

Available Grants February 2012

Our 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. Building Community Resilience Grants Program 2012/13

The Building Community Resilience (BCR) Grants program is designed to help local communities take action to counter violent extremism and promote an inclusive and safe Australia.

Australia has a long history of inclusion, multiculturalism and respect for cultural diversity. It is a society based on shared freedoms and tolerance. However, a small number of Australians hold extreme beliefs that run counter to these principles, and some of these individuals may be committed to supporting or engaging in violent extremist acts.

As with many other social issues, communities have a collective responsibility to address the broader long-term causes of violent extremism and the conditions in which they thrive. Therefore, it is important that all Australians work together to reject ideologies that promote violence.

The 2012/13 Building Community Resilience Grants round aims to encourage and empower the Australian Community through education and capacity building to resist the influence of extremism.

Applicants can apply for between \$5,000 and \$100,000 (GST exclusive) of BCR funding and any not-for-profit or local government organisation can apply. Applications close on 16 March 2012 and more information can be found at www.ag.gov.au

2. Love Food Hate Waste Program

In 2010 the Office of Environment and Heritage launched a food waste avoidance program to help raise awareness of the issue of food waste and support simple actions to reduce the amount of food waste in NSW. Love Food Hate Waste encourages us all to waste less food, save money and help the environment. The program is providing local councils, not-for-

profit organisations and community groups the opportunity to apply for grant funding to assist with the implementation and evaluation of local food waste reduction education programs.

Grants of between \$5,000 and \$25,000 are available and the objectives of the program are to:

- Improve individuals knowledge and awareness of the economic and environmental impacts of wasteful food consumption,
- Promote sustainable food skills that avoid food waste, particularly through careful shopping, meal planning and appropriate preparation and storage,
- Encourage new behaviours to better manage food waste,
- Contribute to the NSW target of a 66% reduction in municipal waste by 2014.

By funding local projects the program aims to;

- Increase exposure and awareness of the Love Food Hate Waste message across NSW,
- Encourage innovative local initiatives to reduce household food waste,
- Further establish partnerships and collaboration among organisations keen to reduce food waste,
- Enable your community to learn and practice better food waste avoidance behaviours including those associated with buying, cooking and storing food.

For further information, please go to www.lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au

3. The Catalyst Grant

The Catalyst Grant aims to support an existing social enterprise or social enterprise initiative within a not-for-profit which the Westpac Foundation believes has been and continues to be a catalyst for change.

If you run a social enterprise or social enterprise initiative within a not-for-profit, this grant will be a boost to your commercial activities. It is a reward for your sustainable business model and the example you set in the not-for-profit sector.

The organisation must be not-for-profit and must hold Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status with the Australian Taxation Office. The social enterprise must also generate at least 20% of its income from commercial activity.

If the funding is being sought for a social enterprise initiative within a not-for-profit, the initiative must generate at least 20% of its revenue from commercial activity.

The social enterprise or social enterprise initiative should address one or more of the following areas:

- Support for those Australians who feel socially excluded,
- Support for Indigenous Australians,
- Support for individuals with a mental or physical disability
- The creation of lifelong learning and education leading to employment.

For more information, please visit <http://www.westpac.com.au/about-westpac/sustainability-and-community/westpac-foundation/application-process/#0> the catalyst grant

4. Irrigation Modernisation Planning Assistance

Irrigation Modernisation Planning Assistance provides an opportunity for irrigation water providers who operate water delivery systems within the Murray-Darling Basin to obtain assistance for the development of a modernisation plan.

This funding is made available with the objective of assisting irrigation water providers to identify and consider the range of options available to increase the efficiency of their irrigation systems. This assistance offers applicants funding of up to \$350,000 to complete a modernisation plan.

The scope and detail of a modernisation plan will vary with the particular characteristics of the irrigation district to which it applies. It is expected however, that a modernisation plan will consider the issues affecting the irrigation district in a strategic, integrated manner and include consideration of:

- The structure and governance arrangements of the irrigation water provider
- Planned investment in existing irrigation assets in the irrigation district including supply infrastructure through upgrading, replacement or reconfiguration of the assets
- Customer base and relationships with other water users from the same water supply
- Opportunities to improve knowledge of water use in the system through improvements to metering
- Existing irrigation infrastructure, efficiency of the water delivery system and opportunities for efficiency improvements, including a quantification of estimated water savings from the options explored
- The future strategy for the irrigation water provider and the irrigation district in the short-term (to 2013) and the long-term (to 2030).

For more information on this grant, please visit www.bulletpoint.com.au/irrigation-modernisation-planning-assistance

5. Sports Leadership Grants and Scholarships for Women

Sports Leadership Grants and Scholarships for Women provide development opportunities and training for women to reach their leadership potential within the industry as coaches, officials and administrators.

Grants of up to \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organisations and scholarships of up to \$10,000 per annum are available. They cover the following areas:

- Coaching
- Officiating
- Governance
- Management and administration
- Communications, media and marketing

The Sports Leadership Grants and Scholarships for Women program is an initiative of the Australian Government that is managed by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) in partnership with the Australian Government Office for Women.

Applications for funding will open in March 2012 and further information can be found at www.ausport.gov.au/participating/women/get_involved/grants_and_scholarships

Grant Scammer Alert!!

SCAM Watch is warning Australian consumers to beware of a fake website claiming to be the official Australian Government Department of Climate Change website.

The copied site appears to be identical to the Department of Climate Change site but has a different address.

The correct address is www.climatechange.gov.au

To protect yourself, keep the following in mind:

- Australian Government websites use the '.gov.au' extension. Never .com, .org or .net
- If you know what the correct website address should be then ensure you check the address in any emails sent to you
- Government services are never paid for via wire transfer
- The Australian Government website, www.australia.gov.au is a safe portal for finding government services

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

Information on how to write funding applications as well as how to run your project can be found at 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