details:** savewater.com.au

**Email:** [info@savewater.com.au](mailto:info@savewater.com.au)

## **Outstanding Community Worker Award**

**Provider:** Alcoa

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

**Closes:** 24 April 2009

**Purpose:** To recognise the contribution to the nation's life made by the women and men working in community groups.

**Overview:** The Alcoa Foundation Outstanding Community Worker Award has been created by Alcoa Foundation and Our Community to help redress the balance by recognising the contribution to the nation's life made by the men and women working in community groups.

The Alcoa Foundation will provide the winner with \$5000 to be spent on their own choice of professional capacity building; in the form that the nominee thinks will best fit them for their tasks. The money can be spent on education and training, attending relevant conferences (in Australia or overseas), paying for relevant books or subscriptions - whatever they need to prep them for the next level of excellence. Examples include:

- Employment-related education & training - Tertiary, TAFE, or private courses, including course fees, textbooks, and travel to the course
- Employment-related conferences & seminars - Including conference fees, travel costs, accommodation, and expenses
- Employment-related association fees and networking events - Including membership fees, meeting expenses, and event attendance
- Employment-related books and subscriptions - Including textbooks, relevant new publications, and magazine subscriptions

The winner will be asked to inspire colleagues in raising standards and expectations by telling their story of how they get results in your organisation.

They'll also be asked to provide a short report outlining what they did with the prize money and how it has helped in their work.

**Limitations:** Volunteers aren't eligible; this one's for the staff who don't usually get thankous

**Who can apply:** Any worker from an Australian community organisation can be nominated for the Award.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Further Information**

**Website:** [http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/leadership/leadership\\_article.jsp?articleId=2876](http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/leadership/leadership_article.jsp?articleId=2876)

**Email:** [workeraward@ourcommunity.com.au](mailto:workeraward@ourcommunity.com.au)

**Telephone:** (03) 9320 6800

## Pride of Australia Medal

**Provider:** Pride of Australia

**Funding:** Various

**Closes:** 13 April 2009

**Purpose:** To honour everyday Australians who do extraordinary things in our communities.

**Overview:** There are 10 categories in the prideofaustralia™ medal program:

- Young Leader Medal - A person under 25 years who has advanced a community, or will advance a community, through academic or personal endeavours.
- Child of Courage Medal - A child 14 years or under who has helped save, or attempted to save, the life of another or overcome personal adversity through determination and strength of character.
- Environment Medal - For an Australian or group of Australians whose actions prove that by making one degree of difference to their local environment, people can make a difference to the broader community.
- Care and Compassion Medal - To recognise a professional or volunteer carer or group, nurse or member of the medical profession who has made a significant improvement to the lives of those around them.
- Fair Go Medal - For an Australian permanent resident or citizen, born overseas, who has enriched Australia through their honesty, hard work and willingness to embrace their new home.
- Outstanding Bravery Medal - For an Australian, or group of Australians, who, through their act/s of bravery, helped save or attempted to save a life/lives or have overcome personal adversity through determination and strength of character.
- Inspiration Medal - To recognise a member of our teaching profession in primary or secondary school, State or independent, who has been truly inspiring.
- Emergency Services Medal - To recognise a member or members (professional or volunteer) of the police, fire, ambulance, coastguard, air rescue service who work, or have worked, on the frontline to protect the community.
- Serving Australia Medal - For an Australian in the defence force, on or off the frontline, who showed extraordinary courage and devotion to duty under extreme circumstances.
- Community Spirit Medal - To recognise an individual or a group whose selfless, tireless and largely unacknowledged actions have enriched the lives of those around them in their community.

**Who can apply:** The nominees must reflect the core value of giving and not receiving and the basis of their actions and choices have been made for the good of other people and their community, rather than for themselves.

