Community grants: a quick guide to key Internet links

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This guide provides links to selected sources of financial assistance to community groups. It does not include links to scholarships, fellowships or research grants.

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**Australian Government grants**

A guide to grants available from Commonwealth Government agencies can be found through [GrantsLINK](http://www.grantslink.gov.au). GrantsLINK is a comprehensive website maintained by the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development. It provides direct links to existing information on Commonwealth Government grants programs. GrantsLINK makes it easier to find suitable and relevant grants for community projects from the many Commonwealth grants that are available. The site can be browsed by subject, agency or grants name or searched by key word. GrantsLINK also offers advice on finding the best source of funding and on writing application forms.

- The Commonwealth [Attorney General’s Department](http://www.ag.gov.au) administers a range of grants and funds for artistic, cultural and heritage activities and events in Australia.
- On the Department of Social Services ([DSS] website) there is a range of information related to DSS grants. The [Grants and Funding page](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/grants) lists all funding currently open for application. Information on all current and completed funding rounds for community projects is listed under the Communities and Vulnerable People heading.
• The Australia Council's Arts Funding Guide provides an overview of funding programs and other forms of support for the arts in Australia.

State government grants - New South Wales

• ArtsNSW offers grants to cultural and community groups involved in artistic activities.

• communitybuilders.nsw has links to funding sources for community groups and projects from federal, state and local government as well as some philanthropic funds and companies.

• The ClubGRANTS scheme is funded by gaming machine revenue from New South Wales (NSW) clubs. This website provides information on the scheme and guidelines for applications. Projects are supported and decided upon by local committees.

• The Department of Education and Training's Community Grants Programs include funding for groups involved in promoting community languages, education, Aboriginal community projects and programs assisting disadvantaged youth and people with disabilities.

• The Community Relations Commission provides funding for projects involving culturally diverse and socially or geographically isolated communities in NSW through the Multicultural Advantage Grants Program.

• Environmental Trust grants for individual projects which involve: rehabilitating or regenerating the environment or promoting environmental education and sustainability.

• Sport and recreation grants

State government grants - Victoria

• Grants Victoria lists a large number of Victorian government grants by area of interest. Grants are available for a wide range of groups and projects including volunteers, sporting groups, community infrastructure and multicultural events. The Grants Information Line (phone 1300 366 356) staffed by Information Victoria can provide general information about programs and funding.

• Arts Victoria funding for individuals and arts organisations.

• Local History Grants Program (LHGP) administered by the Public Record Office Victoria.

• The Victorian Multicultural Commission provides community grants.

• Business Victoria grants and assistance administered by the Department of State Development, Business and Innovation.

State government grants - Queensland

• The Queensland Government’s grant finder contains links and details for a variety of state government grants.

• The Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation provides information and links to a number of community benefit programs which are funded by gaming revenue and which provide grants to local organisations.

• Arts Queensland provides a detailed list of funding for community groups and individuals engaged in artistic and cultural activities.

• The Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing offers funding programs to sport and recreation organisations.

• Tourism Queensland provides a database of funding opportunities for organisations whose work involves attracting visitors to the state.

• Natural Resources Awareness Grants are available for groups involved with natural resource management.

• Queensland Community Foundation (QCF) is a public charitable trust set up to serve the state’s communities by providing a permanent funding source for charity.

• Caring for our Community grants provide funds for the purchase of essential equipment to enhance service delivery to Queenslanders.

• Brisbane City Council community grants program
• The Valuing Diversity Grants Program provides funding to both festivals and smaller projects which promote diversity and inclusiveness in the community.

**State government grants - Western Australia**

• The Grants Directory lists grants and other assistance programs by category.

• Western Australia's government portal lists community grants and funding.

• The Department of Culture and the Arts administers a number of grants programs for individuals and organisations.

• Lotterywest distributes profits from lotteries to the community of Western Australia.

• The Office of Multicultural Interests provides community grants for organisations and projects aimed at developing harmony between different groups.

• Propel Youth Arts WA provides arts grants for young people aged between 12 and 26 years.

**State government grants - South Australia**

• SA Grants Database provides a list of links to state government grants and other sources of community support.

• Grants for community organisations contains a range of databases with information about grants available through government and non-government organisations.

• Community Benefit SA is one of the state’s main programs offering funding for projects assisting community service agencies.

• Arts SA provides funding for community groups involved in artistic and cultural activities.

• The Office for Recreation and Sport SA offers a range of sport related grants and scholarships for individuals and organisations.

**State government grants - Tasmania**

• The Tasmanian Community Fund makes both general grants to community organisations as well as for particular initiatives which improve the well-being or assist in the social, environmental and economic development of a particular community.

• Tasmania Online provides a directory of grants and links to other forms of support for community groups.

