

## Grants Newsletter

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. Law and Justice Grants Program

The aim of the Law & Justice Grants Program is to improve access to justice, particularly for socially and economically disadvantaged people, by supporting selected projects to improve access and decrease barriers to justice, or through research, to identify need or ways to improve access to justice.

The program has 2 streams:

- 1. Small Grants** - These are grants of \$5,000 or less (excluding GST) and are approved by the Director of the Foundation rather than the Board. Small grants can be applied for at any time and the turnaround from application to decision is usually about eight weeks.
- 2. General Grants** - These are grants of more than \$5,000 and are capped at \$50,000. General grants can be applied for twice a year. The first round closes on 31 March and the second round closes on **31 August**.

The Foundation only accepts applications from organisations (with an ABN), not from individuals and preference will be given to applications initiated at the community level or with substantial community input.

The Foundation welcomes joint applications from more than one organisation, although the application needs to be under the auspices of a single incorporated organisation, which will take responsibility for managing the project and administering the funds.

For more information, please contact the Law Foundation [grants@lawfoundation.net.au](mailto:grants@lawfoundation.net.au) or [www.lawfoundation.net.au](http://www.lawfoundation.net.au)

## 2. Royal Agricultural Society Rural Scholarships

Rural Scholarships lend a helping hand to anyone wanting to make a difference in their rural community. You can be studying any subject and be of any age, all you need is the desire to contribute to a better future for rural NSW. Winners will receive one of numerous scholarships of \$1,500 (if a part time student) or \$5,000 (if a full time student). Of the 37 scholarships already awarded, areas of study have varied from Engineering and Dentistry to Rural Science and Childcare. Rural Scholarships are available for TAFE, college or university studies.

Applications close 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011 for the 2012 academic year. For more information please go to [www.rasf.org.au](http://www.rasf.org.au)

## 3. Prop Ups – Regional Arts NSW

Prop Ups is a Quick Response Grants Program aimed at supporting innovative performing arts programming in regional communities in NSW and encouraging new performance initiatives and audience development. The objectives of this program are to support performance related community cultural development in regional and rural New South Wales through small grants that:

- Assist locally determined community cultural activities.
- Increase opportunities for regionally-based groups to access a diverse range of arts programs.
- Enable communities to explore and express their cultural identities.
- Bring social and economic benefits to the community through training, employment and promotional opportunities.
- Lead to greater awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity.

The following groups are eligible to apply:

- Incorporated not-for-profit organisations and local government authorities.
- Groups/Ensembles, unincorporated associations with a nominated auspicing body.
- Tertiary institutions for community based projects only.
- P & C committees and other incorporated bodies for community projects involving school students.

High priority is given to projects which address key focus areas, determined by each regions overall needs e.g.: small or under-resourced communities, communities affected by geographic, socio-economic or cultural isolation, project involving youth, indigenous and or disability groups. These grants are open throughout the year.

For further information please contact Regional Arts NSW [funding@regionalartsnsw.com.au](mailto:funding@regionalartsnsw.com.au) or [www.regionalartsnsw.com.au](http://www.regionalartsnsw.com.au)

## 4. Kookaburra Awards

The Kookaburra Awards offer prizes to individuals and organisations and projects that really make a difference – that stretch people’s vision of what’s possible in Australian society today.

Overview – Somebody has to bring change. Someone, or something, has to make us change. At times, we might think of people as ratbags, stirrers, or worse. We call them or their organisations radical, or subversive, or infuriatingly single-minded. We look at what they’re doing and dismiss it as pointless, or an unnecessary distraction from the real issues, or just a stunt. But they made a difference in the world. There are no strict rules around the scale of their endeavours, or the geography, or even whether they won the battle this time round. *Our Community* want to know that they fought the good fight, that they told truth to power, and that what they have done will carry on.