Nominees should not be a high profile Australian in the public eye or their field of expertise in relation to which they are being nominated.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Further Information**

**Website:** <http://www.prideofaustralia.com.au/>

**Contact Details:** Ms Gabrielle Leonello Pride of Australia

**Email:** [leonellog@newsLtd.com.au](mailto:leonellog@newsLtd.com.au)

**Telephone:** (02) 9288 3893

## Employee Volunteer Grant Program

**Provider:** National Australia Bank (NAB)

**Funding:** Various

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To help community or non-profit organisations that work with NAB employees as part of the bank's Employee Volunteer Program.

**Overview:** NAB provides two days paid volunteer leave each year for its employees. Our people use this leave to carry out voluntary work for non-profit organisations in their communities.

The potential impact is significant considering NAB has over 20,000 employees in Australia with the opportunity to offer over 40,000 days of volunteering each year.

In the past year our 22,000 employees contributed more than 6,200 volunteer days or about \$1.5 million of in-kind community work. The work carried out by our volunteers is varied and includes indoor and outdoor activities.

If you need volunteers for a one-off piece of work or event or on an on-going basis, consider the information below.

We are looking for volunteering activities that:

- can benefit community groups who need unskilled labour, with the focus on participation;
- can benefit your organisation through the use of our employees' specialist skills such as strategic and business - find out more about skill-based volunteering and NAB's new Virtual Volunteering initiative;
- planning, financial analysis, marketing, and project planning;
- can be held out of the office at your location, preferably during the working week;
- are at easy to get to locations as employees make their own way to the site of each activity;
- are safe and supervised; and
- do not involve direct contact with children.

**Who can apply:** Before submitting a request for NAB volunteers, there are several things to consider.

- It is a company requirement that all organisations involved in the NAB Volunteer Program hold public liability insurance. You must provide a copy of your policy before an activity can be advertised to our employees on the Volunteer Planner. Your policy can be faxed to our Volunteer Manager on 03 8634 3618.
- NAB cannot guarantee the availability of volunteers for your activity. Volunteering is optional and our people need to register an interest in your activity before a match can be made and the spaces filled.
- Due to certain State and Territory legislation, NAB volunteers are prohibited from working directly with children under 18 unless a police check is obtained and verified by the participating organisation.
- Activities will be selected based on mutual compatibility of intent and purpose and on the basis of our ability to resource the projects via employee self-nomination. Activities that promote political lobbying, illegal activities and direct fundraising will not be promoted to employees.
- NAB employees are not permitted to undertake activities which may put their safety at risk. The risk of an activity will be determined by the Volunteer Manager.

### Further Information

**Website:** [http://www.nab.com.au/About\\_Us/0,,81043,00.html](http://www.nab.com.au/About_Us/0,,81043,00.html)

**Contact Details:** National Volunteering Manager National Australia Bank

**Telephone:** (03) 8634 1565

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### Jobs Fund

**Provider:** Dept of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

**Funding:** \$100 million is available in this first call for proposals.

**Closes:** 22 May 2009

**Purpose:** To support innovative community, environmental and heritage projects that will create jobs and build skills for the future.

**Overview:** The Jobs Fund is a \$650 million Australian Government Initiative to support and create jobs and skills development through projects that build community and social infrastructure. The Jobs Fund forms part of the Australian Government's Jobs and Training Compact and has been established to support families and communities most affected by the Global Economic Recession. The Jobs Fund will also invest in one-off capital projects to improve community infrastructure and will provide seed funding for social enterprises. Funding will be in the form of one-off grants for projects up to \$2 million, ready to commence from July 2009. The Jobs Fund has the following three streams:

- Local Jobs - \$300 million of funding is available over two years. Funding will be available for community infrastructure projects with a focus on the promotion of environment-friendly technology and heritage.
- Get Communities Working - \$200 million of funding is available over two years. Seed capital will be available for self-sustaining projects which create jobs and provide activities and services to improve community amenity.
- Infrastructure Employment Projects - \$150 million over two years. Projects under this stream will provide for investment in infrastructure projects which generate jobs in regions affected by the economic downturn.

**Priorities:** Priority will be given to projects in regions experiencing high levels of disadvantage and most affected by job losses.

