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. Links are sorted according to Federal, State and Territory Government and non-government sources. This guide does not include links to scholarships, fellowships or research grants.

- Australian Government grants
- New South Wales
- Victoria
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- South Australia
- Tasmania
- Northern Territory
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Australian Government grants
- GrantConnect is a guide to all grants available from Commonwealth Government agencies. GrantConnect includes a list of all current grant opportunities open for application.

New South Wales
- Create NSW Arts, Screen and Culture offers a range of grants to cultural and community groups involved in artistic activities.
- The communitybuilders.nsw website 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 **NSW Community Building Partnership program** awards grants for community infrastructure projects.

• The **ClubGRANTS** scheme is funded by gaming machine revenue from 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 **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 **Multicultural NSW Grants Program** provides funding for projects and activities that promote community engagement, build community harmony and social cohesion, and celebrate cultural diversity.

• The **NSW Environmental Trust** offers grants for projects that involve rehabilitating or regenerating the environment, or promoting environmental education and sustainability.

• **Sport and recreation grants**, provided to ‘nurture sporting talent, help build sports facilities and develop the industry as a whole’.

**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) can provide general information about programs and funding.

• **Creative Victoria** provides funding for individuals and arts organisations.

• The **Local History Grants Program** is administered by the Public Record Office Victoria and funds activities that ‘preserve, record and share the local, social and community history of Victoria and Victorians’.

• The **Victorian Multicultural Commission** provides community grants.

• Business Victoria administers **grants, vouchers and assistance programs**.

**Queensland**

• **Queensland Government grants** 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, funded by gaming revenue, and which provide grants to local organisations.

• **Arts Queensland** provides a list of funding opportunities 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 and Events Queensland has compiled a **Grants Guide** to assist organisations whose work involves attracting visitors to the state.

• **Brisbane City Council community grants programs** ‘provide funding to help local non-profit community groups to develop and improve facilities and services in Brisbane’.
• The Celebrating Multicultural Queensland Grants Program funds events and projects that promote cultural diversity and inclusiveness in the community.

• 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.

Western Australia
• The Department of Local Government and Communities (DLGC) provides grants to community organisations ‘to plan and implement projects, events and initiatives that help to improve the lives of West Australians’.

• The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries administers a number of grants programs for individuals and organisations.

• Lotterywest distributes profits from lotteries to community groups in Western Australia.

• The Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI) provides community grants for organisations and projects that ‘support social cohesion and community development’.

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

South Australia
• Grantassist is a guide to assistance and programs relevant to community organisations.

• Grants SA provides funding to community organisations ‘to support local projects that strengthen communities across South Australia’.

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

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

Tasmania
• The Tasmanian Community Fund awards general grants to community organisations and particular initiatives that either improve the well-being or assist in the social, environmental and economic development of Tasmanian communities.

• The Department of State Growth provides loans and grants to businesses and individuals to support professional and sector development.

A percentage of gaming profits in Tasmania is paid into the Community Support Levy (CSL) through which grants are made to assist sport and recreation clubs and charitable organisations.

• Arts Tasmania funding and investment programs provide financial assistance for projects or activities that enhance the arts sector in Tasmania.

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

• The business.tas.gov.au website provides links to a range of grants, funding and assistance.

Northern Territory
• The NT.GOV.AU website provides links and details for a wide range of government grants.

• Alice Springs Town Council community grants are offered for both community organisations and specific initiatives.
Australian Capital Territory

- The ACT Government Grants website lists a wide range of grant programs under two streams: Health and Community Wellbeing Grants and City and Territory Services Grants.

- The Health and Community Wellbeing Grants support a wide range of initiatives and persons including health promotion, adult and community education, community infrastructure, people with disability, the community participation of older people and cultural diversity, social harmony and inclusion.

- The City and Territory Services Grants support a range of arts, environmental, heritage, sports and recreation activities.

Non-government grants

- The ANZ Staff Foundation offers grants to support projects run by charitable organisations for the benefit of local communities.

- Aurizon offers grants to community groups that provide support in the areas of health and wellbeing, community safety and environment and education.

- The CommBank Foundation aims specifically to assist community groups with youth programs focused on health, education and social inclusion.

- The Community Enterprise Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Group.

- The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal provides a broad range of grant programs, each with the requirement ‘that funds be used for a charitable purpose that benefits the residents of Australia’s rural, regional or remote communities’.

- Good2Give allows charitable organisations to be placed on a registry to be matched with corporate donors and sponsors.

- The Ian Potter Foundation makes grants nationally to support charitable organisations working to benefit the community across a wide range of sectors and endeavours.

- Landcare Australia offers grants through a number of programs.

- The Macquarie Group Foundation supports community 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 and humanities; education; poverty and disadvantage; and sustainability and the environment.

- The 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 National Library of Australia offers grants to community organisations to assist with the preservation of locally-owned, nationally significant collections of materials that are publicly accessible.
• The **nib foundation** supports initiatives which make a positive difference to the health and well-being of people living in communities across Australia.

• The **Optus Future Makers** program provides grants to organisations to help develop technological applications aimed at supporting disadvantaged youth.

• The **Peter Brock Foundation** provides funding and support for community groups and organisations with a focus on youth disability and child protection.

• The **Reichstein Foundation** funds projects aimed at advancing social justice and social change.

• The **Telstra Foundation** provides community development grants for technological innovation projects aimed at children and young people.

• **Wesfarmers** makes contributions to community activities through its corporate office and through subsidiary businesses. The corporate community partnership program ‘is focused on four key areas: the arts; Indigenous programs; health and medical research; and education’.

• The **Woolworths Group** provides support to local community organisations and charities.