



# April Grants Bulletin

To the Narre Warren North community,

I'm excited to bring you the April edition of my monthly grants bulletin – your handy guide to the latest funding opportunities available throughout our electorate.

Whether your part of a local club, community group, or have a great idea to benefit our area, this edition could have just what you need to get started.

My office is always here to help. If you have any questions about the grants listed or need a hand with the application process, feel free to reach out or visit my website at [www.belindawilson.com.au](http://www.belindawilson.com.au).

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to making our community stronger – your efforts are deeply appreciated.

Warm regards,

**Belinda Wilson MP**  
State Member for Narre Warren North

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## ARTS & EVENTS

### Creative Arts Fellowship

**Funding Provider:** National Library of Australia

**Amount:** \$35,000

**Closes:** 07<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**CLOSING SOON**

**Apply:** <https://www.library.gov.au/research/fellowships-and-scholarships/creative-arts-fellowship>

Supports practising writers to develop new creative work using or inspired by the National Library’s collections.

It offers a writer the unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the collections, including music, maps, rare books or ephemera, or original sources like pictures, manuscripts, oral histories and folklore recordings.

Creative Arts Fellowships support the development of creative works inspired by the National Library’s unique, rare or comprehensive collections.

Works can be at any stage of development but must require access to the collections to progress or be completed. The final work, which does not have to be finished within the residency period, should showcase the collections in unique or interesting ways, and acknowledge their contribution.

## Screenrights Cultural Fund

**Funding Provider:** Screenrights

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** Up to \$50,000

**Closes:** 08<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.screenrights.org/cultural-fund/>

Supports people with exciting and innovative new initiatives that foster the creation and appreciation of screen content in Australia and New Zealand.

The 2026 Screen rights Cultural Fund total grant pool is \$300,000 and the annual focus is "Learning Through Story".

In 2026, the Screenrights Cultural Fund is placing a strong emphasis on supporting innovators who are expanding, improving, and accelerating learning outcomes through the creative use of screen stories. This year's focus highlights a commitment to empowering those who are pushing boundaries in knowledge sharing and learner engagement through screen stories – both within the screen industry and across broader educational sectors. The fund welcomes applications from a wide range of initiatives, whether you're developing interactive learning tools and innovative curriculum content, or building mentorship platforms and screen-based projects that foster professional growth and community learning.

## Playing Travel Grants

**Funding Provider:** Melbourne Arts Centre & Playking Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$9,000

**Closes:** 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026

CLOSING SOON

**Apply:**

<https://www.artscentremelbourne.com.au/learn/artist-development/playking-travel-grants>

Supports Australian performing arts professionals to develop creative collaborations with artists, producers and presenters from across the Asia-Pacific region.

In association with Asia TOPA and Arts Centre Melbourne, Playking Foundation offers travel grants to assist Australian artists establish Asia-Pacific creative connections and collaborations. The grants are designed to support travel costs and living expenses for early-stage exploration and development of performance-based projects.

Since 2013, Playking Foundation and Arts Centre Melbourne have offered competitive bi-annual awarding rounds resulting in more than 50 grants to outstanding artists exploring and developing intercultural collaborations in Asia-Pacific countries and territories including: China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, India, Japan, Indonesia, Cambodia, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Korea and Philippines.

## International Travel Fund

**Funding Provider:** Creative Australia

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** \$5,000 - \$20,000

**Closes:** 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://creative.gov.au/investments-opportunities/international-travel-fund-market-development>

Supports international travel costs associated with Australian artists, creative workers and organisations attending significant market development platforms or key gatherings overseas.

This includes international performing arts markets, book fairs, art fairs, First Nations gatherings, and festivals that have a market development and international networking focus within their program.

Market development activities are those that enable applicants to promote, market, pitch, or sell works into international markets. This program does not support touring, exhibition or presentation activities.

## Creative Projects Fund

**Funding Provider:** Creative Australia

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** \$10,000 - \$30,000

**Closes:** 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://creative.vic.gov.au/funding-opportunities/find-a-funding-opportunity/creative-projects-fund>

Supports projects led by Victorian professional artists, creative practitioners, groups/collectives and creative micro to small organisations.

It can also include projects collaborating with creative and non-creative workers (such as technicians, publicists etc).

Funding can be used to:

- Develop new creative content, products or experiences
- Present and/or launch work to reach new markets
- Invest in innovative ideas
- Support collaborations and partnerships.

## Jacoby-Walkley Scholarship with Nine

**Funding Provider:** The Walkley Foundation

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** \$13,000

**Closes:** 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.walkleys.com/professional-development/scholarships-and-fellowships/jacoby-walkley-scholarship/>

Offers placements with Nine and The Walkley Foundation for those who are aiming for a career in journalism.

If you have big dreams of carving out a career in the competitive television industry: this is the opportunity of a lifetime.

The Jacoby-Walkley Scholarship with Nine was established in 2013 with support from media executive and award-winning TV producer Anita Jacoby to recognise the legacy of her father Phillip Jacoby – a pioneer in the Australian communications and broadcast industry.

## ARN Ali Drower Audio Scholarship

**Funding Provider:** The Walkley Foundation

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** \$10,000

**Closes:** 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.walkleys.com/professional-development/scholarships-and-fellowships/the-arn-ali-drower-audio-scholarship/>

Offers an early-career journalist the opportunity to receive hands-on experience in a busy commercial newsroom, including in radio and podcasts.

If you are passionate about audio journalism, this scholarship offers an excellent opportunity to develop your skills in a fast-paced newsroom environment.

Dedicated to ARN journalist, presenter and news director Ali Drower, this scholarship would support the successful applicant with a \$10,000 stipend. The winner will get an exceptional opportunity to learn from ARN commercial newsroom leaders and sharpen their writing, reporting, producing, presenting and podcasting skills.

## Writers' Festival Author Travel Fund

**Funding Provider:** Creative Australia

**Amount:** \$5,000 - \$30,000

CLOSING SOON

**Closes:** 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://creative.gov.au/investments-opportunities/writers-festival-author-travel-fund-2026-27>

Supports Australian authors to connect with readers and peers through writers' festivals around the country.

Writers' festivals play a vital role in strengthening Australia's literary community. They provide space for ideas, dialogue and discovery, while promoting Australian writers to a wide range of readers. This investment will support Australian authors to connect with readers and peers through writers' festivals in regional areas and capital cities.

The fund prioritises authors travelling from or to regional locations, First Nations authors, children's authors and illustrators, and early to mid-career writers, while encouraging a broad mix of voices and festivals.

## Australian Laureate Fellowships

**Funding Provider:** Australian Research Council

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.arc.gov.au/australian-laureate-fellowships>

Supports world-class Australian and international researchers to conduct research in Australia and to build Australia's research capacity, undertake innovative research programs and mentor early career researchers.

The Australian Laureate Fellowships scheme reflects the Australian Government's commitment to excellence in research by supporting world-class researchers to conduct research in Australia.

## Journalism Assistance Fund

**Funding Provider:** Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

**Amount:** \$39,000 - \$7,500,000

CLOSING SOON

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/journalism-assistance-fund>

Helps the sustainability of Australian news publishers by providing a proportion of the wages for journalists producing core news content that is distributed digitally.

The Journalism Assistance Fund Program, running over 3 years from 2025-26, was announced as part of the News Media Assistance Program (News MAP). News MAP aims to support public interest journalism

and media diversity in Australia - recognising these are critical to a healthy democracy, social cohesion and informed citizens.

## Astra Funding

**Funding Provider:** Astra Games

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://astralogical.org/>

Invests in the whole thinking game ecosystem, from early career developers to established teams. Thinking games are games where deduction, reasoning, and logic are the core of the experience (instead of execution or reflexes). Puzzle, strategy, and resource management games are the closest genres.

## Epic MegaGrants

**Funding Provider:** Epic Games

**Amount:** \$5,000-\$150,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.unrealengine.com/en-US/megagrants>

Provides financial grants to creative, noteworthy, and innovative projects built in and around Unreal Engine or projects that enhance the open-source 3D graphics ecosystem.

Epic MegaGrants are investments Epic Games makes to sponsor the development of exciting projects that may not otherwise have enough funding to fully realize. They're specifically meant for smaller teams, solo developers, and innovators who are using our technology to bring bold, challenging, and insanely creative dreams to life.

## Fringe Fund

**Funding Provider:** Melbourne Fringe

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://melbournefringe.com.au/fringe-sector-leadership/fringe-fund/>

Helps the very best emerging and independent artistic talent achieve incredible things, supporting artists to find the money they need to make ground-breaking, innovative and brilliant art.

The Fringe Fund provides commissioning opportunities, concessions on fees, and even cold hard cash to ease financial pressure on artists so they can do what they do best.

## Innovate Grant

**Funding Provider:** Innovate

**Amount:** \$1,800

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://innovateartistgrants.org/>

Provides grants to artists and photographers to act as sparks of financial support that ignite your creative development. Innovate Grant distributes (2) \$1,800.00 grants each quarter, to one Visual Artist and one Photographer. The grant cycles are open (4) times a year (Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall) giving you more opportunities to access the support you need.

## International Festival Travel

**Funding Provider:** VicScreen

**Amount:** Up to \$4,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://vicscreen.vic.gov.au/funding/travel>

Provides grants to producers, directors, writers or games developers for travel from Victoria to attend an approved international festival. Festival attendance facilitates opportunities to build relationships and promote Victorian talent to wider markets and audiences.

## Victorian Screen Rebate (VSR)

**Funding Provider:** VicScreen

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://vicscreen.vic.gov.au/funding/incentives/>

Offers grants to attract footloose physical productions and/or post-production, regional filming, VFX, animation and digital games projects activities in Victoria.

The Victorian Screen Rebate (VSR) program is an economic development initiative that offers grants to support screen work undertaken in Victoria.

# BUSINESS AND INNOVATION

## DRIVEN Charger Rebate Stream

**Funding Provider:** Australian Government

**Amount:** Up to \$20,000

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (2028?)

CLOSING SOON

**Apply:** <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/driven-charger-rebate-stream>

Gives dealerships and EV repairers a rebate to assist in the funding of purchasing and installing eligible smart EV chargers on their sites including remote and regional areas.

The DRIVEN Charger Rebate Stream grant opportunity will provide \$40 million for EV chargers to car dealerships and EV repairers.

The objective of the grant opportunity is to provide co-funding for dealerships and EV repairers to install EV chargers.

## Solar Sunshot Program

**Funding Provider:** Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

CLOSING SOON

**Apply:** <https://arena.gov.au/funding/solar-sunshot/>

Supports the commercialisation of Australian solar photovoltaic (PV) innovations and to enhance solar PV supply chains in Australia.

The Program seeks to accelerate the development of Australia's solar PV supply chains, catalyse clean energy industries, drive innovation, help Australia connect to new global solar supply chains, and take advantage of the future employment and investment opportunities associated with a critical growth sector of the economy.

## Powering the Regions Fund - Safeguard Transformation Stream

**Funding Provider:** Australian Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

**Amount:** \$500,000 - \$50,000,000

**Closes:** 06<sup>th</sup> May 2027

**Apply:** <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/powering-the-regions-fund-safeguard-transformation-stream-round-2>

Provides up to \$50 million to trade exposed facilities to reduce their emissions and contribute to meeting Australia's emissions reduction targets.

This grant opportunity was announced in January 2023 as part of the Government's Safeguard Mechanism Reforms to support the Government's ambition for Australia to become a renewable energy superpower.

The Australian Government has announced a total of \$600 million over the life of the program in recognition of the specific challenges faced by trade exposed facilities.

For this second round of the Powering the Regions Fund - Safeguard Transformation Stream approximately \$321 million is available from 2025-26 to 2032-33.

## Innovation Pitchfest and Awards

**Funding Provider:** Land Forces

**Amount:** \$10,000 - \$30,000

**Closes:** 09<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Apply:** <https://landforces.com.au/program/initiatives/innovation-awards/>

Provides a dynamic platform for innovators, start-ups, and researchers to pitch emerging technologies and novel solutions directly to defence, industry, and investment leaders.

This high-profile program celebrates creativity and collaboration, spotlighting the next generation of capability shaping the future of the land defence sector.

In 2026, the Innovation Pitchfest and Awards programs returns to Land Forces to recognise and showcase innovations at various stages of development.

## Amazon Launchpad

**Funding Provider:** Amazon

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://sell.amazon.com.au/launchpad>

Provides an opportunity for new and emerging brands to accelerate their growth locally and scale globally. Amazon Launchpad is an exclusive program that showcases innovative products from startups and emerging brands like yours to millions of Amazon customers.

The Launchpad program makes it easy for brands to launch new products on Amazon and help get them discovered. Launchpad uses Amazon's world-class expertise, global infrastructure, and powerful marketing tools to help you tell your story and deliver your products.

## Future of Life Institute Technology Grants

**Funding Provider:** Future of Life Institute

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://futureoflife.org/our-work/grantmaking-work/>

Supports vital cutting-edge work with a wise, future-oriented mindset. The Future of Life Institute's mission is to steer transformative technologies away from extreme, large-scale risks and towards benefiting life. The Institute provides financial support for promising work aligned with their mission.

## Enterprise Activate and Elevate Programs

**Funding Provider:** Enterprise Tasmania

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://enterprise.space/programs/activate/>

Offers online courses for entrepreneurs and startups. Enterprise Activate is all about meeting you where you're at, wherever that is (anywhere in Australia!). The startup industry and the idea of being a founder – of creating your own thing, starting your legacy, being known for something great – is extremely appealing.

Activate is a 6 week self-guided, entirely digital bootcamp in everything you need to know to activate your entrepreneurial spirit – or to work out quickly that it isn't for you!

## Industry Growth Program

**Funding Provider:** Australian Department of Industry, Science and Resources

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/industry-growth-program#apply-now>

Offers support for innovative SMEs to commercialise and grow their business. The Industry Growth Program will support innovative small and medium enterprises undertaking commercialisation and/or growth projects within the National Reconstruction Fund (NRF) priority areas. Participating businesses will have access to Advisory Services to help them overcome significant challenges that may be associated with their projects.

## LaunchVic Unsolicited Proposals

**Funding Provider:** Launchvic

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://launchvic.org/grants/>

Accepts unsolicited proposals, in special circumstances, for grants outside of its communicated grant rounds or its refunding of high-performing programs.

While LaunchVic do not fund startups directly via unsolicited proposals, the programs they fund aim to provide the services needed to assist early-stage and scaling startups through their journey.

## Good2Give Workplace Giving Platform

**Funding Provider:** Good2Give

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://good2give.ngo/charity-registration/>

Provides charities with an easy way for businesses and donors to give. Good2Give is a not-for-profit that makes it easy for businesses and donors to give. Since 2001, the platform has facilitated more than \$250 million to over 8,000 Australian, New Zealand and international communities.

## Victorian Business Growth Fund

**Funding Provider:** Treasury and Finance

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/victorian-business-growth-fund>

Supports long-term growth opportunities for businesses and boost employment and economic development across the State.

Established by the Victorian Government and First State Super, the Fund will operate for 10 years and will help to address barriers faced by successful small and medium enterprises (SMEs) that are ready to grow their business but can't access the funds or find the right partner they need to take the next step.

## Small Business Income Tax Offset

**Funding Provider:** ATO

**Amount:** \$1,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/small-business-income-tax-offset>

The small business income tax offset can reduce the tax on your small business income by up to \$1,000 each year. The offset is worked out on the proportion of tax payable on your business income.

## Financial Incentives for businesses to hire new staff

**Funding Provider:** Australian Government

**Amount:** Up to \$10,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/wage-subsidies>

Wage subsidies ranging up to \$10,000 may be available to businesses that hire eligible individuals into ongoing jobs. Businesses looking to fill an ongoing position, should get in touch with their nearest Workforce Australia, ParentsNext or Transition to Work provider for help to find the right person for the job.

Providers may offer a wage subsidy to help with some of the initial costs of hiring a new employee. The wage subsidy is to help with some of the initial costs of hiring the new employee, to help ensure the success of their employment.

## Free wellbeing support, business advice and financial counselling for VIC small businesses

**Funding Provider:** Victorian Government

**Amount:** Free wellbeing support, business advice and financial counselling.

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/partners-in-wellbeing-small-business-support-vic>

The Victorian Government's free and confidential Partners in Wellbeing helpline provides wellbeing support, business advice and financial counselling to business operators, their staff, and families.

## Subsidised internships for Victorian Businesses

**Funding Provider:** Victorian Government

**Amount:** \$5,000 wage subsidy

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://djsir.vic.gov.au/digital-jobs/businesses>

This program provides businesses with an opportunity to host a digitally trained candidate through a subsidised 12-week internship.

Training streams include, artificial intelligence, cloud computing, cyber security, data analytics, customer relationship management, digital marketing, enterprise resource planning and others.

## Financial incentives for businesses to reduce their carbon emissions

**Funding Provider:** Australian Government

**Amount:** Australian carbon credit units (ACCUs)

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/emissions-reduction-fund>

The Emissions Reduction Fund provides businesses with the opportunity to earn Australian carbon credit units for every tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent a business store or avoids emitting through adopting new practices and technologies.

This can be through projects involving:

- new technology
- upgrading equipment
- changing business practices to improve productivity or energy use
- changing the way vegetation is managed to store more carbon.

## Nonprofit Technology Grant

**Funding Provider:** Little Phil Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$1,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.littlephil.org/lp-foundation>

Offers nonprofit organisations funds to procure technology to help maximise their impact. Are you a Registered Nonprofit looking to gain financial assistance for an all-in-one fundraising platform? Little Phil offers tech grants for audacious change-makers.