**Who can apply:** Eligible organisations include non-profit and community organisations, employment services providers and local, state and territory governments.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Further Information**

**Website:** <http://www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/Pages/JobsFundfirstcallforproposals.aspx>

**Contact Details:** Dept of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

**Email:** [Jobs.Fund@deewr.gov.au](mailto:Jobs.Fund@deewr.gov.au)

### Small Towns Victoria Program (STVP)

**Provider:** Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)

**Funding: Max per grant:** \$24,000 **Total Pool:** \$510,000

**Additional Info:** The fund is payable on a \$3-for-\$1 basis.

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To assist small towns to develop the economic and social infrastructure needed to generate new opportunities for growth.

**Overview:** The program covers the 38 rural councils who form Rural Councils Victoria (RCV) and aligns with 'Moving Forward: Action 5 - Delivering Greater Support for Small Towns' under the objectives of:

- Further stimulating economic activity and attracting more people, jobs and investment.
- Delivering the right foundation of infrastructure, skills and industry needed to drive future growth.
- Supporting small towns to capture new opportunities and meet the challenges ahead.
- Working closely with local councils to help regional communities to solve problems, manage and plan for growth and maintain the quality and amenity of life in Provincial Victoria.

**Limitations:** Projects that will generally not be eligible for funding include:

- Those that take place outside the 38 rural council municipalities e.g., in Melbourne or in one of the 10 regional cities and their townships, or outside of Australia.
- Requests for retrospective funding, where projects have commenced or completed prior to receiving funding approval.
- Farmer support and on-farm rebates as outlined in the \$100m package released by State Government on 24 October 2007.
- Those requiring full funding where funding is normally provided from other State or Commonwealth Government programs.
- Those undertaken by the private sector as a result of government contractual arrangements or for profit.

**Who can apply:** The 38 rural councils that comprise the RCV group are eligible to apply for funding. Economic, Business, Community and Tourism development managers/ officers are encouraged to apply for funds. CEO and RDV consultation, endorsement and approval will be required in the application.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Further Information**

**Website:** <http://www.mav.asn.au/ecd/rrd/smalltowns>

**Contact Details:** Ms Maxine Morrison , Small Towns Victoria Program Adviser Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)      **Email:** [mmorrison@mav.asn.au](mailto:mmorrison@mav.asn.au)      **Telephone:** (03) 9667 5590

## Provincial Victoria Sponsorship Program for Key Events

**Provider:** Regional Development Victoria

**Funding:** Provincial Victoria Key Events Program funding is on a \$1 to \$1 basis. Grants will generally be up to a maximum of \$40,000 per event per annum but not exceeding \$60,000 in total over two years or the life of the event.

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To assist major regional events achieve their potential in driving economic development in provincial Victoria.

**Overview:** The program is targeted at events that are generally characterised by:

- entry fees
- specific theme
- specific venue
- significant attendance figure, generally over 1,000
- marketing beyond their local council boundaries, and attracting visitors from Melbourne
- generally, being commercially driven
- organisation by a special interest/purpose group

The objectives of the Provincial Victoria Key Events Program are to:

- be a catalyst for new events that contribute to economic development and growth in provincial Victoria
- support existing key regional events that contribute to economic development and growth in provincial Victoria so that they become sustainable
- assist in linking communities with potential private sponsors for local events

**Applicants should discuss their proposal with an appropriate RDV representative prior to submitting a formal application.**

**Rural Community Development Officers**

Seymour (+61 3) 5799 0573  
 Wangaratta (+61 3) 5721 6988  
 Wodonga (+61 2) 6056 2166

**Victorian Business Centres**

Shepparton (+61 3) 5821 1811  
 Wangaratta (+61 3) 5721 6988  
 Wodonga (+61 2) 6056 2166

**Limitations:** Generally speaking, the type of events that will not be funded include:

- events that are funded by another State Government body
- organisations that are not a local council or incorporated body
- capital works (eg. building and maintenance costs or purchase of equipment)
- school-based educational programs
- cash prizes or commercial gifts
- salaries and/or other recurrent costs (eg. office rental, staff salaries etc)
- applications for which a more suitable funding program is available
- retrospective funding for events under way or completed
- initiatives which are planned to commence generally within 16 weeks of lodging an application
- initiatives held solely for private profit.

