

## Available Grants August 2011

Our new grants portal is a way for Regional Development Australia Northern Inland to inform communities, businesses and industries within the region of the latest Government, Business and Philanthropic programs available.

### 1. Regional Relocation Grant

Have you got friends in Sydney that envy your relaxed country lifestyle? It's now even easier for them to pack up and come and experience the lifestyle for themselves.

The Regional Relocation Grant is a NSW State Government initiative that provides \$7000 to people who sell a house in Sydney and buy a house in a regional area of NSW.

The grant is available to anyone that sells a property in the LGA areas of metropolitan Sydney as well as the Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury, Gosford, Wyong, Wollondilly, Wollongong and Newcastle. Regional Areas are participating Local Government Areas located outside of these metropolitan areas.

For more information about the Regional Relocation Grant please contact the Office of State Revenue via their website [www.osr.nsw.gov.au/benefits/rrg](http://www.osr.nsw.gov.au/benefits/rrg)

### 2. 'Yes' Optus Community Grants

All not for profit community organisations are invited to apply for the 'Yes' Optus Community Grants. Grants offered are between \$1000 and \$5000 and are open continuously.

These grants are aimed at building social inclusion by providing access to communication and by connecting with disengaged communities. These grants also focus on supporting disengaged youth through the provision of education, knowledge and life skills.

For more information about the 'Yes' Optus Community Grants please go to [www.communitygrants.optus.com.au](http://www.communitygrants.optus.com.au)

### **3. NSW Environmental Trust Restoration and Rehabilitation Grant**

The aim of the Restoration and Rehabilitation (R&R) program is to facilitate projects to prevent or reduce pollution, the waste stream or environmental degradation of any kind, run by community organisations and State and Local Government organisations. Through these projects, they also aim to improve the capacity of communities and organisations to protect, restore and enhance the environment.

The objectives of the R&R Grant are:

- To restore degraded environmental resources, including rare and endangered ecosystems
- To protect important ecosystems and habitats of rare and endangered flora and fauna
- To prevent or minimise future environmental damage
- To enhance the quality of specific environmental resources
- To improve the capacity of eligible organisations to protect, restore and enhance the environment
- To undertake resource recovery and waste avoidance projects and to prevent and/or reduce pollution

Applications for these grants close on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2011 and more information can be found at [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/restoration.htm](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/restoration.htm)

### **4. Small Grants for Small Rural Communities**

Not-for-profit Organisations can apply for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities living in small rural and remote locations in Australia, contributing to their development in social and community welfare, economic, environmental, health, education or cultural areas.

Applications from communities with a population of 10,000 or fewer will receive priority. Priority will also be given to applications that support Activities that support education and youth, culture, arts, tourism and community heritage, communities from areas that are Natural Disaster Declared and community infrastructure such as historic community halls.

Grants will be made in amounts up to \$5000 and applications close 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011. For more information please contact the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal via [info@frrr.org.au](mailto:info@frrr.org.au)

## 5. NRMA Safer Driving School – Road Safety Grants

NRMA Safer driving School Road Safety Grants were established to provide community organisations a share of \$100,000 to implement road safety initiatives which make a real difference at the local level. These grants are available to all government and not for profit organisations in NSW and ACT. Multiple submissions are permitted for different initiatives across different categories. NRMA will review and judge all submissions and decide, in its sole discretion, the successful submissions.

There are seven grant categories:

- 1. General Community – Grants of up to \$5,000 for community based road safety initiatives.** This grant will provide financial support to communities to address local road safety issues. There is no specific target group for this grant. The judges will be looking for interesting and innovative initiatives and education programs which address safety issues for road users of any age, be they drivers, passengers, pedestrians or cyclists.
- 2. High Schools – to support road safety education at school.** This grant assists high schools fund the creation of a road safety project related to any area of the curriculum. It may be a whole school activity or may be specifically targeted to a particular cohort. The judges will be looking for submissions that actively involve students and communicate a strong road safety message. This grant is open to teachers and/or parent representative groups who have received authorisation from the school principal.
- 3. Primary Schools – 10 Grants of \$1,000 to support road safety education at school.** This grant assists high schools fund the creation of a road safety project related to any area of the curriculum. It may be a whole school activity or may be specifically targeted to a particular cohort. The judges will be looking for submissions that actively involve students and communicate a strong road safety message. This grant is open to teachers and/or parent representative groups who have received authorisation from the school principal.
- 4. Interactive Whiteboard presentations – 10 grants of \$1,000 for primary or high schools.** This grant seeks to assist primary schools and high schools with creating digital learning resources in the area of road safety. This grant can be used to release teachers from face-to-face teaching to give them time to create new digital teaching resources. These resources will be shared with other schools across NSW and ACT.
- 5. Youth based organisations – 10 Grants of \$1,000 to support road safety education.** This grant provides youth-based organisations such as university/college groups, sporting clubs, PCYC, Scouts/Guides or schools to create new and innovative road safety programs or initiatives to raise awareness about road safety amongst young people.
- 6. Infants and Preschool – 4 Grants of \$2,500 to keep our youngest road users safe.** This grant will support programs which educate parents, caregivers or the community about how to keep infants and preschoolers safe in cars or as pedestrians.
- 7. Older Road Users – 4 Grants of \$2,500 for programs addressing the needs older road users.** This grant will provide funds for the development and implementation of programs and initiatives focussed on increasing the safety of older road users as drivers, passengers or pedestrians.

For further information, please go to <http://www.mynrma.com.au/about/community-programs-road-safety-grants.htm>

Applications close 25 September 2011.

## 6. The \$25,000 Question

The \$25,000 Question is an annual grant targeted at young people, 35 or under, that awards funding to projects which will benefit rural and regional communities. The key objective is to grow young people's skills in project development and management, providing them with a stepping stone to becoming the future's rural ambassadors. 2011 is the first year that the grant has been opened to all young people in rural and regional NSW who will be under 35 years of age on 1 May 2011.

The \$25,000 Question was established in 2008 and is already funding inspiring projects that are making positive contributions to rural and regional NSW communities.

Applications for 2012 will open in **November 2011**, giving proponents plenty of time to get their submissions ready.

For further information, contact the RAS Foundation on 02 9704 1234 or email [foundation@rasf.org.au](mailto:foundation@rasf.org.au)

## Grant Scammer Alert!!

The Australian Taxation Office is again warning of a telephone scam offering a \$7,000 grant for payment of \$200. The caller claims to be from the tax office and provides a case number and telephone number for you to call back on. If you receive this type of call, please do not provide any personal details or money. As the old adage says "If it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is". For more information on scams and how to avoid them please go to the Federal Government's scam watch website [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

## Other Grants and Funding Opportunities

RDANI has access to many more grants and funding opportunities. A comprehensive list of these grants can be found at [www.grantslink.gov.au](http://www.grantslink.gov.au)

Information on how to write funding applications as well as how to run your project can be found at [www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au](http://www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au)

If you have any enquiries regarding grants or how to apply for them please contact Project Officer Jessica Price-Purnell on (02) 6771 2790 or email [jprice-purnell@rdani.org.au](mailto:jprice-purnell@rdani.org.au)