## CSIRO Kick-Start

**Funding Provider:** CSIRO

**Amount:** \$10,000 to \$50,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.csiro.au/en/work-with-us/funding-programs/SME/CSIRO-Kick-Start/about>

Provides Australian start-ups and small to medium enterprises with matched funding to undertake research activities with CSIRO to grow and develop their business.

## Innovations Connections Grant

**Funding Provider:** Australian Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources

**Amount:** Up to \$50,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.csiro.au/en/work-with-us/funding-programs/SME/SME-success-stories?start=0&count=12>

Provides small and medium sized businesses with access to expert technology advice to address technology and knowledge gaps and collaborate with the research sector in developing new ideas with commercial potential.

## Industry Development Fund

**Funding Provider:** Manufacturing Skills Australia

**Amount:** \$1,000 - \$10,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.mskills.org.au/industry-development-fund/>

Provides financial support to help individuals to further their skills and knowledge through training, education and/or research within Australia's critically important Manufacturing industries.

## West End Retail Kickstarter Grant Program

**Funding Provider:** West End Melbourne

**Amount:** \$15,000-\$150,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://westend.melbourne/terms-and-conditions/>

Provides grants to access spaces for businesses of all shapes, sizes and scales in Melbourne's West End. Grant funding may only go towards eligible, pre-approved costs, including set-up costs, brand and marketing, fit-out costs, equipment and operational costs.

## Business Advice

**Funding Provider:** Business Victoria

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://business.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/business-advice>

Business Victoria, in partnership with Monarch Institute, delivers virtual business advice sessions for Victorian businesses. Business owners and those wishing to start a business can receive one free 45-minute session with an expert who can advise on:

- Marketing, website, digital marketing strategies
- Employing and managing staff
- Financial strategies to increase sales and profits.

# COMMUNITY

## Pick My Park

**Funding Provider:** VIC Department of Transport and Planning

**Amount:** \$20,000 - \$250,000

**Closes:** 02<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/guides-and-resources/strategies-and-initiatives/pick-my-park>

Gives the community a say on grants for new and upgraded parks.

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The program invites Victorians over 16 to share their ideas for new and improved parks and then vote on their favourite projects.

A second round of applications will now support even more park projects, across a broader geographic area. In Round 2, eligible areas extend to include the whole of Melbourne, plus the established areas of Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong.

## Moving Melbourne Community Grants

**Funding Provider:** Metro Trains Melbourne

**Amount:** \$5,000 - \$100,000

CLOSING SOON

**Closes:** 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.metrotrains.com.au/community-grants/>

Supports not for profit organisations doing important work to help improve people's mental health.

This year the program offers three types of support:

- Funds (\$5,000, \$10,000 or \$20,000 grants)
- Two Cultural grants supporting First Nations organisations (valued at \$5000 each)
- Station advertising (Total value at \$100,000, \$25,000 per organisation to be given for each quarter).

## Our Community Company Funding

**Funding Provider:** Community Enterprise Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** 07<sup>th</sup> April 2026

CLOSING SOON

**Apply:** <https://ourcommunitycompany.smartygrants.com.au>

Supports projects that offer clear community benefit to the Casey and Cardinia communities, contributing to social outcomes, community welfare, environmental, health, education, or cultural areas.

Community Bank Lang Lang, Pearcedale, Koo Wee Rup, Narre Warren South, Tooradin & Coastal Villages, Bunyip & District branches offer community investments to local organisations to facilitate their valuable activities in building and strengthening communities.

Bendigo Bank's social purpose focus set its agenda for 'feeding into prosperity', from its products and services through to its commitment to creating positive social change.

Projects may demonstrate outcomes in:

- Animal welfare
- Choice and empowerment
- Community resilience
- Digital
- Disaster recovery
- Environmental
- Financial
- Health
- Housing
- Learning, skills and development
- Safety
- Social cohesion.

## 2026 Community Bank Grants

**Funding Provider:** Our Community Company / Bendigo Bank

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026

CLOSING SOON

**Apply:** <https://ourcommunitycompany.smartygrants.com.au>

This community grants program is administered by Community Bank Lang Lang, Pearcedale, Koo wee Rup, Narre Warren South, Tooradin & Coastal Villages, Bunyip & District. Funding supports local projects that offer clear community benefit, contributing to social outcomes, community welfare, environmental, health, education, or cultural areas.

## 2026 Community Bank Sponsorships

**Funding Provider:** Our Community Company / Bendigo Bank

**Amount:** Unspecified

CLOSING SOON

**Closes:** 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://ourcommunitycompany.smartygrants.com.au>

This sponsorship program is an arrangement with Community Bank Lang Lang, Pearcedale, Koo wee Rup, Narre Warren South, Tooradin & Coastal Villages and Bunyip & District. Sponsorships can support an event, activity, individual or organisation through the provision of money, goods or services. Sponsorships typically provide a tangible benefit to both recipient and sponsor. Applicants must be a current Bendigo Bank customer, or willing to become a Bendigo Bank customer

## iAwards

**Funding Provider:** Australian Information Industry Association

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** 07<sup>th</sup> April 2026

CLOSING SOON

**Apply:** <https://aiia.com.au/iawards/about/>

Seeks to unearth, recognise and rewards excellence in Australian innovation that is making a difference and has the potential to create positive change for the community – whether this is at home, in the office or on a global scale.

For the past 30 years, the Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA) has been driving an innovation nation through their iAwards program. The iAwards is Australia's longest running and most broadly scoped innovation recognition program, promoting excellence in the Australian digital ecosystem from the likes of Google Maps, Atlassian, Wotif and WiseTech Global.

## Wellbeing Support Grant

**Funding Provider:** Cardinia Shire Council

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** [https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/info/20021/supporting\\_our\\_community/209/apply\\_for\\_a\\_wellbeing\\_support\\_grant#section-2-grant-categories](https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/info/20021/supporting_our_community/209/apply_for_a_wellbeing_support_grant#section-2-grant-categories)

Helps communities, groups and individuals undertake projects which raise awareness and promote mental health, wellbeing and suicide prevention.

## Building Excellence in Support and Training (BEST)

**Funding Provider:** Australian Department of Veterans' Affairs

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=77381eab-0738-4021-9948-d30ebb735ed8>

Supports the role of ex-service organisation (ESO) compensation and wellbeing advocates, who provide advice and assistance to the veteran and defence communities.

The Australian Government is inviting organisations via a demand driven process to apply to deliver services under the Building Excellence in Support and Training (BEST) Program. The BEST Program 2026–27 will run over a 3-year period, commencing in the financial year 2026–27, ending in financial year 2028–29.

The BEST Program forms part of the Australian Government’s commitment to supporting the role of ex-service organisation (ESO) compensation and wellbeing advocates, who provide advice and assistance to the veteran and defence communities.

The BEST Program has been updated and simplified in response to the recommendations from the Senate Standing Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee Inquiry into issues relating to advocacy services for veterans accessing compensation and income support, and recommendation 99 of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide final report.

## TAC Road Safety Grant Program

**Funding Provider:** Victorian Transport Accident Commission (TAC)

**Amount:** Up to \$150,000

CLOSING SOON

**Closes:** 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac/community/grants/road-safety-grant-program>

Supports community groups and organisations to develop and implement effective community-based road safety projects.

The TAC Road Safety Grant Program aims to:

- Create a sense of shared responsibility for reducing road trauma within the Victorian community
- Build and sustain meaningful relationships with community groups and organisations that will contribute to improved road safety outcomes
- Empower communities to advocate for changes that will have positive road safety outcomes
- Deliver evidence-based projects that have the potential to reduce and prevent road trauma.

## Multicultural Festivals and Events Program

**Funding Provider:** Victorian Government

**Amount:** \$5,000 - \$50,000

CLOSING SOON

**Closes:** 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** [https://urlisolation.com/browser?clickId=7BCEEFAD-E935-4F85-AF72-F6361B9B1F9D&traceToken=1774570593%3Bparliamentvicgovau\\_hosted%3Bhttps%3A%2Fsharepoint.us%2F14.list-mana&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.vic.gov.au%2Fmulticultural-festivals-and-events-program](https://urlisolation.com/browser?clickId=7BCEEFAD-E935-4F85-AF72-F6361B9B1F9D&traceToken=1774570593%3Bparliamentvicgovau_hosted%3Bhttps%3A%2Fsharepoint.us%2F14.list-mana&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.vic.gov.au%2Fmulticultural-festivals-and-events-program)

The program offers grants of up to \$50,000 to support activities that promote and foster social cohesion.

Over \$1 million will be available through the Regional Multicultural Festivals and Events Fund. This fund supports multicultural community organisations to deliver events across regional Victoria.

There are 3 funding streams:

Small stream (up to \$5000)

Medium stream (\$5,001 to \$15,000)

Large stream (\$15,001 and over)

## 2025-2026 Volunteer Grants

**Funding Provider:** Australian Department of Social Services

**Amount:** \$1,000 - \$5,000

CLOSING SOON

**Closes:** 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.grants.gov.au/FO/Show?FoUuid=0c963950-d2c0-48af-8f42-ac708865702c&keyword=fo2025-4700>

Supports the work of community organisations that rely on volunteers by removing barriers to volunteering and promoting awareness of volunteering opportunities.

\*PLEASE NOTE: Expressions of interest are now open and closing dates vary, depending on your local area. Please check with your local Federal Members of Parliament's (MP) office for specific closing dates and for details on how to submit an expression of interest. Organisations nominated by their MP will be invited by the Department of Social Services to fill out an application form in May 2026.

## Victorian Mother of the Year 2026

**Funding Provider:** YMCA Victoria

**Amount:** \$10,000

CLOSING SOON

**Closes:** 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://victoria.ymca.org.au/victorian-mother-of-the-year>

Celebrates mother figures who inspire young people and their community.

The Victorian Mother of the Year Award celebrates extraordinary mother figures and community caregivers who help create a just world – where everyone belongs!

The award highlights the importance of role-models who inspire and empower those around them. Mums and mother figures are all around us, not only in our families but in our local community groups, schools and workplaces.

## Thriving Communities Grants Program

**Funding Provider:** Greater Western Water

**Amount:** Up to \$20,000

CLOSING SOON

**Closes:** 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.gww.com.au/about/community/thriving-communities-grants-program>

Supports local projects, events and activities that bring people together in the areas in which Greater Western Water operates.

Thriving Communities grants fund community-led activities that promote sustainable water use, care for Country and the environment, and community cohesion.

## Local Hero Competition

**Funding Provider:** Steeline

**Amount:** Up to \$20,000

CLOSING SOON

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.steeline.com.au/competition/local-hero-2026/>

Offers your sports club or community facility a chance to win \$20K worth of Steeline products and services.

Steeline is giving one Australian community organisation the chance to win up to \$20,000 RRP in steel products and services to upgrade their facilities.

Entry in the Promotion is only open to “Eligible Entrants”, being residents of Australia aged 18 years or older who remain Australian Residents for the duration of the Promotion Period and are an authorised representative of the organisation they are nominating, such as a committee member, club official, school staff member or coordinator.

There is one (1) Prize to be won. The total Prize value is up to \$20,000 RRP of Steeline products or services, as quoted by the Prize winner’s closest Steeline member.

## Ski For Life Grants

**Funding Provider:** Ski For Life

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.skiforlife.com.au/grants>

Helps communities, groups and individuals undertake projects which raise awareness and promote mental health, wellbeing and suicide prevention.

To be eligible the applicant must:

- Be a legal entity or be auspiced by a legal entity
- Be able to complete the project within 12 months from the receipt of funding
- Not have started the project, funding will not be provided retrospectively.

Grants are eligible for Australia wide to regional programs.

## Forest Hill Grants

**Funding Provider:** Foundation of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies

**Amount** Up to \$10,000

**Closes:** 04<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.foresthillecf.org.au/Main.asp? =Grants>

Supports projects with a focus on the well-being, education and care of young children (from birth to eight years).

The Foundation of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies was established to provide funding for Services for, or otherwise benefit, those from disadvantaged backgrounds or necessitous circumstances in early Childhood.

## Small Grants Program

**Funding Provider:** City of Greater Dandenong

**Amount** \$250 - \$1,500

**Closes:** 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/small-grants-program>

This program offers funding to individuals and not-for-profit community organisations within the City of Greater Dandenong to support local activities, projects, or goals. Categories include Individual Achievement, Community Group Activity, Entry Level and Responsive Project.

## The Andrews Foundation Grants

**Funding Provider:** The Andrews Foundation

**Amount** Unspecified

**Closes:** 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/small-grants-program>

Seeks to improve the quality of life of communities in the Southeast Region of Victoria.

The Foundation's grants support organisations with innovative ideas that help create a positive and long lasting impact on these communities.

## NAB Foundation Community Grants

**Funding Provider:** NAB Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$25,000

**Closes:** 17<sup>th</sup> August closes: 14<sup>th</sup> September

**Apply:** <https://www.nab.com.au/about-us/sustainability/nab-foundation/community-grants>

Funds local projects that help communities withstand and recover from natural disasters.

NAB awards \$1.2 million in Community Grants each year, with an additional \$200,000 available in Impact Grants, for projects with big potential. These Impact Grants provide a further \$25,000 to recipients to maximise the impact they have on their communities.

NAB Foundation Community Grants support community-led projects that relate to:

- Training and planning: educational workshops, practical and strategic planning that help communities prepare for a natural disaster
- Community Recovery: Programs to enhance community connection, resilience and wellbeing post natural disaster
- Environment and wildlife: Restoration of damaged vegetation and habitat, and rehabilitation of injured wildlife
- Equipment and Infrastructure: Tools, equipment and infrastructure improvements that help communities withstand natural disasters or recover in their aftermath

## Spencer Gibson Foundation Grants

**Funding Provider:** Spencer Gibson Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$100,000

**Closes:** Opens: 01 Jan 2027\*

**Apply:** <https://spencergibson.com/apply/>

Focuses on people who have been marginalised or disadvantaged, those facing illness or needing special support.

The Spencer Gibson Foundation (The Foundation) is a private ancillary fund established by his family in 2015. Spencer believed everyone deserves to find their voice, be heard, included and valued. He wanted people to lead fulfilling and healthy lives, unconstrained by their circumstances.

The Foundation encourages applications from eligible charities that:

- Advance research and care for people living with mental health problems, cancer, heart disease or epilepsy
- Ease people's access to community life, and spur their growth through education, the arts and creative expression
- Support people beyond crisis accommodation and into stable long-term housing.

## Petstock Foundation Grant Program

**Funding Provider:** Petstock Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** **Opens:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.petstock.com.au/pages/foundation-grant-program>

Aims to make a long-term difference and positive change in the lives of pets and humans.

The Foundation supports organisations that align with their vision and purpose:

- Vision: To create a community where all animals are respected, loved and treated as part of the family resulting in a happier, healthier life for all
- Purpose: Committed to making a long-term difference and positive change in the lives of pets and families within the community through education and raising awareness.

## The EastWeb Fund

**Funding Provider:** EastWeb

**Amount:** \$2,000 - \$5,000

**Closes:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** <https://eastweb.squarespace.com/grants>

Works with and funds projects benefiting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, asylum seeker and refugee communities living in Victoria.

Eastweb funds projects focused on health care, employment, education, and cultural heritage promotion and maintenance.

Eastweb makes grants of between \$2000 and \$5000 four times a year.

## Charitabl.

**Funding Provider:** Charitabl.

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.charitabl.org>

Provides secure payment technology for charities and users and is focussed on digital safety, barrier-free giving and cost effectiveness.

Charitabl. is a world-first donor only marketplace with 0% fees and commissions on all donations. It is Australian owned and operated and is based out of Sydney's northwest.

Every dollar spent on platform fees, admin, and manual receipting is a dollar that never reaches your cause. Charitabl.Pro eliminates processing fees entirely, automates admin, and gives you secure, instant access to donor data—so you can focus on growing impact, not costs.

Unlike traditional platforms that take 5–15% in fees, Charitabl.Pro charges a flat annual rate—so 100% of your donations go to your charity. They also provide an app-native giving experience, full automation, and donor engagement tools to help you raise more without increasing your workload.

## Direct Aid Program (DAP)

**Funding Provider:** Australian Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade

**Amount:** Up to \$100,000

**Closes:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/direct-aid-program/direct-aid-program>

Provides flexibility to work with local communities in developing countries on projects that reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development consistent with Australia's national interest.

This program sits alongside Australia's longer-term country and multilateral development strategies and with its wide geographical reach plays an important role in supporting local community efforts towards poverty reduction across the globe.

## Beyond Bank Community Partnerships

**Funding Provider:** Beyond Bank Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.beyondbank.com.au/community-sector/community-partnerships/>

Distributes grants to local non-profit organisations working in the areas of aged care, disability, housing affordability, and local community services.

The Beyond Bank Foundation works with not-for-profit and community organisations collaboratively, as partners. This is achieved through a dedicated community development team.

## Everyday Round Up to Charity

**Funding Provider:** ING Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** <https://campaigns.ing.com.au/payitforward>

Donates funds to charities through a rounding up process from eligible Orange Everyday purchases. By paying forward your small change, you can help make a difference to some of the most important causes across Australia.

To start rounding, ING customers need to activate the program in their Orange Everyday account and nominate their favourite charity.

## Matched Fundraising Program

**Funding Provider:** June Canavan Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$5,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.junecanavanfoundation.org.au/matched-fundraising-program/>

Helps raise money for Foundation-supported projects, contributing to community awareness of the Foundation and its work.

If your proposal is approved, the June Canavan Foundation will match the amount raised from approved Matched Fundraising projects on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to a maximum of \$5,000. This means you get twice as much value from your fundraising efforts, plus you have the satisfaction of contributing to the work of the June Canavan Foundation.