• A percentage of gaming profits in Tasmania is paid into the Community Support Levy (CSL) through which grants are made to assist organisations registered as charities and for the benefit of sporting organisations.

• Arts Tasmania grants and loans programs provide financial assistance for projects or programs of activities that enhance the arts sector in Tasmania.

• Tasmania’s Department of Premier and Cabinet administers a range of grant programs that support community development.

**Territory government grants - Northern Territory**

• NT Government Grants and Funding contains links and details for a variety of government grants.

• The Community Benefit Fund provides small grants as part of its Community Development Grants project aimed at assisting community groups.

• The Department of Sport, Recreation and Racing offers grants for organisations and local councils to develop services and programs within the community.

• The Office of Multicultural Affairs provides a number of grants to community groups involved in projects aimed at fostering harmony and diversity as well as running the Multicultural Community Facilities Grant Program.

• The Northern Territory Arts Grants Program provides funding for a range of different purposes, including community-based arts activities.

• The Northern Territory Office of Youth Affairs manages the Youth Engagement Grants Program.
• Alice Springs Town Council community grants are offered for both community organisations and specific initiatives.

**Territory government grants - Australian Capital Territory**

• Community Development Services Grants include the Community Support and Infrastructure and Carer Recognition Grants Programs.
• The Participation (Multicultural) Grants Program supports projects that enhance multiculturalism in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT).
• The Participation (Seniors) Grants and Sponsorships Program supports organisations and events promoting the active community participation of older people.
• Sport and recreation grants support eligible organisations to promote active participation through quality programs, services and facilities in the ACT.
• The ACT Health Promotion Grants Program provides funding for community, arts, health and sporting organisations to assist in the creation and management of health promotion activities.

**Non-government Grants**

• ANZ Trustees lists a wide range of funds and foundations providing grants in different areas.
• APEC Education Foundation offers grants for community building education projects in countries who participate in the APEC Forum.
• Australian Charities has a selection of links for fundraisers and a database of contact details for major Australian Charities.
• Australian Communication Exchange (ACE) provides funding for projects by non-profit organisations which benefit the deaf, hearing or speech impaired in the community.
• The Business Enterprise Centres (BEC) Australia website provides information on grants that may be available to business.
• The Charities Aid Foundation allows charitable organisations to be placed on a registry to be matched with corporate donors and sponsors.
• The Commonwealth Bank Staff Community Fund aims specifically to assist community groups with projects that improve the health and well-being of children and young people nationally.
• The Community Enterprise Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Group.
• Foster’s Community Grants fund specific projects run by community groups and charities.
• The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) aims to take a leadership role in assisting regional, rural and remote communities to respond to social, cultural and economic change. The FRRR administers a number of funding programs and grants.
• The Foundation for Young Australians is a not-for-profit organisation that offers grants and scholarships to support individual students and groups of students from Victoria or Queensland.
• The Givewell site provides a comprehensive database of Australian charities, giving strategies, bequests, charitable trusts and corporate philanthropy, as well as links to charities and related sites.
• The Ian Potter Foundation makes grants nationally to support charitable organisations working to benefit the community across a wide range of sectors and endeavours.
• The JASON postgraduate scholarship search engine is a scholarships database for Australian students wishing to study at home or abroad, and for international students wishing to study in Australia.
• Landcare Australia offers grants through a number of programs.
• The Macquarie Group Foundation supports groups and activities in Australia and overseas.
• The Mercy Foundation provides support for organisations involved in reducing inequality and poverty in Australia.
- The Myer Foundation and Sidney Myer Fund provide grants in four key areas, the arts, education, poverty and disadvantage and sustainability and the environment.
- National Australia Bank provides regular community grants to organisations nominated by employees.
- The National Foundation for Australian Women runs a program through which other women’s groups can receive tax deductible donations and grants through their preferred donor fund.
- The NRMA Insurance Community Grants Program provides grants for crime and injury prevention, emergency services and the environment. In Western Australia the program operates under SGIO and in South Australia under SGIC.
- The Optus Connecting Communities Grants Program provides grants to organisations to help reduce social isolation and to reconnect disengaged youth.
- Perpetual philanthropic services assist individuals, families, organisations and non-profit groups.
- The Peter Brock Foundation provides funding and support for community groups and organisations with a focus on welfare services, social issues and community programs.
- The Reichstein Foundation funds projects aimed at assisting disadvantaged communities.
- The Rockefeller Foundation supports work that expands opportunity and strengthens resilience to social, economic, health and environmental challenges.
- The Telstra Foundation provides community development grants for projects particularly aimed at children and young people. It also provides assistance through its Indigenous Community Development program and Social Innovation Grants.
- Wesfarmers makes contributions to community-benefiting activities through its corporate office and through subsidiary businesses. Applications for small donations, such as gift vouchers, should be made to individual business outlets.
- Woolworths provides support to local community organisations and charities.