**Who can apply:** Victoria's 48 provincial councils and incorporated community groups and business groups are eligible to apply for event funding under the Provincial Victoria Key Events Program. Community and business groups are encouraged to work with their local councils in developing projects and applications.

Key regional events must be endorsed by the relevant local council and listed in the council's published event calendar.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Further Information**

**Website:**

[http://www.business.vic.gov.au/BUSVIC/GAP//PC\\_61839.html,svGAP\\_PC=PC\\_61042,contextPC=SEC12,svgapkeep=Y,.CKB](http://www.business.vic.gov.au/BUSVIC/GAP//PC_61839.html,svGAP_PC=PC_61042,contextPC=SEC12,svgapkeep=Y,.CKB)

### School Start Bonus

**Provider:** Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (VIC)

**Funding:** The \$300 School Start Bonus per student cash payment voucher will be available to the parent from the school prior to the end of 2008, for the 2009 school year. The cash payment voucher will be redeemable at most Australia Post Office outlets from the 12th January 2009 so parents will be able to purchase required school items prior to the commencement of the school year.

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To help meet the costs of purchasing school and sporting uniforms, school bags and other school items so that your child gets the best possible start to school.

**Overview:** Preparing for primary school, or making the transition to year 7, is an important time for a child and a big expense for a family. The Victorian Government is helping to ease the strain for families by providing a one-off School Start Bonus of \$300 for each student entering Prep or Year 7 in 2009. The Bonus will be paid to families using a Payment Voucher, which a parent or guardian will present at their local Post Office along with Photo Id for a cash redemption. Victorian Schools will arrange for the Vouchers to be provided to parents of prep and year 7 students, by the end of the 2008 School Year. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your School in the first instance or the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's Information and Referral Service on 1800 809 834 option 6.

**Limitations:** Who is not eligible for the School Start Bonus?

- Children not in Prep or Year 7
- Students enrolled after the end of Term 1 in 2009.
- Students attending TAFE colleges as full time students.
- Students who are educated at home and not registered with the VRQA.
- Overseas exchange students attending Victorian Schools but whose principal residence is overseas.
- Students who are on visa sub-classes 560, 571, 572, 573, 574 and 575 (full fee paying).
- Students of temporary resident families whose visa classification falls into any of the following sub-classes: 456-Business-Short Stay , 459 - Sponsored Business Visit, All 600 sub-class visas – Temporary Visitors visas, 771-773 -sub-classes - Transit and border visas, UD 956 - Business Entrance - Long Validity, UD 976 - Visitor – ETA, UD - 977 - Business Entrant – Short Validity, APEC Business Person visas.

**Who can apply:** Each student enrolled in Prep and Year 7 and in attendance in Term 1 at any registered Victorian (government or non-government) school, or who are being home-schooled (for more information) and are registered with the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) will be eligible for the bonus.

**How to apply:** How do I locate my nearest Australia Post Office so that I can redeem my School Start Bonus voucher?

- Go to the **Australia Post Post Office and Street Posting Box Locator**
- Enter your state/address/suburb/postcode details
- Tick the "Post Office" box and "Bank@Post" box
- Search Your nearest Australia Post outlet will be displayed.

#### Further Information

**Website:** [www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/schoolstartfaq.htm](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/schoolstartfaq.htm)

**Contact Details:** Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (VIC)

**Freecall:** 1800 809 834 option 6

## 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 had its beginnings during the Great Depression, with the aim to provide basic items of footwear and clothing for children in need.

Concerned Principals and teachers were determined to do something constructive to alleviate the overwhelming need affecting many of the pupils so apparent in those early Depression years. Applications for assistance are forwarded to the Committee by the Principal of the school the student is attending. Assistance may be in the form of clothing sent from the Committee's own supply, which is its preference due to the financial advantage, or by authorisation to the school shop or supplier. **There are monetary limits on all items that are authorised.**

**How to apply:** Mail

**Further Information**

**Website:** [www.ssrc.net.au/services.html](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

## Dan Murphy's in the Community

**Provider:** Dan Murphy's

**Funding:** \$25 Wish Card

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To provide assistance to the communities in which we operate.