## Coles Community Support

**Funding Provider:** Coles

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.coles.com.au/about/our-partners/community/partnerships>

Shines the spotlight on individuals in Australia and New Zealand who make a positive impact to their local community or environment.

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognised and supported for the positive impact they make to the local community or environment?

## Givers Gain Gift Fund

**Funding Provider:** BNI Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://bnifoundation.com.au/#news>

Provides up to \$1000 in donations to qualified schools and educational charities to support disadvantaged children.

A GGG is a donation made to schools and charities to help with small purchases that may not be funded in their budgets.

BNI members can connect BNI Foundation Australia to the school and/or educational charity.

## Community Reward Program

**Funding Provider:** Beyond Bank Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.beyondbank.com.au/community-sector/services/community-reward-program/>

Offers a sustainable fundraising platform for your local sporting club.

Created to reward organisations annually, the Community Reward Account is a savings account that allows supporters to save money while helping the club or cause to fundraise.

## Coca-Cola My Product Donations

**Funding Provider:** Coca-Cola Australia Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://forms.benevity.org/98cdedc7-75fc-4a84-9bb8-1c63c4d26cb8>

Supports community groups by providing donations of beverages.

Only Coca-Cola employees and groups registered with the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission can receive donations. Note that a maximum of 20x cases can be ordered at a time.

## Utility Relief Grant Scheme

**Funding Provider:** VIC Department of Health & Human Services

**Amount:** Up \$1,300

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/utility-relief-grant-scheme>

Provides relief grants for paying overdue energy or water bills for low-income Victorians experiencing unexpected hardship. The grant provides help to pay a mains electricity, gas or water bill that is overdue due to a temporary financial crisis.

You must hold at least one of the following concession cards:

- Pensioner Concession Card

- Health Care Card
- Veterans' Affairs Gold Card.

## Stavros Niarchos Foundation Grants

**Funding Provider:** Stavros Niarchos Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://www.snf.org/en/apply-now/>

Provides grants to nonprofit organizations globally in the areas of arts and culture, education, health and sports, and social welfare. For over twenty-five years, the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) has made grants to nonprofit organizations and projects around the world, working with an incredible community of partners to create transformative change whose benefits multiply and are shared widely.

At its core are a fundamentally collaborative approach based on the expertise of partners on the ground, a commitment to public-private partnership, and a belief that everyone should have access to art, education, health care, and life's other essentials.

## Superyard Partnerships – Melbourne Cup Carnival

**Funding Provider:** Superyard

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://superyard.com.au/melbourne-cup-2023/>

Redistributes building materials from the Melbourne Cup Carnival to sectors in need. Superyard, in partnership with waste management leaders Cirka, is proud to make the Victoria Racing Club's 2023 Melbourne Cup Carnival a flagship for sustainable and circular economy practices.

Superyard will hold and redistribute reusable building materials from the Melbourne Cup Carnival. From pine wood and MDF panels to a range of other crucial building supplies, they're making sure nothing goes to waste.

## Escaping Violence Payment Program

**Funding Provider:** UnitingCare

**Amount:** Up to \$5,000

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://www.petstock.com.au/pages/foundation-grant-program>

Offers financial assistance to help those escaping domestic violence to move forward and set up a home free of violence.

## Melbourne Airport Community Giving Fund

**Funding Provider:** Melbourne Airport

**Amount:** Up to \$2,000

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** [https://www.melbourneairport.com.au/community/melbourne-airport-community-giving-fund?srsId=AfmBOorLwaE\\_3xDs0ULgohy5GDkLIRo6Mf7AziyarOTeJDstuQS4EJ01](https://www.melbourneairport.com.au/community/melbourne-airport-community-giving-fund?srsId=AfmBOorLwaE_3xDs0ULgohy5GDkLIRo6Mf7AziyarOTeJDstuQS4EJ01)

Aims to help communities, arts, sports or service groups with any number of initiatives and projects. The new Community Giving Fund provides the chance for communities to apply for funding for projects that support community needs.

These may include uniforms for sporting clubs, supplies for art exhibitions or community events, upgrades to a social enterprise or contributions to community kitchens, libraries or gardens. All projects that support groups with their local communities will be considered.

## Magistrates' Court Fund

**Funding Provider:** Magistrates' Court Victoria

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.mcv.vic.gov.au/find-support/court-fund>

Offers funds to not-for-profit organisations which provide a charitable and/or community service for the benefit of Victorian citizens. The money must be used for emergency relief, to address disadvantage, and for community service for the benefit of Victorians.

## Petstock Foundation Grant Program

**Funding Provider:** Petstock Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://www.petstock.com.au/pages/foundation-grant-program>

Supports organisations or projects that create long-term change and care for animals or help rehabilitate those in need.

## Community Leases Program

**Funding Provider:** VicTrack

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://victrack.com.au/community/community-leases>

Makes underused land and buildings available to community organisations. VicTrack works with tourist and heritage railway operators, not-for-profit organisations and local councils to make their land and property available for a diverse range of social and cultural programs, as well as for beautification and recreational purposes.

## Container Deposit Scheme

**Funding Provider:** VIC Container Deposit Scheme (CDS)

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://cdsvic.org.au/fundraising>

Gives charities and community groups the opportunity to raise funds while making an impact. You can now exchange eligible drink containers for 10 cents at locations across Victoria. You can either keep your refund or support your favourite charity or community organisation with a donation.

## DWF Foundation Grants

**Funding Provider:** DWF Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$5,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://dwfgroup.com/en/about-us/dwf-foundation>

Provides funds, resources and mentoring support to help individuals, groups and communities to achieve their full potential.

## Sanitarium Community Care Program

**Funding Provider:** Sanitarium

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://www.sanitarium.com/au/social-purpose/community-care-guidelines>

Offers mostly in-kind support (products) for community programs, projects, or activities. Sanitarium's Community Care team primarily focus on tackling hunger and food insecurity. If you wish to submit/ or have submitted a request for support towards a community program, project, or activity, please consider the following guidelines.

## Utility Relief Grant Scheme

**Funding Provider:** VIC Department of Health and Human Services

**Amount:** Up to \$1,300

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/utility-relief-grant-scheme>

Provides relief grants for paying overdue energy or water bills for low-income Victorians experiencing unexpected hardship. You must hold one of the following concession cards, Pensioner Concession Card, Health Care Card, Veterans' Affairs Gold Card.

## QBE Sponsorship

**Funding Provider:** QBE Insurance

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.qbe.com/au/about/sponsorship-community/sponsorship>

Fosters sporting, arts and cultural partnerships. QBE partner with some of Australia's premier sport, culture and arts organisations. The partnerships are built around shared values of commitment, leadership, inclusion and diversity.

## Direct Giving Program

**Funding Provider:** The Hall Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$2,500

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.hallfoundation.org.au/grant-programs>

Offers funding for Australians facing acute financial stress; when support is urgently needed and other options have been exhausted.

The Direct Giving Program delivers targeted, practical financial relief to people experiencing immediate hardship across Australia. The Foundation works in close partnership with health professionals and community organisations to ensure support reaches those who need it most. Applications for up to \$2,500 can be submitted by eligible representatives and, if approved, the Foundation funds the goods or services requested in the application via payment directly to the relevant supplier.jm,k

## Australian Public Health Small Grants Program

**Funding Provider:** Walter and Eliza Hall Trust

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.wehalltrust.org.au/grant-programs>

Provides financial assistance to patients in Australian public health settings for purposes considered necessary and/or essential to a patient's health and wellbeing. Assistance is provided when specified needs are desperate, and assistance is necessary to maintain the minimum standards of safety, security, protection, and comfort for the patient.

## Helen MacPherson Smith Trust Grants

**Funding Provider:** Helen MacPherson Smith Trust

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Varies

**Apply:** <https://hmstrust.org.au/applying-for-a-grant/>

Supports Victorian-based organisations seeking to build connection, capability and capacity in communities or address educational disadvantage through community-based partnerships.

## IMB Bank Sponsorship

**Funding Provider:** IMB Bank Community Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.imb.com.au/sponsorships-applying-for-sponsorship.html>

Provides sponsorship for events or activities that showcase values of integrity, cooperation, community, excellence, and respect, and which are beneficial to the local community.

## Bakers Delight Sponsorship

**Funding Provider:** Bakers Delight

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.bakersdelight.com.au/company/community/>

Offers sponsorship to community groups, charities, teams, and individuals for all kinds of events. From local schools to sporting clubs, from charities to communities, Bakers Delight are there to help when you "knead" it.

## My Giving Circle Grants

**Funding Provider:** My Giving Circle

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://mygivingcircle.org/>

Helps charities and not-for-profit organisations access grants, grow their supporter base, raise their profile and generate donations. My Giving Circle is a social enterprise that is giving \$1,000,000 to charities this year.

Their mission is to give Charities, not-for-profits and community groups (large and small) a chance to:

- Receive grants that let them do more in their communities
- Grow their supporter and donor base by matching them with people most likely to be interested in what they do
- Raise donations and engage their supporter base.

## Awesome Foundation Grants – Melbourne Chapter

**Funding Provider:** The Awesome Foundation

**Amount:** \$1,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/melbourne>

Funds community projects that make Melbourne 'more awesome'. Applications are open to all awesome projects in the greater Melbourne area. We are an active chapter which awards a \$1,000 grant on the last Tuesday of each month (submissions close 12pm on the Sunday prior).

## Financial Capability Open Grants

**Funding Provider:** Ecstra Foundation

**Amount:** \$5,000 to \$100,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.ecstra.org.au/funding-principles-and-grant-guidelines>

Ecstra Foundation is a new not-for-profit organisation committed to building the financial capability of all Australians within a fair financial system. It supports projects, programs and organisations that assist individuals to make informed and confidence decisions about money. This includes building organisation capacity, delivering an innovative approach and scaling up a proven program or approach.

## IGA Community Chest

**Funding Provider:** Independent Grocers Australia (IGA)

**Amount:** Case by case basis

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply here:** <https://www.iga.com.au/community-chest/>

Raises funds to support local communities, charities and other worthwhile causes. It could be in response to a major event like floods or bush fires or something as simple as new soccer balls for the local under 8's.

IGA Community Chest and associated programs have raised over \$86 million for local community groups, not-for-profit organisations, charities and other worthy causes. This money has assisted over 7,000 worthwhile causes.

## Google Ad Grants

**Funding Provider:** Google

**Amount:** Up to \$13,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.google.com/grants/>

Helps nonprofits share their causes with the world. Raise awareness, attract donors and recruit new volunteers using Google search ads. Google Ad Grants shows your message to people searching for nonprofits like yours.

Each qualifying nonprofit has access to up to AU\$13,000 per month in search ads shown on Google.com. Additional Google Ads may be purchased in a separate account.

## The Marian and E.H. Flack Trust Grant

**Funding Provider:** The Flack Trust

**Amount:** Not specified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <http://flacktrust.org/grants/>

Provides financial support to charitable organisations which provide services to the elderly, to disadvantaged groups or organisations community health or creative arts.

Charitable Institutions:

- Services to aged care.
- Services to disadvantaged groups or organisations.
- Services to community health.
- Creative arts.
- Multiple service organisations.

## Castello's Community Grants

**Funding Provider:** Castello Group

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://castellos.com.au/community/>

Accepts nominations from not-for-profit organisations, charities or sporting groups seeking sponsorship or donations to assist a worthwhile cause or support a program or local community event. Castello's will award grants to organisations and programs that improve the lifestyle and wellbeing of the local community.

## Good360 Membership Program

**Funding Provider:** Good360

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://good360.org.au/get-the-goods/>

Enables members to select brand new goods they need for their program services, which have been donated by leading Australian brands and retailers. Products include nappies and toys for domestic violence shelters, notebooks for schools, clothing and toiletries for residential centres, make-up for teens and women experiencing hardship and much more.

## Spark Legacy Program

**Funding Provider:** Spark Financial Group

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://www.sparkfg.com.au/charities-we-support/>

Aims to partner with charities to improve financial wellbeing of everyday Australians. The Spark Legacy Program will provide several mechanisms allowing its advisers to participate in initiatives that positively impact their local communities and drive meaningful change, including those relating to financial hardship, financial abuse, and mental health issues.

## Sponsorship and Donation Programs

**Funding Provider:** Coliban Water

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://coliban.com.au/community/supporting-community-events>

Supports local events and organisations with free portable water station hire, and water related merchandise.

#### 1. Portable water stations

You can apply to have free drinking water stations at your next outdoor community event

- Portable refill units that can refill drink bottles or cups
- Touch-free sensor-activated to ensure COVID Safe usage
- Great for outdoor community sporting events.

## DISABILITY

### Local Para Champions

**Funding Provider:** Australian Sports Commission

**Amount:** \$750 - \$1,000

CLOSING SOON

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** [https://www.ausport.gov.au/grants\\_and\\_funding/local-para-champions](https://www.ausport.gov.au/grants_and_funding/local-para-champions)

Provides financial assistance for coaches, officials and competitors aged 12-24 participating in state, national or international championships for athletes with a disability.

If successful, applicants will receive \$750-\$1000 towards the cost of attending their championships:

- Base Grant: \$750
- Applicants travelling 800km - 1999km to their nominated championships: + \$100
- Applicants travelling internationally or greater than 2000km to their nominated championships: + \$200
- Applicants residing in a rural electorate: + \$50.

Examples of expenses include (but is not limited to):

- Competition entry fees/levies
- Transport costs (e.g. airfares, petrol)
- Accommodation
- Uniform
- Sporting equipment.

### Athlete with a Disability Grant

**Funding Provider:** Barwon Sports Academy

**Amount:** \$50 - \$500

**Closes:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.barwonsportsacademy.org.au/grants-and-funding>

Support talented athletes with a disability from the Barwon region who are finding it hard to meet the financial demands of their sport.

Who qualifies for assistance?

- Individual athletes with a disability who reside in the Barwon region
- Teams ineligible
- Sportspeople participating in activities classified as recognised sports by regional, state, national sporting bodies

- Athletes must be 11 years or older and within the talent pathway of their chosen sport
- Athletes must be recognised by their sport as either qualified for BSA membership or have a high probability of future qualification.

## Variety Victoria

**Funding Provider:** Variety Victoria

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://fundraise.variety.org.au/individual-grants>

Community Grant - Provides grants to Victorian schools and organisations for the purchase of equipment that will promote all-access and inclusivity in the community. Schools and NFP Organisations are invited to apply for a grant which will go towards the purchase of equipment to promote accessibility and inclusivity in the community for children aged 0-17 years with disability, chronic illness, financial disadvantage or geographic isolation.

Individual Grant - Provides assistance towards the purchase of mobility equipment, communication devices and essential medical and health equipment to support children who have a medically diagnosed chronic illness or disability.

## Sargood Foundation Grants

**Funding Provider:** Sargood Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://sargoodfoundation.org.au/category/grants/>

Funds an extensive and diverse program of grants and donations that aim to make a difference to those living with Spinal Cord Injury. The Sargood Foundation's vision is that all people affected by Spinal Cord Injury are provided with every opportunity to live life to the fullest. Grants include accommodation grants and travel grants.

## Disabled Children's Foundation Grants

**Funding Provider:** Disabled Children's Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://www.facebook.com/disabledchildrensfoundation>

Aims to promote the health, welfare and interests of disabled children around Australia and to ensure children with disabilities and their families have the same opportunities as all people to enjoy the benefits from participation in the community.

## Arthur Marsden Whiting Sympathy Fund

**Funding Provider:** Equity Trustees Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$3,000

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://www.egt.com.au/philanthropy/grant-funding/folder-medical-grants/arthur-marsden-whiting-sympathy-fund>

Provides assistance to people with a physical disability who are in need of financial support.

## Opportunity Scholarships

**Funding Provider:** Walter and Eliza Hall Trust

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://www.wehalltrust.org.au/grant-programs>

Awards scholarships to students with a physical disability and those undertaking a degree in special needs education. There are 22 university scholarships that are provided through 11 partner universities.

## Deaf Connect Grants and Sponsorships

**Funding Provider:** Deaf Connect

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://deafconnect.org.au/get-involved/grants-sponsorships>

Supports deaf, deaf/blind and hard of hearing Australians and activities and organisations that benefit the community. Deaf Connect is wanting to invest \$300,000 for community members of the Deaf community to achieve their goals, whether they be recreational, career-oriented or wellbeing focused.

## Dylan Alcott Foundation

**Funding Provider:** Dylan Alcott Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://www.dylanalcottfoundation.com.au/>

Aims to eliminate the barriers facing young people with a disability in fulfilling their dreams. The Dylan Alcott Foundation is committed to helping young Australians with disabilities overcome the barriers of entry to sport and education by providing fundraising for grants, scholarships, and mentoring.

## Employment Assistance Fund

**Funding Provider:** Job Access

**Amount:** Varies

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://www.jobaccess.gov.au/employment-assistance-fund-eaf>

Provides financial help to eligible people with disability and mental health conditions and employers to buy work related modifications, equipment, Ausland services and workplace assistance and support services.

## Home Support Grants

**Funding Provider:** Youngcare

**Amount:** Up to \$5,000

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://youngcare.com.au/what-we-do/grants/home-support-grants/>

Provides essential funding to assist people in moving from inappropriate housing, such as aged care, rehabilitation or hospital, into somewhere more appropriate.

This may involve returning home or transitioning to more specific housing for their needs, such as Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA).

Funding is available for people with extreme functional impairment caused by a physical disability. This can be used for essential disability equipment, home modifications, and basic household items such as whitegoods and essential furniture.

