

Available Grants January 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. Filling the Research Gap

The purpose of this program is to support research into emerging abatement technologies, strategies and innovative management practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the land sector, increase soil carbon and enhance sustainable agricultural practices.

The Filling the Research Gap program will build on research undertaken through the Climate Change Research Project (CCRP). Research projects will draw on industry, scientific and government sectors to ensure that:

- Sufficient expertise and experience is brought together to achieve outcomes that will make a difference.
- Commercial realities are taken into account to improve the transition from applied research to demonstration of commercial applications.

Research projects will target current research gaps around abatement technologies and practices.

Research priorities for funding under round one of the Filling the Research Gap program are:

- Reducing methane emissions,
- Reducing nitrous oxide emissions,
- Increasing soil carbon levels,
- Improved modelling capability.

WHO CAN APPLY: Applicants must be an Australian company, business, research organisation, government agency or department.

For further information, please go to

<http://www.daff.gov.au/climatechange/carbonfarmingfutures/ftrg> Applications close on 3rd February 2012

2. Aussie Farmers Foundation Grants

The Aussie Farmers Foundation aims to support initiatives which will make a difference to the health and wellbeing of Australian rural and regional communities.

The Foundation aims to partner with best practice organisations around Australia who are delivering services in rural and regional Australia, where there has been an identified need of assistance. The Foundation is interested in community focused activities which will make a real and measurable improvement to rural and regional communities; activities which are based on consultation or input from the community.

To be eligible to apply for this grant of up to \$50,000, organisations must be charitable with Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Status as deemed by the Australian Taxation Office.

The Expression of Interest Process closes on 3rd February 2012. For more information, please go to <http://www.aussiefarmersfoundation.org.au>

3. Public Awareness Program

The Public Awareness program (PAP) is designed to fund initiatives that raise public awareness in the wider community of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island culture and issues.

This program has two elements:

- Public Awareness Grants
- Funding for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) activities.

PUBLIC AWARENESS GRANTS: These grants are awarded to selected activities that are capable of reaching a significant audience of non-Indigenous people. The program provides supplementary funding and is not intended to finance the whole project. Its broad aims are:

- To promote to the wider community an understanding of, and respect for, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures,
- To encourage in the wider community the development of positive attitudes towards Indigenous Australians,
- To inform the wider community about contemporary issues that affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and communities.

NAIDOC ACTIVITIES GRANTS: These grants provide funding for NAIDOC activities as part of the annual celebrations held across Australia. These celebrations, usually held in July of each year, celebrate Indigenous traditions and date back to the 1950s.

For more information, please go to

http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/progserv/engagement/Pages/public_awareness_program.aspx

4. Business.gov.au – The Australian Government’s Principal Business Resource

If you are a business owner then chances are you have at some stage, wondered what sort of funding is available to you, however the search for funding can be quite time consuming and difficult. The Australian Government has developed a grants and assistance finder to help make the search easier than ever.

Grants and other funding programs are available from the Australian, state and territory governments, and in some cases from local councils. Generally there are few grants available for establishing a business, and those that are available are competitive or are only available under specific circumstances. However, there are grants and other forms of assistance available for activities such as expanding your business, research and development, innovation and exporting.

This site also provides information regarding financial counselling and other business advisory services.

To explore the funding opportunities available for your business, please go to www.business.gov.au/Grantfinder/Grantfinder.aspx

5. Australia Council – Community Partnerships (Creative Communities Initiative)

This program supports opportunities for Australians to participate in meaningful arts and cultural activities in the places where they live, encouraging innovation and enhancing community wellbeing.

The objectives of this program are:

- To increase opportunities for individuals and communities to actively participate in excellent artistic practices
- To deliver innovative community based arts programs with long term outcomes through arts and non-arts partnerships
- To stimulate innovation across organisations, governments and in communities in the use of the arts to address issues of community wellbeing
- Undertake effective and appropriate evaluation, so as to increase understanding of the contribution of the community arts and cultural development sector.

The initiative must address at least one of the Community Partnerships priority areas that cover a range of geographic, demographic and social contexts. These priority areas serve to

focus effective use of the resources of community partnerships and include Regional Australia, disability, young people, cultural diversity, emerging communities, Indigenous people, remote Indigenous communities and specific critical social and cultural issues requiring focused attention.

Proposals may include a range of diverse but related activities and are for total amounts of between \$50,000 and \$600,000. Only organisations may apply.

For more information, please go to www.australiacouncil.gov.au

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