**Overview:** We support groups that focus on children's health, rural and regional Australia and education and employment. Please allow at least a week for a reply. Please don't ring the store to check on the progress of your application. We will reply to all legitimate applications.

**Limitations:** Dan Murphy's does not support individuals, religious, political groups or sporting bodies. Our Store Manager will make this decision based on an assessment of the needs of the group applying for the donation. Donations will only be made in the form of Dan Murphy WishCards. No cash donations will be made and no discounts will be offered as a form of a donation.

**Who can apply:** All applications must be made on the official application form with your organisation's official letterhead attached to the official application form.

**How to apply:** Please take the application form into the Dan Murphy's store near you.

**Further Information**

**Website:** [www.danmurphys.com.au/donations.html](http://www.danmurphys.com.au/donations.html)

**Appl. Form:** [www.danmurphys.com.au/uploads/donation.pdf](http://www.danmurphys.com.au/uploads/donation.pdf)

## Child Care Tax Rebate

**Provider:** Dept of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

**Funding:** Families can receive up to \$7500 a year for each child in approved care.

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To assist parents or guardians who are working, studying or training with their out of pocket child care costs.

**Overview:** From July 2008, the Child Care Tax Rebate can be paid quarterly rather than annually. If you choose to receive it quarterly, the first payment will be made by the Family Assistance Office from October 2008 once your service has reported your child care usage/attendance information for July to September 2008. The first three quarters will be paid based on your provisional Child Care Benefit entitlement. The Child Care Tax Rebate is based on your Child Care Benefit entitlement. If you choose to claim Child Care Benefit as a lump sum payment, you will not receive your Child Care Tax Rebate entitlement until the end of that year, once your Child Care Benefit entitlement has been determined.

**Who can apply:** If you answer yes to the following questions you may be able to receive the Child Care Tax Rebate:

- Do you have children?
- Are your children attending approved child care? - (Approved child care is care provided by a service provider that participates satisfactorily in the Australian Government funded quality assurance system and has been approved to receive Child Care Benefit payments on behalf of eligible families. Most long day care, family day care, before and after school care, vacation care, some occasional care and some in-home care are approved child care providers. Your child care service can tell you if they are an approved provider.) To find an approved child care service in your area, you can ring the Child Care Access Hotline on 1800 670 305 (TTY 1800 639 327) between 8am and 9pm AEST Monday to Friday.
- Are you an Australian resident or the holder of a qualifying visa?
- Are you liable to pay child care fees for your child?
- Do you work, are you training or do you study?

**How to apply:** You can claim online through the Family Assistance Office.

### Further Information

**Website:** [http://www.familyassist.gov.au/Internet/FAO/fao1.nsf/content/faq-child\\_care\\_rebate.htm](http://www.familyassist.gov.au/Internet/FAO/fao1.nsf/content/faq-child_care_rebate.htm)

**Contact Details:** Family Assistance Office, Dept of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

**Telephone:** 13 61 50

## Family Day Care Start Up Payment

**Provider:** Dept of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

**Funding:** Various

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To provide funding assistance to potential Family Day Care carers.

**Overview:** Two payments are now available to assist carers with the cost of establishing their home-based business providing child care. Each potential carer would only be eligible for one of the following categories of payment. **Family Day Care Start Up Payment \$1500** - The Family Day Care Start Up Payment is a one off payment to assist individuals to contribute to the workforce by becoming a Family Day Care carer. This payment aims to encourage people to consider Family Day Care as a career option and to assist with some of the initial set up costs involved in establishing a Family Day Care business. **Remote Area Family Day Care Start Up Payment \$5000**- The Remote Area Family Day Care Start Up Payment is a one off payment designed to assist individuals living in remote or very remote areas. It recognises that potential carers living in remote and very remote areas may experience higher costs in making these improvements. The remoteness of the area will be determined by the department using the Australian Standard Geographic Classification index. Please call 1300 653 227 to check your eligibility for the remote payment.