## Rehabilitation Appliance Program

**Funding Provider:** Department of Veterans' Affairs

**Amount:** Undisclosed

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.dva.gov.au/get-support/health-support/care-home-or-aged-care/services-support-you-home/aids-equipment-and-modifications-through-rehabilitation-appliances-program-rap>

If you are a Gold or White Card holder (with assessed clinical need), you can access aids or appliances to help you maintain independence in your home through the Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP). Items can include active listening devices, diabetic products, mobility aids, assistance dogs, etc.

## The Tye Recreation Fund

**Funding Provider:** Deaf Children Australia

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://www.deafchildrenaustralia.org.au/scholarships-and-grants/>

Provides financial assistance to organisations and individuals towards the cost of holidays and recreation opportunities for Victorian children who are deaf.

## The Frankie Foundation Grants

**Funding Provider:** The Frankie Foundation

**Amount:** \$200-\$2,000

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://thefrankiefoundation.org/apply-for-a-grant/>

Helps support kids continue or start therapy if their NDIS plan budget has run out or a therapy or service is not covered by their current NDIS plan. Families can apply for a grant of up to \$1,000 to cover up to 10 therapy sessions for a child ages 2 to 12 years of age and currently on a NDIS plan or waiting plan approval. The Frankie Foundation will award grants monthly.

# EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

## Kitchen Garden Kickstart Grant 2026

**Funding Provider:** Kitchen Garden Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$

**CLOSING SOON**

**Closes:** 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** [https://urlisolation.com/browser?clickId=366F8F8A-0A20-4508-998C-2996878BBAC7&traceToken=1773886048%3Bparliamentvicgovau\\_hosted%3Bhttps%3A%2Fcl.s6.exct.net%2F%3Fqs%3DeyJkZW&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au%2Fkickstart-grants-2026-apply](https://urlisolation.com/browser?clickId=366F8F8A-0A20-4508-998C-2996878BBAC7&traceToken=1773886048%3Bparliamentvicgovau_hosted%3Bhttps%3A%2Fcl.s6.exct.net%2F%3Fqs%3DeyJkZW&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au%2Fkickstart-grants-2026-apply)

Applications are now open for our 2026 Kitchen Garden Kickstart Grants, supporting schools that want to bring food education to life but lack the resources to get started.

In 2026, 12 schools will receive a \$5000 infrastructure grant and a two-year Kitchen Garden Program start-up membership, providing the practical tools, guidance and expertise needed to establish a thriving, sustainable kitchen garden from scratch.

Over the years, Kickstart Grants, generously funded by General Mills, have supported 60 schools nationwide, helping them establish kitchen and garden spaces, build staff capacity, and create opportunities for shared meals and learning. In the past year alone, students and school communities enjoyed 65,520 fresh and delicious meals thanks to these grants!

## State Library of Victoria Fellowships

**Funding Provider:** State Library of Victoria

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** 07<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.slv.vic.gov.au/fellowships/>

CLOSING SOON

Provides a range of annual fellowships designed to nurture and support the creative and scholarly ventures of artists, writers, storytellers, educators, researchers or creatives.

As a Library fellow, you can delve into the collection, explore the library as a unique place for creation and do something incredible with what you find here.

The collection spans more than 5 million items, including books, manuscripts, maps, music, artwork, newspapers and objects. Immerse yourself, unearth hidden gems and create bold and imaginative work that expands our collective understanding of the nature of libraries. The possibilities are endless.

## Schools Plus Teaching Awards

**Funding Provider:** Schools Plus & Commonwealth Bank of Australia

**Amount:** \$20,000

**Closes:** 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.schoolsplus.org.au/teachingawards/>

CLOSING SOON

Aims to showcase Australia's inspirational teachers, celebrate their achievements and show appreciation for the important work they do.

Each year, the Schools Plus Teaching Awards shine a light on exceptional teachers whose commitment, creativity and leadership are transforming learning outcomes for young people in Australia's most disadvantaged communities. These awards recognise educators who go beyond the curriculum to remove barriers to learning, strengthen student wellbeing and create environments where every child can thrive.

The impact of exceptional teachers reaches far beyond the classroom. In communities facing disadvantage, teachers are often the most consistent source of stability, belief and opportunity in a young person's life.

By acknowledging their work, the Schools Plus Teaching Awards highlight the critical role educators play in breaking cycles of disadvantage through education.

## National Library of Australia Fellowships

**Funding Provider:** National Library of Australia

**Amount:** Up to \$35,000

**Closes:** 07<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.library.gov.au/research/fellowships-and-scholarships/national-library-australia-fellowships>

CLOSING SOON

Offers experienced researchers an opportunity to undertake deep and sustained research at the National Library using the library's collections.

Fellowships are available to researchers who require onsite access to the library's uniquely held or extensive collections to advance their research towards publication or other public outcomes.

Applicants may work in any field or discipline where the library's collections have appropriate depth and breadth to support the desired outcomes.

## Sponsorship Grants for Student Science Engagement and International Competitions

**Funding Provider:** Australian Department of Industry, Science and Resources

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** Up to \$40,000

**Closes:** 08<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=cea2d04f-6b1a-40ed-9cda-1adf8f02dab5>

Facilitates student participation in a project involving in-person or virtual STEM events, activities, or competitions hosted in Australia or overseas.

This grant opportunity provides organisations, such as schools and community groups, with funds to sponsor a student or group of students to participate in STEM engagement events, activities and competitions that are hosted in-person or online, within Australia or overseas.

The intended outcomes of the grant opportunity is to:

- Support Australian students to develop STEM skills
- Increase the number of students applying to participate in domestic and international STEM competitions and events
- Increase the number of students participating in STEM education and going on to a career in STEM
- Increase engagement and participation in groups under-represented in STEM.

## National Science Week School Grants

**Funding Provider:** Australian Science Teachers Association

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** Up to \$500

**Closes:** Opens: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://asta.edu.au/resources/programs/national-science-week/school-grants/>

Supports teachers and schools deliver engaging STEM events and activities during National Science Week.

National Science Week is an annual festival of science that takes place in August each year. This celebration aims to raise the profile and increase the public understanding and public appreciation of science, innovation, engineering and technology, and their role in maintaining and improving our society, economy and environment.

## Jacoby-Walkley Scholarship with Nine

**Funding Provider:** The Walkley Foundation

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** \$13,000

**Closes:** 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.walkleys.com/professional-development/scholarships-and-fellowships/jacoby-walkley-scholarship/>

Offers placements with Nine and The Walkley Foundation for those who are aiming for a career in journalism.

If you have big dreams of carving out a career in the competitive television industry: this is the opportunity of a lifetime.

The Jacoby-Walkley Scholarship with Nine was established in 2013 with support from media executive and award-winning TV producer Anita Jacoby to recognise the legacy of her father Phillip Jacoby – a pioneer in the Australian communications and broadcast industry.

## Research Grants on Education: Small

**Funding Provider:** Spencer Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$50,000

CLOSING SOON

**Closes:** 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** [https://www.spencer.org/grant\\_types/small-research-grant](https://www.spencer.org/grant_types/small-research-grant)

Supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived.

The program supports budgets up to \$50,000 for projects ranging from one to five years. Applications are accepted three times per year.

This program is “field-initiated” in that proposal submissions are not in response to a specific request for a particular research topic, discipline, design, method, or location. The Foundation's goal for this program is to support rigorous, intellectually ambitious and technically sound research that is relevant to the most pressing questions and compelling opportunities in education. They seek to support scholarship that develops new foundational knowledge that may have a lasting impact on educational discourse.

## Australian Museum Eureka Prizes

**Funding Provider:** Australian Museum Research Institute (AMRI)

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://australian.museum/get-involved/eureka-prizes/>

Rewards excellence in the fields of research & innovation, leadership, science engagement and school science.

The Australian Museum Eureka Prizes are the country’s most comprehensive national science awards, honouring excellence across the areas of research & innovation, leadership, science engagement, and school science.

Presented annually in partnership with some of the nation's leading scientific institutions, government organisations, universities and corporations, the Eureka Prizes raise the profile of science and science engagement in the community by celebrating outstanding achievement.

## NDRP Disability Research Funding

**Funding Provider:** National Disability Research Partnership

**Amount:** Up to \$300,000

CLOSING SOON

**Closes:** 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.ndrp.org.au/research>

Funds research to improve safety for people with disabilities and build accessible communities.

The NDRP commissioned research model aims to involve people with disability from beginning to end of the process: from setting research priorities to actively participating in research.

This funding round focuses on two research themes:

- Safety of people with disability

- > Open: Project teams can choose their own research focus within the topic, or
- > Targeted: Teams must focus their research on pathways to ending restrictive practice.
- Accessible and inclusive communities: Projects that remove barriers so people with disability can participate fully in community life.

## Toyota Community Trust Grants Program

**Funding Provider:** Equity Trustees

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.eqt.com.au/our-services/community/grant-funding/other-grants/toyota-community-trust>

This program aims to encourage and enable more young Australians to pursue further study and future careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Projects should address equity issues and barriers to students pursuing STEM related activities.

## Play Award

**Funding Provider:** Sydney Opera House

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** \$10,000

**Closes:** 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/schools/play-award>

Offers an award for a primary school with a learning program, class or an individual student or teacher, that has made a remarkable and ongoing contribution to 'play in learning' with demonstrated positive impacts.

The Sydney Opera House has an ongoing and rich connection with play and its intrinsic connection to the arts and learning. From the inspiring stories on its stages, to the artists who enliven the Centre for Creativity, they are committed to equipping artists and audiences with the capacity and skills to embed play in their classrooms, creative and civic spaces, and everyday life.

## Ethel Mary Read Research Grant

**Funding Provider:** Royal Zoological Society of New South Wales

**Amount:** Up to \$3,000

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (& Closes: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2027)

CLOSING SOON

**Apply:** <https://www.rzsnsw.org.au/grants-awards/emr-grant>

Supports short term research projects and young zoologists working in any aspect of zoology within Australasia.

EMR Grants are composed of small research grants. They are intended for researchers who are just starting out in their respective fields of study and will cover minor costs.

## ETREA Foundation Grants

**Funding Provider:** ETREA Foundation

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** \$2,000 - \$10,000

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.etrea.com.au/apply-for-a-grant/>

Offers financial support, builds collaborative relationships and networks with like-minded organisations committed to supporting and teaching those in need the tools and skills to rebuild their lives and achieve personal fulfilment.

The Foundation believes everyone has the capacity to achieve personal empowerment. And there are many organisations and small businesses with personal growth and self-development programs, mentoring/coaching, initiatives and projects making a positive difference in the world of others.

## O'Shaughnessy Fellowships & Grants

**Funding Provider:** O'Shaughnessy Ventures

**CLOSING SOON**

**Amount:** \$10,000 - \$100,000

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.osv.llc/fellowships>

Offers a one-year program that unites the world's most bold and undiscovered researchers, builders and creatives to find, build and spread new ideas.

Fellowships:

Credentialism is dying. You are no longer bound by the standard script. The tools are in your hands, a cornucopia of resources at your fingertips. Passion projects are the new résumés. The question is no longer, "Where did you go to university?" but "What have you made?"

Each of OSV's fellows will follow a unique path. Some will research new ideas, some will build new ideas, and some will spread new ideas.

## Reading Australia Fellowship

**Funding Provider:** Copyright Agency Cultural Fund

**Amount:** \$15,000

**Closes:** 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.copyright.com.au/culturalfund/fellowship/reading-australia-fellowship-for-teachers-of-english-and-literacy/>

Supports an experienced teacher or teacher librarian to undertake professional skills development and career-enhancing opportunities.

The Fellowship will enable teachers of English and literacy and teacher librarians to undertake project research in a designated area that will enhance their skills and abilities in the teaching of Australian Literature, English and literacy to Australian students. Research projects may be undertaken in Australia or overseas, but ultimately Australian teachers, teacher librarians and students should benefit from the research findings.

## Ideas Grants

**Funding Provider:** National Health & Medical Research Council

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** 06<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/find-funding/ideas-grants>

Supports innovative health research projects addressing a specific question(s).

The expected outcomes are:

- Innovative and creative research
- Funding of researchers at all career stages
- Funding any area of health and medical research from discovery to implementation.

The scheme will provide particular opportunities for early and mid-career researchers. It is expected that the CIA will have the capability to lead the team in achieving the project aims.

## Teaching Initiatives Program

**Funding Provider:** Bank first

**Amount:** Up to \$4,000

**Closes:** 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.bankfirst.com.au/teaching-initiatives-program>

Offers grants to schools and preschools across Victoria for innovative learning ideas and programs.

The Bank First Teaching Initiatives Program (TIP) is open to all teachers and educators who work in preschools, primary and secondary schools across Victoria.

TIP came from an understanding of how difficult it can be to fund new teaching ideas or programs, and a belief that no teacher should have to spend their own salary to provide learning opportunities for kids.

## Collier Charitable Fund

**Funding Provider:** Collier Charitable Fund

**Amount:** Up to \$50,000

**Closes:** 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.colliercharitable.org/CCF/CCF/Grant-Application/Applying-for-a-grant.aspx?hkey=5fd3b32e-e80b-4ae6-b96e-43e90761d8ed>

Funds worthwhile organisations and projects in Victoria and around Australia.

The general funding practices currently adopted by the trustees are:

- To encourage organisations to seek funding that meets their own priorities, not those that may be thought to be favoured by the trustees
- To be broad and flexible in their approach, within the scope of the focus areas
- To fund a variety of organisations and initiatives rather than to make very large grants to fewer organisations
- To be open to making limited multi-year grants
- To be open to supporting organisations in collaboration with other grantmakers to maximise impact and eliminate duplication
- To be open to supporting organisations that collaborate with other like-minded organisations to maximise impact and eliminate duplication
- To be supportive of applications to build organisational capacity. This may include: staff costs, staff training, costs to improve effectiveness through the use of technology, and developing strategic capacity
- Where funds available permit, being open to out-of-round applications for emergency relief or genuinely urgent matters
- To limit each organisation to one application per sub-Fund
- To limit the number of larger grants. The average grant over recent years has been in the \$30,000 to \$35,000 range.

## Little Scientists Early STEM Education Awards

**Funding Provider:** Little Scientists Australia

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 (Opens \*\*1<sup>st</sup> March 2026)

**Apply:** <https://leica-camera.com/en-AU/press/leica-camera-ag-launches-new-project-fund-first-loba-women-grant-open-applicants-2026>

Offers female photographers the opportunity to realise a new project concept and image series.

Female photographers around the world are encouraged to share their projects with the public. In response to the ongoing gender imbalance within the field of photography, the LOBA Women Grant will provide female photographers with recognition and international visibility.

## Collaboration and Curriculum Access Fund

**Funding Provider:** CCAF

**Amount:** \$10,000 to \$30,000

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.vic.gov.au/collaboration-and-curriculum-access-fund>

The VCE Vocational Major (VCE VM) and Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) were introduced in 2023, providing students with access to high-quality, relevant vocational education and applied learning programs in their senior secondary years.

Building on funding invested by the Victorian Government in 2022, a further \$2.4 million over 2 years has been committed to continue the Collaboration and Curriculum Access Fund (CCAF) in 2024-25 and 2025-26.

The 2025-26 round of the CCAF will provide targeted funding to support government schools to build strong collaborative practice across schools, and with TAFE non-school providers, to support high-quality delivery of VCE VM and VPC programs, and support schools to introduce the VPC from 2026.

Funding awarded through the 2025-26 round of the CCAF will support the following objectives:

- Objective 1: Building collaboration amongst schools, and between schools and TAFE non-school providers
- Objective 2: Supporting student access to VPC programs.

## NHMRC-European Partnership for Brain Health

**Funding Provider:** National Health & Medical Research Council

**Amount:** Up to \$500,000

**Closes:** 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=d8c9e37e-5f8f-40b0-9289-7e2d0842f524>

Supports Australian participation and collaboration in transnational brain health research projects.

The European Partnership for Brain Health (EP Brain Health) aims to improve brain health for all by developing scientific knowledge as a foundation to promote brain health throughout lifetime, to prevent and cure brain diseases as well as to improve wellbeing of people living with neurological and mental disorders in Europe and beyond.

## Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) – National Critical Research Infrastructure Grant

**Funding Provider:** Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

**Amount:** Up to \$7,000,000

**Closes:** 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=4017d163-0836-4fb9-b009-3145dc7d3b0d>

Provides funding to establish and extend infrastructure of critical importance, that will be used to conduct world-class health and medical research in areas of unmet medical need.

## Holsworth Wildlife Research Endowment

**Funding Provider:** The Ecological Society of Australia Inc

**Amount:** Up to \$8,500

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026 (opens 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026)

**Apply:** <https://www.ecolsoc.org.au/grants-awards/holsworth/application-guidelines/>

Funds post-graduate research support in ecology, wildlife management and natural history studies.

Applications must be made via your University Grants office, not by students or supervisors.

The Holsworth Wildlife Research Endowment invites applications for post-graduate student research support in three general areas are especially encouraged:

- Field work on Australian native species (flora, fauna, fungi) to gain understanding of ecological interactions, population dynamics, animal behaviour, and species distribution
- Conservation biology and biodiversity studies relating to the management of protected areas and rare or threatened species in Australia
- Wildlife management relating to sport hunting, harvesting, pest control, management of non-game animals, and effect of land management on native species.

## Challenge Mazda Foundation Grants

**Funding Provider:** Mazda Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026

**Apply:** <https://mazdafoundation.org.au/obtaining-funding/>

Aims to fund two priority areas: supporting primary producers facing hardship and programs that address literacy and numeracy issues amongst primary school aged children.