In 2011, there are three prizes:

- 1. The Individual Category** – is for a person working for or through or in collaboration with an Australian community organisation (not looking for an isolated thinker, but a guide and a leader) to change the community for the better. It’s not about being a saint, a guru; it’s about being someone who can bring ordinary people along with a movement to change their lives, and ours).
- 2. The Community Grant Category** – is for an Australian community organisation – that is, a not for profit organisation (incorporated or unincorporated), society, club or group. It’s not about being the biggest, or the best resourced, or the highest-profile group, it’s about being a group that does what it does brilliantly – and the one that stands out as a beacon of innovative community leadership and works to change things for the better.
- 3. The Project Category** – for a project done by a community group, a business, a school, a local government authority – anyone or anybody – that has changed the community for the better. It’s about projects that have changed people’s lives.

For more information about the 2011 Kookaburra Awards, please call Lisa on (03) 9320 6820 or email [lisar@ourcommunity.com.au](mailto:lisar@ourcommunity.com.au).

## 5. Intervention Support Program

The aim of the program is to provide support that is supplementary to improve the educational opportunities, learning outcomes and personal development of children with disabilities.

- 1. Capital Grants for Projects at Non-Government Centres.** This program provides capital grants for projects that are integral to programs designed to improve

educational outcomes for children (birth to 18 years) with disabilities by improving their participation and achievement. **Closing date is 26 August 2011.**

- 2. Young Children with Disabilities** – Main Funding Round. This program supports learning and educational development opportunities for children with disabilities who are below school age (birth to 6 years), who are attending non-profit early childhood settings which prepares them or supports their integration into regular preschools and schools. Funding is distributed on a calendar year basis and applications open in August for return on the last Friday of September to apply for support for children for the following year. **Closing date is 30 September 2011.**
- 3. Young Children with Disabilities** – Late Funding Round. A limited amount of funding is set aside for funding for children with disabilities who enrol in mainstream early childhood settings after the September closing date. As a limited amount of funding is available, mainstream settings are strongly encouraged to apply for all known enrolments by the September closing date. There are no guarantees that all late enrolment applications can be funded. Mainstream settings refer to the placement of children with disabilities into educational programs for and with children without disabilities. Funding is distributed on a calendar year basis. It is anticipated that the ISP Online Service will be available in early February 2011 for organisations to submit applications. **Closing date is 2 March 2012.**
- 4. Children in Residential Care.** This program supports out of school hours educational programs for children (birth to 18 years) with disabilities in residential care. Funding is distributed on a calendar year basis and applications open in August for return on the last Friday of September to apply for support for children for the following year. **Closing date is 30 September 2011.**
- 5. Non School Organisations.** This funding is only available for those organisations currently funded under the NSO component. This program assists in the provision of services which supports children (4 to 18 years) with severe disabilities to access appropriate educational programs in government and Catholic schools, e.g. itinerant programs, specialist support staff. Funding is distributed on a calendar year basis and applications open in August for return on the last Friday of September to apply for support for children for the following year. **Closing date is 30 September 2011.**

For more information, please go to [www.det.nsw.edu.au/eas/isp/#NonSchoolOrganisations](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eas/isp/#NonSchoolOrganisations)

## 6. NAB Schools First

NAB Schools First is brought to life by NAB in partnership with the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) and the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). At its heart, NAB Schools First brings together students, teachers, parents and community members to help young people grow. Launched in October 2008 by the Hon. Julia Gillard, MP, NAB Schools First is a national awards program pledging \$15 million over three years.

The program provides:

- Financial recognition of success in establishing effective school-community partnerships; and
- Financial support to build stronger school-community partnerships.

In its first two years, 195 school-community partnerships have benefited from NAB Schools First with over \$10 million in funding provided to enhance and develop these school-community partnerships.

Any school in Australia can apply for a NAB Schools First Award. To date, over 20% of Australian schools have applied for a NAB Schools First Award.

There are three types of awards: Impact Awards, Seed Funding Awards, and our new Student Award. For more information about the NAB Schools First program, please go to [www.schoolsfirst.edu.au](http://www.schoolsfirst.edu.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)