**Limitations:** Please note: If you have provided Family Day Care for more than three months, with any scheme, you are NOT eligible for this grant.

**Who can apply: Family Day Care Start Up Payment (\$1500)** - Applicants must:

- Not have provided care for more than three months with any scheme, prior to submitting your application.
- Have registered and have begun the approval/licensing processes and have your application supported by your Family Day Care scheme;
- Have provided proof of age to your Family Day Care scheme;
- Have completed a current criminal record check (police check) and be deemed a fit and proper person to provide care to children;
- Have had a home/safety assessment no older than three months performed by the scheme; this assessment must be signed, dated and have the address of the premises that the home assessment is referring to;
- Have an active Australian Business Number (ABN);
- Not have received start up assistance through any other Government Department; and
- Intend to provide Family Day Care for a period of at least six months from the date you sign your Funding Agreement.

**Remote Area Family Day Care Start Up Payment (\$5000)** - In addition to meeting the eligibility criteria above, applicants for the Remote Area Family Day Care Start Up Payment must also:

- Be living in a remote or very remote area. The remoteness of the area will be determined by the department using the Australian Standard Geographic Classification index; and vNot have received the Family Day Care Start Up Payment of \$1500.

**How to apply:** Mail

**Further Information**

**Website:**

[http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/early\\_childhood/programmes\\_funding/family\\_day\\_care\\_start\\_up\\_payment.htm](http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/early_childhood/programmes_funding/family_day_care_start_up_payment.htm)

**Contact Details:** Child Care Programs Branch Dept of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations

**Email:** [fdc@deewr.gov.au](mailto:fdc@deewr.gov.au)

**Telephone:** (02) 6240 0650

**Fax:** (02) 6123 7336

## Tank A Day

**Provider:** Bluescope Steel

**Funding:** Various

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To help Australian primary schools kick start their water saving journey and educate students about the importance of conserving our precious natural resources.

**Overview:** 200 rainwater tanks will be on offer for primary schools - that's one rainwater tank for every school day of the year - PLUS there are some new elements to the **Tank A Day Challenge** the **Community Tankover program** and **Rainchaser Awards**. Primary school students who participate in the Tank A Day Challenge will learn about the water cycle and the importance of rainwater harvesting, conservation and management. It's easy to take up the Challenge. Principals register online and outline why water is important to your school, then encourage students to complete the educational Rainchasers water saving quiz for the opportunity to receive a 27,000 litre Pioneer GALAXY® rainwater tank. Five successful schools will be announced each school week\* from 2 September 2008 on this Tank A Day website and the TODAY show on Channel Nine. Successful schools that receive a rainwater tank will be able to:

- Use harvested rainwater for watering flower beds, gardens and vegetable patches, cleaning and a host of other uses
- Minimise stormwater run off into the local eco-system
- Reduce their use of mains water
- Reduce their water bills.

**BlueScope Community Tankover program** - Under the BlueScope Community Tankover program BlueScope Steel is inviting primary schools to nominate a local community group to be considered to receive a 'Tankover'. BlueScope will provide ten Tankovers to the value of \$30,000 each to community groups across Australia. A 'Tankover' is an audit of the community group's premises by BlueScope Water and installation of appropriate rainwater harvesting systems to suit the design of the premises and best meet the specific needs of the community group. Subject to the design of the premises, a Tankover may include installation of guttering, downpipes and a rainwater tank.

**BlueScope Rainchaser Award** - The Rainchaser Award encourages students to nominate to be a water saving hero. By recognising their own achievements we hope students will learn more about water saving and think about how they can make a difference. **Limitations:** Schools that have already received a rainwater tank in the Tank A Day Challenge are not eligible to participate in the Tank a Day Challenge to receive another rainwater tank. However, we invite you to take part in the Community Tankover Program and Rainchaser Award.