Foundation priorities:

- Primary Producers facing hardship: Community based organisations with projects to strengthen and build resilience in primary producer communities
- Literacy and Numeracy: Programs addressing literacy and numeracy issues amongst primary school aged children, especially remedial programs for children from disadvantaged areas.

## Venture Grants

**Funding Provider:** Cancer Council Victoria

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.cancervic.org.au/research/grants/venture-grants>

Supports innovative cancer researchers with courageous ideas who would not be able to attract conventional funding.

The Council are seeking the brightest cancer researchers who are willing to push the boundaries of conventional thinking to achieve major breakthroughs in cancer treatment and diagnosis.

Applications are welcomed that relate to causes, prevention, diagnosis, supportive care or treatment of cancer and that present a scientifically sound vision that if successful, would open the way for significant advances in cancer control.

## Building Blocks Grants - Planning

**Funding Provider:** Victorian School Building Authority

**Amount:** Up to \$150,000

**Closes:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/building-blocks-grants-planning>

Provides grants for planning and pre-construction work on kindergarten building projects that support the roll-out of three-year-old kindergarten across Victoria.

Building Blocks Grants consists of four streams:

- Capacity building stream
- Improvement stream
- Inclusion stream
- Planning stream (this listing).

## We Care Wig Grant

**Funding Provider:** Variety

**Amount:** Up to \$5,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.variety.org.au/wigs/>

Provides wigs to kids who have lost their hair due to Alopecia or another medical condition that results in permanent hair loss.

Variety provides wigs to kids who have lost their hair due to alopecia or another medical condition that results in permanent hair loss. Losing your hair can have profound psychological effects, particularly through childhood and adolescence. One specialised wig can cost up to \$5,000 and lasts two to three years so the cost is prohibitive for many families.

## GoodWillGrow Charity Partnerships

**Funding Provider:** GoodWillGrow

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://goodwillgrow.co/#get-started>

Connects small to medium-sized non-profits with passionate SME sponsors, creating a sustainable cycle of support and impact while delivering tangible ROI for businesses.

Goodwillgrow empowers charities and businesses to thrive through mutually beneficial partnerships. They help non-profits develop sponsorship programs that deliver a tangible return on investment for businesses, creating a sustainable cycle of support.

## Innovative Solutions Support Fund

**Funding Provider:** Australian Department of Education, Skills & Employment

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://idfm.org.au/funding-streams/innovative-solutions>

Funds flexible and alternative solutions to address inclusion barriers in early childhood education and care services. Innovative Solutions Support Projects are individualised and are developed on a case-by-case basis in response to the specific inclusion barriers identified by a service.

## Opportunity Scholarships

**Funding Provider:** Walter and Eliza Hall Trust

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.wehalltrust.org.au/grant-programs>

Awards scholarships to students with a physical disability and those undertaking a degree in special needs education. These are 22 university scholarships that are provided through 11 partner universities. Of the 22 available scholarships, 20 are awarded to students with a physical disability to assist with study-related expenses, and 2 are for students who are undertaking a degree in special needs education.

## Safe Tree Program

**Funding Provider:** Department of Education

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/buildings-grounds-maintenance/guidance/safe-tree-program>

Helps Government schools in Victoria manage high-risk trees on their grounds. Schools must manage trees on school sites as part of their occupational health and safety responsibilities. Government schools can apply for help to assess, manage or remove high-risk trees.

Financial assistance under this program is available:

- To engage a qualified arborist to assess the health of all trees on site
- To complete tree works recommended by a qualified arborist.

## Community Child Care Fund Special Circumstances Grant

**Funding Provider:** Department of Education, Skills, and Employment

**Amount:** Assessed on case-by-case basis

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply here:** <https://www.education.gov.au/cccf-special-circs>

The CCCF Special Circumstances Grant Opportunity is designed to support continuity of childcare, in disadvantaged or vulnerable communities.

Childcare services who are approved for Child Care Subsidy (CCS) are eligible to apply for funding where there is a financial need to continue to provide childcare in the community.

The amount of funding provided to applicants will be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on other funding sources for the service.

## Student Emergency Grant

**Funding Provider:** Monash University

**Amount:** Up to \$5,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/buildings-grounds-maintenance/guidance/safe-tree-program>

Helps students whose financial situation is affecting their ability to continue their studies and are in need of urgent and immediate aid. The money is to help meet essential needs such as accommodation, food or technology.

# ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

## Climate Impacts Awards

**Funding Provider:** Wellcome

**Amount:** Up to \$2,500,000

**Closes:** 08<sup>th</sup> April 2026

CLOSING SOON

**Apply:** <https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes/climate-impacts-awards-unlocking-urgent-climate-action-making-health-2>

Aims to make the impacts of climate change on physical and mental health visible to drive urgent climate policy action at scale.

Wellcome will fund transdisciplinary teams to deliver short-term, high-impact projects that maximise policy outcomes by combining evidence generation, policy analysis, engaged research approaches and communication strategies.

Wellcome will prioritise funding for research that involves and serves the needs of communities most impacted by the health effects of climate change, and advances stories and narratives that tend to be absent in the media or underrepresented in public discourse (Perga et al, 2023). This will include generating and/or synthesising relevant data and insights (preferably across multiple sites or countries) on significant health issues arising from climate impacts.

## Victorian Landcare Grants

**Funding Provider:** Victorian Government

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** Up to \$20,000

**Closes:** 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/grants/victorian-landcare-grants>

Supports Landcare and environmental volunteer groups and networks to protect and restore the Victorian landscape.

The Victorian Government is providing funding to support Landcare and environmental volunteer groups/networks with on-ground works, community education and engagement activities, group/network development projects that:

- Protect and restore the natural environment
- Expand participation and engage new and diverse volunteers
- Enhance knowledge and understanding of the natural environment
- Support recovery from natural disasters
- Recognise Traditional Owners' longstanding connection to Country and support Traditional Owners aspirations in healing and ongoing care for Country and culture
- Sustain and develop groups/networks.

In 2026 a total of \$3.55 million is available for project and support grants across Victoria.

## Solar for Apartments Program

**Funding Provider:** Solar Victoria

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** Up to \$140,000

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.solar.vic.gov.au/apartments#application-process>

Reduces the cost of installing solar PV on apartment buildings.

Note - An additional 5000 rebates of up to \$2,800 per apartment (up to \$140,000 per property) are available until 30 April 2026, or until all rebates are exhausted, whichever comes first.

The program will help existing Victorian apartment buildings move towards electrification and will provide more opportunities for low-and middle-income apartment households to access the benefits of green energy technology.

## Accelerating CALD Workforce Project

**Funding Provider:** Gardiner Foundation

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** Up to \$50,000

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.gardinerfoundation.com.au/funding-available-to-boost-cald-workforce-participation-in-agriculture/>

Invites expressions of interest (EOIs) for local projects that help strengthen the integration of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities into Victoria's agricultural workforce.

The Accelerating CALD Workforce project supports place-based initiatives that create opportunities for CALD people to access employment, while building the capability of agricultural businesses to attract and retain a diverse workforce through inclusive and culturally safe practices.

## Nuffield Australia Scholarships

**Funding Provider:** Nuffield Australia

**Amount:** \$40,000

**Closes:** 08<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.nuffield.com.au/how-to-apply>

Offers scholarships for research and travel in the agricultural industry.

### Eligibility

- Typically, between 28-45 years of age. Please note that exceptional candidates outside this age range will be considered
- A citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- Engaged in farming, horticulture, fishing or associated industries
- Intending to remain involved in food and fibre industries in Australia.

## Wildlife Acoustic Grant Program

**Funding Provider:** Wildlife Acoustics

**Amount:** Up to \$4,000

**Closes:** 15<sup>th</sup> May, 15<sup>th</sup> August, 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.wildlifeacoustics.com/grant-program>

Supports the advancement of wildlife research, habitat monitoring, and environmental conservation.

Scientists may apply for a product grant to advance the study of bats, birds, amphibians, and other terrestrial wildlife—or a travel grant to help them attend a conference with their peers.

Each quarter, WA will award up to \$12,000 USD in eligible products to selected grant recipients worldwide. Individual

## Conservation and Climate Awesome Foundation Chapter

**Funding Provider:** The Awesome Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$1,000

**Closes:** 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/conservationandclimate>

Funds awesome ideas focused on nature conservation and climate change.

Each chapter of the Awesome Foundation is volunteer-run and self-funded by a group of people who pool their money to form micro-grants that fund meaningful projects. This chapter is focused on nature conservation and climate change. We genuinely want to find promising projects and innovations that may be overlooked by the big, cumbersome funding organizations. If you are an individual or small team, with an awesome idea that will help the environment, you are encouraged to apply.

## Integrated Water Management Grants

**Funding Provider:** VIC Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.water.vic.gov.au/grants/integrated-water-management-grants>

Supports projects across Victoria that will improve our water security, enhance waterway and landscape health, and build greater community connections to the environment.

The Integrated Water Management (IWM) Grant Program 2025–28 is designed to accelerate the adoption of integrated and sustainable water management practices across Victoria.

Through targeted investment and support, the program aims to foster collaboration, innovation, and equity in water-related projects that deliver environmental, cultural, and community benefits.

## Small Environmental Grants

**Funding Provider:** Wettenhall Environmental Trust

**Amount:** \$2,000 - \$15,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://wettenhall.org.au/grants/small-environmental-grants/>

Provides support for projects that will make a positive difference to the natural living environment, in land, sea or air, rural or urban.

The Trust supports grassroots organisations, individuals, and academics who are working with on-ground community groups.

They are looking for projects about flora and fauna conservation around Australia. These projects should involve any of the following:

- Monitoring, recording, and sharing data
- Delivering community education
- Providing community capacity building (e.g. training)
- Research and science.

## Kindling Initiative – Purpose of Kindling Initiative

**Funding Provider:** Tiny Beam Fund

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://tinybeamfund.org/Kindling-Initiative>

Fires up academic researchers and institutions' interest in negative impact of industrial animal agriculture.

## GIVIT

**Funding Provider:** GIVIT

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.givit.org.au/sign-up>

Helps eligible organisations obtain the essential items and services they need to support people in need around Australia.

GIVIT is an Australian non-profit organisation that connects donors with people and communities in need. It helps organisations by acting as a bridge between charities, community groups, and donors, ensuring that essential goods and resources go directly to those who need them most.

## Wildlife Habitat Fund

**Funding Provider:** Southwest Environment Alliance

**Amount:** Up to \$10,000

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://sealliance.org.au/wildlife-habitat-fund/>

Invites private landholders who live in the project area to apply for funding to create habitat for wildlife.

The SEA Wildlife Habitat Fund supports on-ground activities that protect or improve wildlife habitat. This may include artificial habitat, native vegetation, waterways, wetlands or soils and may involve:

- Pest plant control (capped at \$1,500 per project site)
- Protective fencing for re-vegetation or protecting remnant vegetation, waterways or wetlands
- Revegetating with native plants.

## Qantas Climate Fund

**Funding Provider:** Qantas

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.qantas.com/au/en/qantas-group/sustainability/our-planet/climate-fund.html>

Invests in the development of solutions critical to meeting QANTAS' sustainability targets and reducing their impact on the planet – in the air and on the ground. The Qantas Climate Fund investment priorities tie directly to supporting their ambition and targets:

1. Sustainable aviation fuel - catalyse sustainable aviation fuel supply and secure access at Australian and strategic international ports.
2. Nature based solutions - secure access to high-integrity carbon offsets with biodiversity and social co-benefits.
3. Carbon removal technology - catalyse supply and secure access to mechanical carbon removal solutions for sustainable aviation fuel and offsets.
4. Operational efficiency and waste - access solutions to drive progress against operational efficiency and waste targets.

## Super yard Partnerships – Melbourne Cup Carnival

**Funding Provider:** Superyard

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://superyard.com.au/melbourne-cup-2023/>

Redistributes building materials from the Melbourne Cup Carnival to sectors in need. Superyard, in partnership with waste management leaders Cirka, is proud to make the Victoria Racing Club's 2023 Melbourne Cup Carnival a flagship for sustainable and circular economy practices.

Superyard will hold and redistribute reusable building materials from the Melbourne Cup Carnival. From pine wood and MDF panels to a range of other crucial building supplies, they're making sure nothing goes to waste.

## Solar Panel (PV) Rebate

**Funding Provider:** Victorian Government

**Amount:** Up to \$1,400

**Closes:** Unspecified

**Apply:** <https://www.solar.vic.gov.au/solar-panel-rebate>

The solar homes program provides rebates of up to \$1,400 towards the installation of solar panel (PV) systems. These rebates are offered to Victorians with existing homes, homes under construction, and rental properties. Eligible customers who have previously received a rebate and have moved house can also apply.

## Inspiring Environmental Solutions

**Funding Provider:** Environment Protection Authority Victoria

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-epa/our-programs-and-projects/inspiring-environmental-solutions>

Invites Victorian communities to develop projects which benefit both the community and the environment affected by a pollution event. Projects should have a clear connection to the prosecuted offence, enable affected residents to have a greater connection to their local environment and engage directly with affected residents throughout the project.

## Wildlife Training Grants

**Funding Provider:** WIRES

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://www.wires.org.au/training/wildlife-training-grants>

Provides the opportunity for licensed wildlife rescue and care groups around Australia to access WIRES wildlife rescue and rehabilitation training. Under the programme WIRES has provided over \$22,000 in training to 735 volunteers from 15 organisations and we are keen to support as many organisations as possible. WIRES launched the Training Grant Programme and the Introduction to Wildlife Rescue Course in the wake of the horrific 2019/2020 emergency events, to support wildlife rescue groups on a broader scale and improve outcomes for animals nationally.

## Australian Small Grants Program

**Funding Provider:** The Sunrise Project

**Amount:** Up to \$10,000

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://sunriseproject.org/grants/>

Provides small grants for grassroots climate change initiatives. The Sunrise Project raises funds from people and organisations who share their mission to drive the transition from fossil fuels to clean energy to reduce greenhouse pollution and create a healthy and prosperous future for everyone.

## Liveable Communities, Liveable Waterways Programs

**Funding Provider:** Melbourne Water

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://www.melbournewater.com.au/services/grants/liveable-communities-liveable-waterways-program>

Undertakes a range of activities that help improve the health of our waterways and deliver Melbourne Water's vision to enhance life and liveability. Melbourne Water is looking for projects and longer-term partnerships that provide value to Melbourne Water, their customers, partners and community.

## Purves Environmental Fund

**Funding Provider:** Purves Environmental Fund

**Amount:** Up to \$50,000

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://www.purvesenvirofund.org.au/funding>

Supports proposals that meet the Fund's current focus areas: species loss from habitat destruction, landscape and water management, and climate change and solutions. All interested applicants must complete an Expression of Interest prior to proceeding to an application.

## Clean Energy Innovation Fund

**Funding Provider:** Clean Energy Innovation Fund

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://www.cefc.com.au/where-we-invest/special-investment-programs/clean-energy-innovation-fund/>

Invests in innovative businesses helping to accelerate the transition to net zero emissions. The Innovation Fund prioritises activity across four high impact areas – Clean energy transition, mobility and smart cities, food and agriculture and circular economy and industry.

# HEALTH, WELLBEING & AGED CARE

## Brian Smith Memorial Award

**Funding Provider:** Equity Trustees Foundation

**CLOSING SOON**

**Amount:** Up to \$40,000

**Closes:** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.eqt.com.au/our-services/community/grant-funding/medical-grants/brian-smith-memorial-award>

Invites applications for funding towards research and surgical training in the area of colorectal disease.

The Brian Smith Memorial Award was established in perpetuity in memory of Brian William Smith (1939-1990). Brian Smith was a leading Melbourne surgeon, whose main surgical interest was disease of the colon and rectum.

Up to \$40,000 is available to enhance the surgical skills and knowledge of researchers and practitioners with a special interest in colonoscopy, colonic cancer and the applied anatomy, physiology or pathology of the colon or rectum.

## Digital Devices Grant

**Funding Provider:** Good Things Foundation

**Amount:** \$5,000

CLOSING SOON

**Closes:** 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://goodthingsaustralia.org/mentor-resource/digital-device-grant/>

Provides funding to loan digital devices to over 50's so they can be connected.

Organisations who are successful in their grant application use the funds to set up or extend a digital device library. Each organisation with this grant will:

- Receive grant funding
- Purchases devices (and data if needed)
- Make devices available for over 50's to loan for up to 6 months
- At end of 6 months, collect devices back for use in your ongoing programs
- Report on your grant to Good Things.

Your organisation can choose how to run the device loan program, including length of loan, loan agreements, borrowing record keeping, and usage policies.

## ETREA Foundation Grants

**Funding Provider:** ETREA Foundation

**Amount:** \$2,000 - \$10,000

CLOSING SOON

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.etrea.com.au/apply-for-a-grant/>

Offers financial support, builds collaborative relationships and networks with like-minded organisations committed to supporting and teaching those in need the tools and skills to rebuild their lives and achieve personal fulfilment.

The Foundation believes everyone has the capacity to achieve personal empowerment. And there are many organisations and small businesses with personal growth and self-development programs, mentoring/coaching, initiatives and projects making a positive difference in the world of others.

## Ryman Healthcare Charity Partner

**Funding Provider:** Ryman Healthcare

**Amount:** Unspecified

CLOSING SOON

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.rymanhealthcare.com.au/community-and-partnerships>

Selects a charity partner to work with for the next 12 months.

Ryman is committed to making a positive difference in the lives of their residents, staff, and local communities. One way they do this is by supporting organisations and events that share their pioneering values and working with them to blaze new trails.

Aligning with local, regional, and national organisations and events that positively impact their communities is a priority for Ryman.

