

## Available Grants October 2011

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. Co-operatives Development Grants Program

This program aims to provide funding for feasibility studies, education and research projects that assist the New South Wales co-operative sector to grow and remain a viable form of delivery for the state government's economic and social justice policy objectives.

Funding is available on a dollar for dollar basis for up to 50% of the project cost to potential and existing co-operatives to assist in assessing feasibility and developing opportunities for enhancing viability.

Funding of \$100,000 per annum is available. The following may be eligible to apply:

- Co-operatives incorporated under the Co-operative Act 1992
- Enterprises or a group of people that are wishing to ascertain the feasibility of establishing a co-operative under the Co-operative Act 1992
- Registered Trade Unions
- Universities, TAFEs, other academic institutions and research bodies
- Government councils, agencies and instrumentalities

For more information on the Co-operatives Development Grants Program please go to [www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au)

### 2. Community Building Partnerships

This program provides funds for community groups and local councils to invest in community infrastructure throughout the state of NSW.

This year the NSW Government will contribute a further \$34.5 million to community projects by investing \$300,000 in each electoral district with an additional \$100,000 for electorates with relatively higher unemployment.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Improve local community participation and cohesion through the delivery of social, environmental or recreational services or activities by enhancement of community infrastructure
- Improve opportunities for people from disadvantaged or otherwise isolated groups to be included in community activities

Community groups, not-for-profit organisations, non-government organisations and local councils are all encouraged to apply. Applications for the Community Building Partnerships close on October 31<sup>st</sup> 2011.

For more information please go to [www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au](http://www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au)

### **3. Employment Assistance Fund**

This program aims to help people with a disability and their employers with financial assistance to purchase modifications and work related services, which are required by a person with a disability to perform their job. Assistance must be clearly directed to the specific work related needs of the participant, worker or individual with a disability.

Employers, people with a disability and employment service providers may be eligible to apply. In order to be eligible for assistance a person with a disability must be employed for at least 8 hours per week in a job that is expected to last for at least three months. In addition, the employee will:

- Have an ongoing disability that has lasted, or is likely to last, for two years or more
- Have a disability that results in a limitation, restriction or impairment affecting their everyday activities that requires a work related adjustment
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Be employed under a legal industrial agreement that complies with the minimum standards established by Federal, State or Territory laws

Funding is available for amounts up to \$30,000 and are available on an ongoing basis. For more information please go to [www.jobaccess.gov.au](http://www.jobaccess.gov.au)

### **4. Australia Council – Community Partnerships**

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

The objectives of this program are to:

- Deliver innovative community based arts programs with long term outcomes through arts and non-arts partnerships
- 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

This may be undertaken in partnership with other organisations, institutions, government departments and/or individuals.

Proposals may include a range of diverse but related activities and are for total amounts between \$50,000 and \$600,000. For more information please visit [www.australiscouncil.gov.au](http://www.australiscouncil.gov.au)

## 5. Community Awareness Grants – DonateLife Week

This program assists organisations with projects or activities that contribute to improving awareness and engagement of the Australian community, the non-government sector, donor families and others involved in increasing organ and tissue donation during DonateLife Week 2012.

It is part of an ongoing awareness and education program which is aimed at empowering Australians to discover the facts about organ and tissue donation in order to become informed and make decisions about becoming an organ and tissue donor, and for all Australian families to discuss and know each other's donation wishes.

The national theme for DonateLife Week 2012 is "Ask and know your loved ones' wishes".

Total funding of up to \$300,000 is available. The following organisations may be eligible for funding:

- Non-government organisations and professional bodies
- Community based not-for-profit organisations
- Local Government Associations
- Commercial organisations proposing activities with a not-for-profit focus

Activities should have a broad appeal across the general community or specific appeal to young adults (18-29).

Projects must be undertaken during DonateLife Week (Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012). For more information please go to [www.donatelife.gov.au](http://www.donatelife.gov.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)