**Who can apply:** All Australian primary schools are invited to register for the BlueScope Steel Tank A Day Challenge Only primary school principals may register their school. If you are a parent, guardian, friend or student, and know of a school that has not entered the challenge, speak to a teacher or the principal and encourage them to take up the challenge.

### Further Information

**Website:** [http://tankaday.com.au/component/option,com\\_frontpage/Itemid,28/](http://tankaday.com.au/component/option,com_frontpage/Itemid,28/)

**Contact Details:** Bluescope Steel

**Email:** [tankaday@bluescopesteel.com](mailto:tankaday@bluescopesteel.com)

## Junior Landcare Grants Program

**Provider:** Landcare Australia

**Funding:** Various

**Closes:** 15 May, 7 August and 23 October 2009

**Purpose:** To provide funds to help young people participate in Landcare projects, at their school or within their local community and environment.

**Overview:** The program targets major issues relevant to our natural environment including:

- Water quality/conservation
- Waste reduction/recycling
- School Gardens
- Biodiversity
- Land

• **Melbourne Water Young Watercare Grant**- Schools and youth groups in the greater Port Phillip and Westernport region may apply for grants of up to \$2,000 to undertake water quality projects. Melbourne water grants are awarded annually and will close on the 23rd October 2009.

• **Coles Junior Landcare School Garden Grant** - Schools and youth groups can apply for grants of up to \$1000 (ex GST) to create gardens in their school or community such as bush tucker gardens, waterwise gardens or vege gardens.

• **Yates Environmental Management Planning Grant** Schools and youth groups can apply for grants of up to \$1000 (ex GST) to undertake School Environmental Management Plans (SEMP) or to undertake works identified in an earlier SEMP - Quarterly grants for schools and youth groups throughout Australia applying for funds in the recycling/waste reduction category. Most project applications will be expected to apply for up to \$1,100 (including GST).

**Priorities:** Most project applications will be expected to have a value of \$500 to \$1000 and will be more likely to be successful if the projects:

- involve the school community or broader local community
- have determined educational outcomes with an environmental focus
- link with a community landcare entity
- are well planned and documented
- are student-oriented and allow maximum student involvement.

**How to apply:** Mail

### Further Information

**Website:** [http://www.landcareonline.com/funding\\_opportunity\\_details.asp?fo\\_id=6](http://www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=6)

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## Rural Education Program

**Provider:** Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR)

**Funding: Max per grant:** \$25,000 **Min per grant:** \$100

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Purpose:** To ensure that quality education remains accessible to children in rural and remote communities regardless of climatic and economic conditions.

**Overview:** Through collaboration with local agencies and sponsored partnerships with individuals and corporations, the REF will be able to extend the educational recourses and individualised learning support that rural students require. The Rural Education Program is the initiative of founding donors Baillieu & Sarah Myer, John & Janet Calvert-Jones and Tim & Gina Fairfax. Their generosity is a wonderful example of the practical grass roots philanthropy evolving in Australia. The founding donors would like to invite other contributors to join with them in ensuring that the education of students in Australia's rural and remote communities continues uninterrupted.

### What can be funded?

- Not-for-profit organisations can apply for projects and activities that directly alleviate the disruption caused to children and young people by rural crisis such as drought, bushfire, floods and economic downturn
- Projects that help redress any educational disadvantage caused by remoteness of students
- Individual students where, without financial assistance, their education is likely to be severely disrupted
- Basic research into the status of rural and remote education, as needed to facilitate the work of the fund
- Material aid for books, equipment, accommodation and clothing
- Grants may range from \$100 to \$25,000
- Grants will generally be for one year only but longer periods may be considered

### Who can apply:

- Applications for funding will be accepted from incorporated not for profit organisations and schools
- The majority of the beneficiaries of grants should be in financial hardship
- The beneficiaries of grants should be preschool, primary or secondary students
- Requests from individual or families will not be considered unless they are submitted by an incorporated organisation

**How to apply:** Mail, Email

### Further Information

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