Ryman is always looking for new ways to engage with their communities. Everyone at Ryman gets behind their sponsorships – from village level to head office. Each partnership is supported by a strategic plan to ensure that they have as much impact as possible.

## The Cure Starts Now Grants

**Funding Provider:** The Cure Starts Now

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

**Apply:** <https://thecurestartsnow.org.au/impact/research-and-grants/>

Funds research in paediatric brain cancer.

The Cure Starts Now has funded basic, translational and clinical trials that further efforts in a homerun cure strategy for all cancers, starting with paediatric brain cancer. Core initiatives focus on diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG), diffuse midline glioma (DMG) and Medulloblastoma – though there is a history of funding other paediatric brain tumour research that contributes to the mission. The research is international and impactful, covering 129 institutions in 29 countries worldwide.

## MRFF – Traumatic Brain Injury Mission – 2026 Traumatic Brain Injury Grant

**Funding Provider:** National Health & Medical Research Council

**Amount:** Up to \$2,000,000

**Closes:** 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=2b5ae5c1-d77e-4dd7-9194-7f3269c18c69>

Aims to enable or support research designed to improve the lives of all Australians who experience a TBI.

The objective of this grant opportunity is to provide grants of financial assistance to support medical research and medical innovation projects that:

Stream 1 (Targeted Call for Research):

- Test the efficacy and complete a process evaluation of novel treatments, clinical indicators and/or interventions for moderate to severe TBI in reducing time spent in acute care and/or improving long-term patient outcomes.

Stream 2 (Targeted Call for Research):

- Conduct research to support effective national adoption and best practice use of clinical guidelines and protocols for mild TBI, including integration of prognostic and predictive approaches, and assessing and addressing barriers to implementation and inequalities including in all of:

-> Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

-> People affected by family, domestic and sexual violence

-> Older people

-> Rural, regional and remote populations in geographically diverse areas

-> Culturally and linguistically diverse populations

## Funding for Healthcare education initiatives

**Funding Provider:** AbbVie

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.abbvie.com.au/grants-and-donation.html>

At AbbVie, we collaborate and innovate to make a remarkable impact on patient lives. As part of that goal, we provide financial support for projects that promote excellence in patient care, support disease awareness and provide education to healthcare professionals. In addition, we also provide funding to support charities and their fundraising activities in the community.

## Warrior Grants

**Funding Provider:** Emma's Warriors

**Amount:** \$5,000

**Closes:** *\*Date not yet confirmed by provider (Opens: 17<sup>th</sup> September 2026)*

**Apply:** <https://www.facebook.com/people/Emmas-Warriors/100093705835447/>

Offers financial assistance to anyone aged under 24yrs that has spent time in hospital for serious long-term illness or injury.

Supporting kids and their families after serious illness is so important. The road to recovery is long and challenging.

Warrior grants are open to anyone (aged under 24yrs) that has spent time in hospital for serious long-term illness or injury.

Grants for:

- Education
- Sport
- Wellness
- Creative arts
- Rehab.

5 x \$5,000 grants are available this year.

Contact Alex to receive you application form [hello@emmaswarriors.com.au](mailto:hello@emmaswarriors.com.au)

## Amgen Australia Donations

**Funding Provider:** Amgen Australia

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.amgen.com.au/responsibility/Donations#>

Makes donations to the healthcare and non-healthcare community to further educational, scientific, or other charitable purposes.

## Australian Public Health Small Grants Program

**Funding Provider:** Walter and Eliza Hall Trust

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.wehalltrust.org.au/grant-programs>

Provides financial assistance to patients in Australian public health settings for purposes considered necessary and/or essential to a patient's health and wellbeing. Applications must be made by social workers, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, or other health professionals on behalf of their patients.

## Prevention Partnerships

**Funding Provider:** nib Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.nib.com.au/foundation/funding/prevention-partnerships-program>

Supports widely accessible and innovative health promotion and primary prevention initiatives that encourage Australians to adopt healthy lifestyle habits.

## Practice Incentives Program

**Funding Provider:** Services Australia

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/practice-incentives-program>

Provides funding for general practices to help them continuously improve, provide quality care, enhance capacity and improve access and health outcomes for patients.

## Humpty Dumpty Foundation Funding

**Funding Provider:** Humpty Dumpty Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.humpty.org.au/for-hospitals>

Provides urgently required medical equipment for neonatal units, paediatric wards, and emergency departments in public hospitals and health services Australia-wide. The Humpty Dumpty Foundation has been providing support for children's health services since 1996. Humpty supports around 500 hospitals and health services across Australia. If your hospital needs equipment to support the care of sick babies and children, they can help.

## Heart Foundation Research Funding

**Funding Provider:** Heart Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.heartfoundation.org.au/research/research-funding/research-funding-available>

Provides a range of opportunities for individual researchers and projects that support the Foundation's goal to prevent heart disease, improve heart health and enhance the quality of life of all Australians.

The Heart Foundation is proud to be Australia's largest non-government funder of heart-related research. Their research funding programs support and develop excellence in heart research, from bench to bedside and beyond.

## Cerebral Palsy Alliance Research Foundation Grants

**Funding Provider:** Cerebral Palsy Alliance

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://cerebralspalsy.org.au/research-foundation/>

Funds and supports ground-breaking research into the prevention, treatment and possible cures of cerebral palsy.

CPA Research Foundation provides grants in three categories, designed to encourage both established researchers with a track record of excellence and promising, early-career researchers who are still emerging in the field:

- PhD Research grant
- Emerging Researcher grant
- Project grant.

## Movember Funding Opportunities

**Funding Provider:** The Movember Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://au.movember.com/about/funding>

Funds a significant number of programs through their men's health partners and will notify interested parties when funding opportunities are available in your region.

## Arcare Grants Program

**Funding Provider:** Arcare Family Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.arcarefamilyfoundation.org.au/grants>

Encourages and supports innovations that give all Australians the opportunity to age well, envisioning a community where older people are valued, supported, and thriving.

## HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

### Housing Australia Future Fund Facility

**Funding Provider:** Housing Australia

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** *\*Date not yet confirmed by provider 2026 (opens 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026)*

**Apply:** <https://www.housingaustralia.gov.au/funding-under-housing-australia-future-fund>

Offers co-investment finance for 40,000 social and affordable homes.

The Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF) is a dedicated \$10 billion investment by the Australian Government, established in November 2023 under the Housing Australia Future Fund Act, to improve housing outcomes for Australians.

Through the HAFF, Housing Australia is working in partnership with all levels of government and the community housing, development and finance sectors to support the delivery of 20,000 new social homes and 20,000 new affordable homes across Australia over five years from 2024.

Through the HAFF, Housing Australia provides loans and grants for projects that increase the supply of social and affordable housing and address acute housing needs across Australia, including regional, rural and remote areas.

### The Cardinia Foundation Community Grants Program

**Funding Provider:** Cardinia Community Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$10,000

**Closes:** Opens: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - *\*Date not yet confirmed by provider*

**Apply:** <https://www.ritchies.com.au/ritchies-loyalty/community>

Supports well-defined projects that benefit residents of Cardinia Shire.

The Foundation aims to support the social, community and general welfare of those living in the Cardinia Shire region. The Foundation provides grants to projects that support the growing needs of its communities, now and into the future.

The projects should be categorised under one of the following:

- Physical and mental health and wellbeing
- Social cohesion
- Crisis support
- Education
- The environment
- The Arts
- Reducing harm from tobacco, vaping, alcohol, drugs, and gambling
- Men's Health and wellbeing.

## Ritchies Community Benefit Program

**Funding Provider:** Ritchies IGA

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.ritchies.com.au/ritchies-loyalty/community>

Raises funds for local clubs, schools or charities via a membership card program.

The Community Benefit Program enables Ritchies Supermarkets to pay a percentage of your shop to the club, school, or charity of your choice.

The Ritchies Community Benefit Program commenced back in August 1993. Ritchies have paid over \$54 million to over 5,000 clubs, schools and charities from 1993 to the present day.

## Community Partnership Program

**Funding Provider:** Hume Bank

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.humebank.com.au/community/community-partnership-program/>

Provides support to local organisations through sponsorship, donations or in-kind support.

Hume Bank is committed to making a real difference in their community. To help them do that, they have crafted a series of community impact priorities that reflect their values and goals.

## Street Smart

**Funding Provider:** StreetSmart Australia

**Amount:** \$500 - \$15,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://streetsmartaustralia.org/whowehelp/>

Exists to improve the lives of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. \*Please note - Grants are currently by invitation only. \*

StreetSmart works to end homelessness - they believe everyone should have a safe and secure place to call home. StreetSmart plays a unique role in the homelessness sector providing funding and support for smaller community-based and grassroots homelessness and community services.

## Pathways to Employment and Housing

**Funding Provider:** William Buckland Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://williambucklandfoundation.org.au/pathways-to-employment-and-housing/>

Ensures Victorians have access to culturally safe, secure jobs and stable housing. Application is by invitation only; however, organisations can register their interest in this program on the providers website.

## Transition to Independent Living Allowance

**Funding Provider:** Australian Department of Social Services

**Amount:** Up to \$1,500

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/families-and-children/benefits-payments/transition-to-independent-living-allowance-tila>

Helps eligible young people cover some basic costs as they leave out-of-home care.

## Victorian Property Fund

**Funding Provider:** Consumer Affairs Victoria

**Amount:** Up to \$20,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/clubs-and-fundraising/funded-services-and-grants/victorian-property-fund-grants/victorian-property-fund-grant-application-guide>

Supports housing development projects that will increase the supply of affordable accommodation for low income and disadvantaged Victorians.

## First Homeowner Grant

**Funding Provider:** State Revenue Office Victoria

**Amount:** \$10,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.sro.vic.gov.au/first-home-owner>

Offers first homeowners a grant of \$10,000 towards the purchase of a new home. If you are buying or building a new home valued up to \$750,000, you may be eligible.

## Home Support Grants

**Funding Provider:** Youngcare

**Amount:** Up to \$5,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://youngcare.com.au/what-we-do/grants/home-support-grants/>

Provides essential funding to assist people in moving from inappropriate housing, such as aged care, rehabilitation or hospital, into somewhere more appropriate.

This may involve returning home or transitioning to more specific housing for their needs, such as Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA).

## Victorian Homebuyers Fund

**Funding Provider:** State Revenue Office Victoria

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.sro.vic.gov.au/homebuyer>

Supports eligible homebuyers with a government contribution of up to 25% towards the purchase price of their property. The Victorian Homebuyer Fund is a shared equity scheme, meaning that the State's financial contribution is made in exchange for a share, or proportional interest in the property.

## Peter & Lyndy White Foundation Grants

**Funding Provider:** Peter & Lyndy White Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.plwf.org.au/grants/>

Supports Victorian charitable organisations that work with homeless and disadvantaged individuals in breaking the cycle of disadvantage and achieving a better quality of life. Organisations can make an initial enquiry at any time via email. Following a successful preliminary email enquiry, some organisations may be requested to complete a more in-depth written grant application.

## Escaping Violence Payment Program

**Funding Provider:** UnitingCare

**Amount:** Up to \$1,500

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/services/family-services/family-violence-services/escaping-violence-payment/>

Offers financial assistance to help those escaping domestic violence to move forward and set up a home free of violence.

Are you, or someone you know, trying to leave or have left intimate partner violence? An intimate partner is someone you have been in a romantic relationship with such as husband, wife, partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend.

That violence can be:

- Physically, verbally or sexually abusive
- Emotionally, spiritually or psychologically abusive
- Economically abusive
- Threatening, coercive, or seeking to control or dominate the other person.

## INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS

### Opening The Doors Foundation Grants

**Funding Provider:** Opening The Doors Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**CLOSING SOON**

**Closes:** 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.openingthedoors.org.au/apply-now>

Supports educational opportunities for First Nations children.

It provides First Nations children from regional, remote and urban communities across Australia, with educational opportunities within Victorian non-government schools - enabling them to participate fully and equally in education, by supporting families to make their own choices about their children's future for their entire education journey from foundation to Year 12. It is the only First Nations organisation that supports a child throughout their entire 13-year educational journey. The achievement of a successful and culturally appropriate education experience helps 'Close The Gap', radically altering the systemic and generational disadvantage currently being experienced.

OTDF offers direct support to First Nations students and their families, ensuring they are able to choose the quality education they deserve, are retained and supported in education and have the same opportunities as any other Australian children, thereby reducing inequalities.

## LIFECYCLE: Recording Grants

**Funding Provider:** National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Music Office (NATSIMO) & Music Australia

**Amount:** \$20,000

**Closes:** 03<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.natsimo.com.au/grants-funding>

Funds high-quality recording sessions of new music by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music creators.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music makers nationwide are encouraged to apply for the 2026 LIFECYCLE Grants.

The three grant streams are for marketing, recording and touring, and are open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music creators including songwriters, composers and musicians, from now until Sunday 3 May.

## LIFECYCLE Marketing Grant

**Funding Provider:** National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Music Office (NATSIMO) & Music Australia

**Amount:** \$10,000

**Closes:** 03<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.natsimo.com.au/grants-funding>

Supports and facilitates access to professional content creation, marketing and promotional activities for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander music creators, supporting growth and fostering a vibrant, visible and inclusive music landscape.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music makers nationwide are encouraged to apply for the 2026 LIFECYCLE Grants.

The three grant streams are for marketing, recording and touring, and are open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music creators including songwriters, composers and musicians, from now until Sunday 3 May.

## Stolen Generations Reparations

**Funding Provider:** Victorian Government

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027

**Apply:** <https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=4d03e046-8708-4b17-885c-6f7dff10519a>

Helps address the trauma and suffering caused by the forced removal of Aboriginal children from their families, community, culture, identity and language.

## Discovery Indigenous

**Funding Provider:** Australian Research Council

**Amount:** \$30,000 - \$2,500,000

**Closes:** 25<sup>th</sup> August 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.arc.gov.au/funding-research/arc-funding-schemes/linkage/industrial-transformation-research-program/rejoinders/discovery-indigenous>

Provides grant funding to support research projects led by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander researcher.

The objectives of the Discovery Indigenous scheme are to:

- Support the retention of excellent Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander researchers in higher education institutions to expand research capacity in Australia
- Support excellent pure basic, strategic basic and applied research and research training, across all disciplines excluding clinical and other medical research, by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander researchers as individuals and as teams
- Enhance the scale and focus of research in Australian Government priority areas and create economic, commercial, environmental, social and/or cultural benefits for Australia
- Support national and international research collaboration.

## First Nations Documentary Development Program

**Funding Provider:** Screen Australia

**Amount:** Up to \$30,000

**Closes:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/funding-and-support/first-nations/development/documentary-development>

Seeks to provide practitioners with the opportunity to create appropriate written and/or visual materials to ensure that projects are as strong as possible when competing for production finance.

Emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander producers are encouraged to apply.

What funding is available?

- Up to \$30,000 for one-off feature and series documentaries intended for a Commissioning Platform
- Up to \$20,000 for one-hour television documentaries
- Up to \$20,000 for online series productions.

## First Mortgage Removal Program

**Funding Provider:** First Peoples - State Relations

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.firstpeoplesrelations.vic.gov.au/first-mortgage-removal-program>

Supports First Nations organisations to gain control over their property, giving them control of the full capital of their properties.

The First Mortgage Removal Program supports First Nations organisations to have firstmortgages held in favour of the Minister for Treaty and First Peoples removed from their properties.

The program enables First Nations organisations to borrow against their properties and invest in activities that enhance organisational autonomy and sustainability for the communities they service.

## Indigenous Advancement Strategy - Community Initiated Proposals

**Funding Provider:** National Indigenous Australians Agency

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.niaa.gov.au/our-work/grants-and-funding/community-initiated-proposals>

Considers grant proposals that address a need for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) is the way the Australian Government funds and delivers a range of programs for Indigenous Australians.

Community Initiated Proposals must be developed with the community or group who will be impacted by the activity.

## Australian Dental Association Grants

**Funding Provider:** Australian Dental Association (ADA)

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://ada.org.au/about/grants>

Offers a range of study grants for post-graduate, Indigenous, rural and remote students, and those involved in nursing and allied health professions.

Grants include:

- Grants for First Nations Dentist Students. Five grants worth \$5000 each for First Nations dental students are awarded each year.
- Grants for Rural and Remote Dentist Students. Ten grants worth \$5000 each for dental students from rural and remote regions in Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, the Northern Territory, Western Australia, Queensland and Tasmania.

## ABC Future Fund

**Funding Provider:** ABC Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://abcau.com.au/future-fund/>

Provides funding for projects aligned with the Future Fund focus areas, such as On-Country Education, On-Country Care, and On-Country Research & Development.

The ABC Future Fund is a registered public fund administered by ABC Foundation Ltd and its primary aim is to provide funding to support ABC Foundation's On-Country programs in line with its strategic plan. Funding for small one-off community events will also be made available.

## Disaster Recovery Quick Response Grants

**Funding Provider:** Australian Government Indigenous Land & Sea Corporation

**Amount:** Up to \$20,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://abcau.com.au/future-fund/>

Assists any Indigenous corporation whose property has been directly affected by a declared natural disaster, such as a flood, bushfire, or cyclone.

The funding can be used for immediate clean up your property, work to make your property safe and purchase plant and equipment to assist with recovery efforts.

## The Healing Foundation Grants

**Funding Provider:** The Healing Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://healingfoundation.org.au/about-us/funding/>

Works with Stolen Generations Organisations to support the healing needs of Stolen Generations survivors and their descendants.

## Community Initiated Grant Proposals

**Funding Provider:** National Indigenous Australians Agency

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://www.niaa.gov.au/our-work/grants-and-funding/community-initiated-proposals>

Considers grant proposals that address a need for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Proposals must be developed with the community or group who will be impacted by the activity.

## First Nations Futures Funding Platform

**Funding Provider:** First Nations Futures

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://www.firstnationsfutures.com/>

Redistributes wealth and collectively invests in First Nations initiatives creating intergenerational change. Delivers unrestricted funding, long-term investment, and community-led impact.

## Indigenous Advancement Grants – PBC Capacity Building Funding

**Funding Provider:** National Indigenous Australians Agency

**Amount:** \$50,000-\$70,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.niaa.gov.au/our-work/grants-and-funding/indigenous-advancement-strategy>

Aims to assist native title holding corporations, known as Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBCs), to generate economic benefits through the effective and sustainable management of their land.

The Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) is the way the Australian Government funds and delivers a range of programs for Indigenous Australians.

## Our Country Our Future

**Funding provider:** Australian Government Indigenous Land & Sea Corporation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.ilsc.gov.au/partner-with-us/our-country-our-future/>

Provides a wide range of assistance to Indigenous Australians including to acquire land and water-related rights, and to manage Indigenous-held land and Indigenous waters.

## CAGES Foundation Grants

**Funding provider:** CAGES Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://cagesfoundation.org/>

Community Grants - Supports Aboriginal controlled organisations responding to an immediate need, focused on children aged under five.

Economic Inclusion - Supports Aboriginal controlled organisations to promote economic inclusion for First Nation people through assisting with project costs including core expenses and internal investment products.

## Stolen Generations Funeral Fund

**Funding provider:** Victorian Government

**Amount:** Up to \$10,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://connectinghome.org.au/survivors-families/stolen-generations-funeral-fund>

Supports families of Stolen Generations who have passed away. Eligible applicants may receive up to \$10,000 towards a funeral; a headstone or plaque; and/or repatriation of your Stolen Generations family member.

## Seeding Strengths Grants – Rapid Response

**Funding provider:** Foundation For Young Australians

**Amount:** \$2,000 - \$10,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.fya.org.au/program/seeding-strengths-grants/>

Provides grants to First Nations young people (aged 16-35 years) for urgent campaigns/movements/initiatives relating to social change in response to systematic oppression & specific injustices of First Nations young people.

Round 3 of the Seeding Strength Grants is distributing up to \$100,000 to young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and organisations fighting injustice and building Blak power.

## WKSN Education, Health and Wellbeing Fund

**Funding provider:** Ravensthorpe Nickel Operations Pty Ltd

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.noongar.org.au/news/2021/11/29/applications-open-for-wksn-education-health-amp-wellbeing-fund>

Supports descendants of the Wagyl Kaip and Southern Noongar people to apply for funding to pursue an improved way of life in the areas of disadvantage facing Noongar people.

Applications must address gaps and disadvantage for Wagyl Kaip people in the areas of: Education Support, Community Funding, Health and Wellbeing.

## First Nations Documentary Development Program

**Funding provider:** Screen Australia

**Amount:** Up to \$30,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.noongar.org.au/news/2021/11/29/applications-open-for-wksn-education-health-amp-wellbeing-fund>

Seeks to provide practitioners with the opportunity to create appropriate written and/or visual materials to ensure that projects are as strong as possible when competing for production finance. Emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander producers are encouraged to apply.

What funding is available?

- Up to \$30,000 for one-off feature and series documentaries intended for a Commissioning Platform
- Up to \$20,000 for one-hour television documentaries
- Up to \$20,000 for online series productions.

## LGBTQIA+

### Small LGBTQIA+ Grants

**Funding Provider:** Pride Foundation Australia

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (3<sup>rd</sup> round closes 16<sup>th</sup> November 2026)

**Apply:** <https://pridefoundation.org.au/small-grants/>

These grants support projects that directly or indirectly assist, involve and benefit LGBTQIA+ people and promote positive social outcomes and mental health in the community. The funding priority for this round is transgender, non-binary and gender diverse people and communities.

### LGBTQIA+ Health Program

**Funding Provider:** Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

**Amount:** Up to \$750,000

CLOSING SOON

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://lincgrants.org.au/grants/>

Supports organisations offering health and wellbeing services to LGBTQIA+ people.

The LHP contributes to delivery of the National Action Plan for the Health and Wellbeing of LGBTQIA+ People 2025–2035, in line with the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 and Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024.

Organisations with specialist expertise in LGBTQIA+ health and wellbeing are invited to apply for one-off competitive grants to support new and existing initiatives at the local, regional and national level that will foster access to appropriate, culturally sound and inclusive health care. The LHP will contain multiple funding rounds, and the design of future rounds may be refined based on the outcomes and feedback of previous rounds.

### Community Grants

**Funding Provider:** Lesbians Incorporated

**Amount:** Unspecified

CLOSING SOON

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://lincgrants.org.au/grants/>

These grants support projects under a range of categories including Literary, visual or performing arts activities; Social functions; Classes or workshops; Information or resources; Support groups or services and Sporting and recreational activities.

## I Am Me Foundation Grants

**Funding Provider:** I Am Me Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://iamme.org.au/tell-us-your-story/>

Extends a helping hand to the LGBTQIA+ community and provides support through services that might otherwise remain inaccessible to many.

## Transurban Partnerships

**Funding Provider:** Transurban

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.transurban.com/communities/partnerships-and-grants>

Invests in partnerships that support diversity and inclusion, build capacity and create lasting change. Transurban's purpose is to strengthen communities through transport.

## Community Micro-Grants

**Funding Provider:** Black Rainbow

**Amount:** \$300

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://blackrainbow.org.au/what-we-are-doing/>

Assists with hosting Indigenous LGBTQI community events. Black Rainbow's microgrants are available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQIA+SB community members.

These micro-grants are to the value of \$300 and include \$200 to assist with hosting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQIA+SB led community events.

Each grant comes with a swag of selected Black Rainbow merchandise. Black Rainbow assesses all requests every Friday. Requests need to be in by Thursday, the day before.

## Broadtree Foundation Grants

**Funding Provider:** Broadtree Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$25,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.volunteering.com.au/broadtree-foundation/>

Supports the improvement of the quality of life for people identifying as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer and their families.

## SPORT AND RECREATION

### Get Active Kids Voucher Program

**Funding Provider:** Victorian Government

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** Up to \$200

**Closes:** 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/>

Helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and recreation activities by reimbursing the cost of membership and registration fees, uniforms and equipment.

Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each per round.

Children must be aged 0 to 18 and named on a valid and issued Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and Medicare card to be eligible

### Telstra Footy Country Grants

**Funding Provider:** Telstra & AFL

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** Up to \$20,000

**Closes:** 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 & 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026

**Apply:** <https://play.afl/clubhelp/footy-grants>

Offers grants to regional and metro clubs to help strengthen, sustain and grow local footy.

As the foundation of our great game and the heartbeat of communities, investment in local clubs is vital to ensuring everyone has access to play Aussie Rules and experience the health, social and wellbeing benefits that come with belonging to a club.

The Telstra Footy Country Grants is designed to financially assist initiatives that can support Community Clubs affiliated to the AFL to strengthen the base and secure the future in three key strategic areas:

- Grow and assist volunteer capacity
- Grow and diversify participation
- Improve club environments and experiences.

### Sporting Club Grants Program - Category 1: On-Field Uniforms or Equipment

**Funding Provider:** Sports and Recreation Victorian

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** Up to \$1,000

**Closes:** 07<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/sporting-club-grants-program>

Provides funding for on-field playing uniforms, participation equipment for competitors and active participants, safety, injury prevention and first-aid equipment.

The Sporting Club Grants Program provides funding for community sport and active recreation organisations across Victoria.

Access to this funding helps grassroots clubs and organisations address barriers in participation, develop safe and sustainable practices and build social and active local communities.

## Sporting Club Grants Program - Category 2: Volunteers and Officials

**Funding Provider:** Sports and Recreation Victorian

**Amount:** Up to \$5,000

**Closes:** 07<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/sporting-club-grants-program>

CLOSING SOON

Provides funding for projects that improve the skills and knowledge of volunteers, coaches and/or officials and projects that improve volunteer-retention.

The Sporting Club Grants Program provides funding for community sport and active recreation organisations across Victoria.

Access to this funding helps grassroots clubs and organisations address barriers in participation, develop safe and sustainable practices and build social and active local communities.

## Sporting Club Grants Program - Category 3: Access and Events

**Funding Provider:** Sports and Recreation Victorian

**Amount:** \$2,500 - \$5,000

**Closes:** 07<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/sporting-club-grants-program>

CLOSING SOON

Provides funding for projects that improve the skills and knowledge of volunteers, coaches and/or officials and projects that improve volunteer-retention.

The Sporting Club Grants Program provides funding for community sport and active recreation organisations across Victoria.

Access to this funding helps grassroots clubs and organisations address barriers in participation, develop safe and sustainable practices and build social and active local communities.

## Sporting Club Grants Program Category 4: Travel

**Funding Provider:** Sports and Recreation Victorian

**Amount:** Up to \$750

**Closes:** 07<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/sporting-club-grants-program>

CLOSING SOON

Provides funding for projects that improve the skills and knowledge of volunteers, coaches and/or officials and projects that improve volunteer-retention.

The Sporting Club Grants Program provides funding for community sport and active recreation organisations across Victoria.

Access to this funding helps grassroots clubs and organisations address barriers in participation, develop safe and sustainable practices and build social and active local communities.

## Sporting Club Grants Program Category 5: Governance and Engagement

**Funding Provider:** Sports and Recreation Victorian

**Amount:** Up to \$1,500

**Closes:** 07<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/sporting-club-grants-program>

CLOSING SOON

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The Sporting Club Grants Program provides funding for community sport and active recreation organisations across Victoria.

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## Equipment & Facilities Grant Program

**Funding Provider:** Table Tennis Australia

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** Up to \$4,000

**Closes:** 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.tabletennis.org.au/participation-development/tta-equipment-facilities-grant-program>

Enables grassroots table tennis clubs & associations across Australia to purchase new equipment or assist with the upgrade/improvement of local table tennis facilities.

Maximum funding of up to \$4,000 (facilities) or up to \$2,000 (equipment) is available for a limited number of eligible affiliated table tennis clubs & associations every year. TTA will consider funding up to a maximum of 50% of the project's total value (within funding category limits).

## Significant Sporting Events Program - Event Development Grants

**Funding Provider:** Sports and Recreation Victorian

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** Up to \$150,000

**Closes:** 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/significant-sporting-events-program>

Provides funding for projects that improve the skills and knowledge of volunteers, coaches and/or officials and projects that improve volunteer-retention.

## Local Sporting Champions

**Funding Provider:** Australian Sports Commission

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** \$500 - \$750

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** [https://www.ausport.gov.au/grants\\_and\\_funding/local\\_sporting\\_champions](https://www.ausport.gov.au/grants_and_funding/local_sporting_champions)

Provides financial assistance for coaches, officials and competitors aged 12-18 participating in state, national or international championships.

If successful, applicants will receive \$500-\$750 towards the cost of attending their championships:

- Base Grant: \$500
- Applicants travelling 800km - 1999km to their nominated championships: + \$100
- Applicants travelling internationally or greater than 2000km to their nominated championships: + \$200
- Applicants residing in a rural electorate: + \$50.

Examples of expenses include (but is not limited to):

- Competition entry fees/levies
- Transport costs (e.g. airfares, petrol)
- Accommodation
- Uniform

- Sporting equipment.

## Emergency Sporting Equipment Grant Program

**Funding Provider:** Sport & Recreation Victoria

**Amount:** Up to \$2,000

**Closes:** 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

**Apply:** <https://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/emergency-sporting-equipment-grant-program>

Provides funding for community sport and active recreation organisations across Victoria to replace essential sport or first aid equipment that has been lost or destroyed because of unpreventable incidents.

Access to this funding helps grassroots organisations replace or repair essential sport or first aid equipment that has been lost or destroyed because of unpreventable incidents, including bushfire, flood, significant storm, earthquake, theft, arson, or criminal damage.

## TAC Club Participation Program – Basketball, Football & New Programs

**Funding Provider:** Victorian Transport Accident Commission (TAC)

**Amount:** \$232 - \$5,000

**Closes:** 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.tac.vic.gov.au/road-safety/current-sponsorships/sports-program>

Cricket initiatives - closes 31 March 2026

Basketball initiatives - closes 30 April 2026

Football initiatives - closes 31 May 2026

A new program for Cricket Victoria, Basketball Victoria and Football Victoria affiliated clubs to participate in the mission to make our roads safer, with a key focus on tackling speeding.

When it comes to road safety - we're all on the same team. One death on our roads is too many. We need your help and your club can be the difference to make this happen.

The TAC Club Participation Program is a new initiative for all Cricket Victoria, Basketball Victoria and Football Victoria affiliated clubs and associations to actively participate in the mission to make our roads safer, with a key focus on tackling speeding.

We're asking clubs and associations of all sizes to encourage their members to create a culture of road safety.

By building a road safety culture in and around your club and submitting an application, you could win for your club, a share in a total prize pool.

Together, we can ensure more Victorians make the right choice, and slow down on the road.

## Kids Tennis Program

**Funding Provider:** Australian Tennis Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$3,500

**Closes:** 14<sup>th</sup> December 2026

**Apply:** <https://www.tennis.com.au/about-us/serving-our-community/australian-tennis-foundation/what-we-do/kids-tennis>

Offers targeted primary schools the opportunity to engage qualified tennis coaches to deliver extra-curricular tennis activities modelled on Tennis Australia's highly successful Hot Shots program.

The program will teach participants valuable resilience skills to support the development of good mental health.

The Program aims to use tennis as a vehicle to support children impacted by misfortune, adversity, poverty, distress, social and/or geographical disadvantage to strengthen resilience, to promote self-esteem and build a sense of belonging.

## Leadership Through Adventure Fund Grants

**Funding Provider:** Scouts Australia

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/>

Supports young Scouts in the development of leadership skills, and responsible decision-making.

The Dick and Pip Smith Leadership through Adventure Fund (LTAF) is for providing youth members of any age the opportunity to develop their leadership skills by participating in adventurous activities. The spirit of the Fund is to provide an adventure or adventurous journey for all youth members and build their leadership qualities in doing so.

## Ritchies Community Benefit Program

**Funding Provider:** Ritchies IGA

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://www.ritchies.com.au/ritchies-loyalty/community>

Raises funds for local clubs, schools or charities via a membership card program.

Ritchies has been running its successful Community Benefit program since 1993. We believe it is the easiest, simplest method to support your favourite club, school or charity. This program is one of the benefits available for Ritchies Card members.

## Virgin Australia Sponsorships & Donations

**Funding Provider:** Virgin Australia

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.virginaustralia.com/au/en/about-us/sponsorship/>

Invests in partnerships with organisations who align with Virgin Australia's purpose, values, policies and who make a significant contribution to their community.

Virgin Australia's purpose is to be Australia's most loved airline, by creating uplifting experiences for all.

Their community mission is to provide fun, uplifting and meaningful support to connect communities around Australia

Sponsorships provide Virgin Australia the opportunity to support organisations who align with their purpose, mission and values, and who make a significant contribution to their community in the below categories:

- AFL & AFLW
- Youth & Family - Starlight Children's Charity
- Inclusion - What Ability
- Community relief.

## Strategic Development Fund

**Funding Provider:** World Netball

**Amount:** Up to \$5,000

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://netball.sport/support/strategic-development-fund/>

Aims to support Member Associations in developing netball aligned with the World Netball Strategy, and your Association strategy. To apply for the fund your association must be a Full Member of World Netball.

## Macca's Sponsorships

**Funding Provider:** McDonald's

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://mcdonalds.com.au/learn/responsibility/maccas-community/get-sponsored>

Contributes to sporting organisations that develop kids' sports skills and provide opportunities for them to play.

Macca's wants to deliver valuable benefits to the wider community. They want to help children live a more balanced, active and enriched lifestyle. Their sponsorships must reflect a grassroots and community focus.

## The Decathlon Foundation

**Funding Provider:** The Decathlon Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.fondationdecathlon.com/our-conviction/?lang=en>

The Foundation's reason for existing: to enable willing teammates to be involved in a solidarity project and offer as many people as possible the chance to thrive thanks to sport and its values. By financing sustainable investment expenses (renovating a sports ground, converting a room, sports equipment, training for sports careers, etc.), their ambition is to make a big, real, and measurable impact.

## Jean Cowan Fund

**Funding Provider:** Netball Victoria

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://vic.netball.com.au/scholarships-funding>

Offers funds for an individual to enable their participation in netball within Victoria. This includes assistance with the purchasing of netball uniforms, membership fees, netball equipment and other similar or relevant expenses.

## Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund (SESF)

**Funding Provider:** Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund (SESF)

**Amount:** \$1,000

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://sesf.org.au/application/>

Supports young athletes aged 10 to 18 years old, whose financial circumstances would preclude them from otherwise participating at representative level for their state or Australia. Eligible athletes will be competing in a National Championship for their state or country in 2024.

## Coaching Grants

**Funding Provider:** Australian Masters Athletics (AMA)

**Amount:** Up to \$1,000

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** [https://www.australianmastersathletics.org.au/about-ama\\_trashed/resources/](https://www.australianmastersathletics.org.au/about-ama_trashed/resources/)

Provides state and territory sporting associations with financial assistance towards coaching costs. AMA is the governing organisation for male and female athletes aged 30 and over who live in Australia.

Member state and territory associations can claim up to \$1000.00 from AMA each financial year, towards coaching costs. The member association must contribute at least 50% towards the coaching costs.

## Sporting Club Program

**Funding Provider:** Bowens

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://www.bowens.com.au/community-contribution-and-sponsorships/>

Supports local sports clubs across Australia, from grassroots community leagues to competitive teams, to create more opportunities for local-level sports.

## Growing Cricket for Girls

**Funding Provider:** Cricket Australia and Commonwealth Bank

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** <https://www.commbank.com.au/about-us/opportunity-initiatives/opportunity-from-community/cricket.html>

Supports the nurturing and growth of girls' participation in cricket at community clubs across the country. Growing female participants sustainably and accelerating opportunities for women and girls in all areas and levels of the game.

# YOUTH

## Cares Community Program

**Funding Provider:** Commonwealth Bank of Australia

**Amount:** \$100 - \$10,000

**Closes:** 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**CLOSING SOON**

**Apply:** <https://campaign.heykit.com.au/kitcares>

Rewards local organisations supporting Aussie kids.

Kit Cares Community Program is open to all local not-for-profit community organisations, such as P&C associations and sports clubs helping kids aged 5-15.

Simply register your club and then rally your community to win part of the \$100,000 prize pool. Prizes are determined by public votes.

## Bikes for Kids

**Funding Provider:** Variety Victoria

**Amount:** Unspecified

CLOSING SOON

**Closes:** 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** [https://variety-thechildrenscharityofvicto.my.salesforce-sites.com/vvgranting/apex/VisualAntidote\\_HostedFastForm?h=AR7V8](https://variety-thechildrenscharityofvicto.my.salesforce-sites.com/vvgranting/apex/VisualAntidote_HostedFastForm?h=AR7V8)

Gifts bikes to children who cannot afford to purchase one of their own.

Every child deserves the joy of riding a bike, and this year is set to be the biggest yet. Variety - the Children's Charity Victoria will be gifting 100 bikes to 100 kids on Thursday, 16 April 2026.

PLEASE NOTE: For this round of the Variety Bikes for Kids grant, applications are only open to those who can attend the presentation at Marvel Stadium on Thursday, 16 April 2026 from 11am, to collect their bike in person.

## Salter Foundation Grants

**Funding Provider:** Salter Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Apply:** <https://salterfoundation.org.au/how-to-apply-for-funding/>

Supports organisations delivering projects aimed at youth in the areas of education, training, employment, homelessness, addiction, and mental health.

The Salter Foundation was founded in June 2008 by John Salter (Chairman) to further the philanthropic interests of the Salter Family. Their mission is to enable all youth to reach their highest potential regardless of race, religion, environment or economic situation.

## The Balnaves Foundation Grants

**Funding Provider:** The Balnaves Foundation

**Amount:** From \$150,000

**Closes:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** <https://balnavesfoundation.com/how-to-apply/>

Supports organisations that aim to create a better Australia through education, medicine and the arts with a focus on young people, the disadvantaged, and Indigenous Australia.

If your organisation primarily works in one or more of these areas then please consider submitting an expression of interest.

There are no closing dates or budget constraints, however the Foundation prefers to support multi-year projects with a funding range of \$150,000 – \$250,000 per annum.

## Alec Prentice Sewell Gift

**Funding Provider:** The Ian Potter Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.ianpotter.org.au/what-we-support/sub-funds>

Aims to improve the opportunities available for disadvantaged children and lay the foundations for future positive health, social and educational outcomes.

\*Note - Direct grant applications cannot be made to The Alec Prentice Sewell Gift, grants are made via other program areas and generally, only one or two grants are awarded annually. Applications are by invitation only.\*

Alec Prentice Sewell (1909–2003) bequeathed a large part of his estate to The Ian Potter Foundation and expressed a wish that it be used for the 'maintenance, education, welfare and benefit of needy children'. Funds from this bequest are directed to projects that work to improve opportunities for disadvantaged children.

## Matana Foundation for Young People Grants

**Funding Provider:** Matana Foundation for Young People

**Amount:** \$1,000 - \$10,000

**Closes:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** <https://matanafoundation.org.au>

Focuses on improving the welfare and wellbeing of young people from severely disadvantaged or marginalised backgrounds, or whose concerns and issues are not readily funded from other sources.

Recognising that disadvantage takes many forms, The Matana Foundation prioritises projects and organisations that address the causes of youth disadvantage by:

- Providing programs primarily targeting school retention and increased education achievement for students who are at risk of dropping out of school or who have already dropped out. The focus is on early identification, customised learning and mentoring.
- Providing programs that target employment skills development, employment and career pathways and transitions into employment
- Providing programs that target social and community connectedness, personal significance and social and emotional outcomes
- Providing services in geographical areas across Australia where funding is difficult to source.

## Individual Grant

**Funding Provider:** Variety – the Children’s Charity)

**Amount:** Up to \$200,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://fundraise.variety.org.au/how-we-help/individual-grants>

This grant program provides assistance towards the purchase of mobility equipment, communication devices and essential medical and health equipment to support children who have a medically diagnosed chronic illness of disability.

## Inger Rice Foundation Grants

**Funding Provider:** Inger Rice Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$7,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.ingerricefoundation.org/>

Aims to promote the health, well-being and development of young children.

Funding is provided for programs that support the development of relationships between young children from birth to Primary School entry (ages 0 -5 years generally) and their families or carers. Prenatal programs are also supported.

## Youth Access Initiative

**Funding Provider:** Victorian Government

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.vic.gov.au/youth-access-initiative>

The Youth Access Initiative addresses the key aspects of improving awareness of access to and engagement with vocational education and training opportunities for these young people. The Youth Access Initiative is part of the Skills First Funding which includes supports for disadvantaged learners to engage with and succeed in their education and training. The Youth Access Initiative contributes to this priority by further reducing the costs of subsidised training by providing a waiver on student tuition fees for eligible young people.

## Amaroo Foundation Grants

**Funding Provider:** Amaroo Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$25,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.aetlimited.com.au/services/philanthropy/grant-applications/amaroo-foundation>

Enables disadvantaged children to reach their potential in life through access and engagement in positive education and learning. The Foundation is currently supporting organisations whose programs and services are aligned with the strategy's key pillars and encourages applications from organisations.

## Skills First Youth Access Initiative

**Funding provider:** Department of Education

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.vic.gov.au/youth-access-initiative>

Supports at risk young people by providing access to vocational education and training opportunities, tuition fee waivers and pathways to employment.

## Transition to Independent Living Allowance

**Funding Provider:** Department of Social Services

**Amount:** \$1,500

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/families-and-children/benefits-payments/transition-to-independent-living-allowance-tila>

Young people aged between 15 to 25 years who are leaving or have already left formal out-of-home care may be eligible for this payment. It is also for young people who continue to live with their foster carers after their care order expires. The payment can be used to buy items such as a fridge or couch, pay for counselling, education and training courses, medical expenses, a driver's licence or any other items or services agreed between the young person and their case worker.

## Youth Jobs PaTH

**Funding Provider:** Jobactive

**Amount:** \$1,000 to \$10,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://jobsearch.gov.au/path#section-jobseekers>

Youth Jobs PaTH is designed to support young people to gain the skills and work experience they need to get and keep a job. It also supports employers to host internship placements and provides them with incentives when they take on a young person.

## Matana Foundation for Young People

**Funding Provider:** Matana Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$10,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <http://matanafoundation.org.au/faqs>

Funding available for organisations that focus on youth programs that assist with school retention and increased education, employment skills as well as social and community connectedness.

## Blackbird Foundation Funding

**Funding Provider:** Blackbird Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$10,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.blackbird.vc/foundation>

Provides project-based funding to individuals and groups working to unleash creativity in young people. At this stage in their journey, the Foundation can provide up to \$10,000 in individual grants for projects based in Australia and Aotearoa.

## WOMEN

### Women's Development Scholarships

**Funding Provider:** Women & Leadership Australia (WLA)

**Amount:** \$700 - \$3,000

**Closes:** 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026

CLOSING SOON

**Apply:** <https://www.wla.edu.au/industry/register/>

Offers partial scholarships to help women in select industries participate in world-class leadership courses.

Partial scholarships valued at \$700 – \$3,000 are now available for one of four leadership development programs. These programs are designed to help women increase their impact, progress their careers, and step into leadership roles.

Women & Leadership Australia is administering a national initiative to support the development of female leaders throughout the country.

### Sail Our Way Participation Grant Program

**Funding Provider:** She Sails

**Amount:** Up to \$1,500

**Closes:** 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026

CLOSING SOON

**Apply:** <https://www.shesails.org.au/sailourway/sail-our-way-grants>

Supports clubs and class associations to create safe, inclusive and welcoming environments where women and girls can thrive in sailing.

Women and girls continue to face barriers to participating in sport — often shaped by longstanding gender inequities. The Sail Our Way Participation Grant Program, an initiative of Australian Sailing and proudly funded through a successful grant from the Department of Health and Aged Care, is working to change that.

Round 2 of the Sail Our Way grant is now open, providing affiliated sailing clubs and class associations with further opportunity to create safe, inclusive and welcoming environments where women and girls can thrive — on and off the water.

## 100 Women Grants

**Funding Provider:** 100 Women

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** \$25,000 - \$50,000

**Closes:** 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://100women.org.au/grants/>

Awards grants to organisations that advance the safety, health, education and economic freedom of women and girls.

100 Women is a collaborative giving circle that amplifies the giving power of everyday people to create significant change for women and girls. They are passionate about amplifying giving power and celebrating the life-changing impact we can achieve together. They aim to fund multiple projects through an annual grant program.

## Giving Joy Grants

**Funding Provider:** Giving Joy

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** Up to \$500

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (Closes: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026)

**Apply:** <https://givingjoygrants.org/grant-application>

Offers micro grants to women aged 18 and up from any country in the world.

Your proposed grant activities MUST have a social benefit to your community and MUST go beyond financial aspects of your business. The more social impact you can illustrate through your idea – the better and the greater your chances of winning the grant.

Who can apply for a Giving Joy grant?

- Women ages 18 and up from any country or state or territory in the world.

Do I have to own a business to apply?

- No. You can use the grant to start a new business or expand your existing business. You can also use the grant to start or expand a nonprofit, non-governmental organization (NGO), charity, or propose a specific activity or project you would like to implement.

## Lesbians Inc Community Grants

**Funding Provider:** Lesbians Inc. Australia

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** Up to \$5,000

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Apply:** <https://lincgrants.org.au/grants/>

Aims to benefit the lesbian community in general or one or more groups within the lesbian community.

This year in, 2026 LInc will be holding one grant round, award up to a maximum of \$5,000 per grant. Recipients will be announced in June to coincide with Pride Month.

There is no minimum amount, smaller community projects are encouraged. Linc's focus for this round will be on grassroots, community-led initiatives supporting lesbian, queer, and women's communities.

## SPARK Biz Grants - Women in Business

**Funding Provider:** SPARK Business

**Amount:** \$5,000 - \$10,000

**Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> November 2026

**Apply:** <https://sparkbusiness.global/spark-women-in-business-grants>

Helps women in business grow their profit and impact.

SPARK does this by creating the resources, insights and community for women to shortcut their success. And while they believe you can do a lot on hustle, sometimes girls just need funds. So SPARK are reinvesting their profits back into quarterly grants.

Two grants available:

- \$10,000, awarded to the winner of the public vote

- \$5,000, awarded by a panel of judges.

The funding is to be used for activities that will directly contribute to the growth of your profit or impact.

## Centre for Social Impact Scholarships - The Giving Academy

**Funding Provider:** Centre for Social Impact

**Amount:** \$3,080 - \$4,290

**Closes:** *\*Date not yet confirmed by provider*

**Apply:** <https://www.csi.edu.au/education/the-giving-academy/the-giving-academy-scholarships/>

Offers scholarships to undertake a Giving Academy short course, advancing philanthropic practice across Australia.

Scholarships eligibility has now expanded to include women working across the philanthropy and not-for-profit sectors.

In 2026, as many as 37 scholarships are now available. Women working across the philanthropy and not-for-profit sectors are now eligible to apply, recognising the important role women play in shaping philanthropy in Australia.

## The Invergowrie Foundation Grants

**Funding Provider:** The Invergowrie Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** <https://invergowrie.org.au/about/>

Focuses on the advancement of education of girls and women within Victoria.

The Invergowrie Foundation awards grants that make a significant impact on the education of girls and women in Victoria, enabling access, promoting excellence, advancing leadership and supporting research.

## Utility Relief Grant Scheme

**Funding Provider:** VIC Department of Health & Human Services

**Amount:** Up to \$1,300

**Closes:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** <https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/utility-relief-grant-scheme>

Provides relief grants for paying overdue energy or water bills for low-income Victorians experiencing unexpected hardship.

The grant provides help to pay a mains electricity, gas or water bill that is overdue due to a temporary financial crisis.

You must hold at least one of the following concession cards:

- Pensioner Concession Card
- Health Care Card
- Veterans' Affairs Gold Card.

If you don't have one of these cards but are part of a low-income household, you may also be able to apply. Your retailer will ask you some questions to check if you are eligible before issuing a form.

## Growing Cricket for Girls Fund - Victoria

**Funding Provider:** Cricket Australia

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.cricket.com.au/social-impact-and-sustainability/diversity-and-inclusion/women-and-girls>

Aims to grow female participation sustainably and accelerate opportunities for women and girls in all areas and levels of the game.

To accelerate the growth of cricket for women and girls, Cricket Australia will build on their existing initiatives and are developing a new action plan to drive increased participation, engagement and representation of women and girls at all levels of Australian cricket.

## Innovation Grants

**Funding Provider:** Norman Beischer Medical Research Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$73,000

**Closes:** TBC\*\*\*

**Apply:** <https://nbmrf.org.au/grants/>

Supports and promotes improvements in the reproductive health of women and in the health of their babies and infants.

It actively supports research into obstetrics and gynaecology and the prevention, control and treatment of gynaecological diseases and related problems. This is achieved by funding clinically based scientific research by leading and emerging researchers and by using this research to educate and inform medical practice in Australia and elsewhere.

## Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation

**Funding Provider:** Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$30,000

**Closes:** 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2025

**Apply:** <https://maryjanelewis.com.au/apply/>

Provides equity and merit-based scholarships to young women who might not have otherwise received a university education due to limited financial resources.

The Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation offers scholarships to young women undertaking full-time study at university. It's designed to help girls who have overcome financial constraints and often a challenging home life to become excellent academic performers, with a genuine commitment to living life to its fullest.

## The Queen's Fund Assistance

**Funding Provider:** The Queen's Fund

**Amount:** Up to \$400

**Closes:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.queensfund.org.au/apply>

Supports single women and children in Victoria who are in distress, crisis or emergency situation. Since 1887, The Queen's Fund has been dedicated to supporting single women and children in Victoria who are facing distress, crisis, or emergency situations. Their mission is to provide them with the necessary assistance and resources to help them overcome their challenges.

The Fund can also assist women in need with the cost of education for their children and other costs including uniforms, medical equipment, glasses, school camps, after-school activities etc

## Startmate Women Fellowship

**Funding Provider:** Startmate

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.startmate.com/program/women-fellowship>

Offers a highly impactful IRL bootcamp to pivot your career into startups/tech. With curated workshops, a squad of hand-picked peers, and access to a powerful community, you'll be supercharged to land your dream job quicker than you thought possible.

Since 2021, Startmate have helped 600+ women land their dream role through the Women Fellowship. Previously, this was a virtual program. Now they are taking it IRL, starting in Victoria.

If you are a Victorian-based woman curious about a career pivot or keen to land your dream job in startups/tech, this bootcamp is for you.

## Opportunity Knox

**Funding Provider:** The Zahra Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$500

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://zahrafoundation.org.au/opportunity-knox>

Supports women impacted by domestic abuse who are experiencing financial hardship or facing barriers associated with the costs of gaining and sustaining education or employment.

The Zahra Foundation recognises that financial abuse and disadvantage are some of the biggest barriers to women leaving and remaining free of abusive relationships.

## Escaping Violence Payment Program

**Funding Provider:** UnitingCare

**Amount:** Up to \$5,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/services/family-services/family-violence-services/escaping-violence-payment/>

Offers financial assistance to help those escaping domestic violence to move forward and set up a home free of violence.

Are you, or someone you know, trying to leave or have left intimate partner violence? An intimate partner is someone you have been in a romantic relationship with such as husband, wife, partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend.

That violence can be:

- Physically, verbally or sexually abusive
- Emotionally, spiritually or psychologically abusive
- Economically abusive
- Threatening, coercive, or seeking to control or dominate the other person.

## Play Like A Girl Scholarships

**Funding Provider:** Play Like A Girl Australia

**Amount:** \$1,495

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.playlikeagirlaustralia.com/scholarship>

Provides full scholarships for Play Like A Girl's 5 week leadership challenge course.

As part of their mission to empower and inspire girls to embrace life to the fullest, Play Like A Girl are thrilled to announce 10 scholarships available for their upcoming program. This is your chance to be part of something extraordinary!

If selected, you'll receive a FULLY FUNDED spot in the program, with the entire course fees covered (valued at \$1,495).

## The Alice Anderson Fund

**Funding Provider:** LaunchVic

**Amount:** \$50,000 - \$300,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://launchvic.org/investment/the-alice-anderson-fund/#drawer01357>

Co-invests in women-led startups with private sector investors.

The Alice Anderson Fund will provide between \$50,000 - \$300,000 to 40-60 women-led startups by 2024. The \$10 million angel sidecar fund is managed by LaunchVic.

## Women Fellowship - Scholarships

**Funding Provider:** Startmate

**Amount:** Up to \$3,000

**Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <https://www.startmate.com/women-fellowship>

Offers full and part scholarships to enrol in the Startmate Women Fellowship program for ambitious women looking to supercharge their career in startups. If you are curious about working in a startup, founding your own startup, or investing in startups, the Women Fellowship is for you!

