

## Available Grants September 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. Local Sporting Champions (Round Three)

Young people, particularly those from regional areas, find it difficult to meet the significant and ongoing costs associated with participation in high level sporting events.

The Local Sporting Champions program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12-18 towards travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official National Sporting Organisation (NSO) endorsed state or national sporting championship or a School Sport Australia national championship.

#### Who is Eligible?

The Local Sporting Champions program is designed to support young people participating in state and national level sporting championships as an athlete, coach, umpire or referee.

To be eligible for a local sporting champion grant, young people must meet the following criteria:

- Be between 12 and 18 years of age (inclusive) at the time of the nominated sporting championship.
- Be participating as an athlete, coach, umpire or referee in:
  - An official state championships endorsed by the relevant Australian Sports Commission (ASC) recognised National Sporting Organisation (NSO), or
  - An official national championships endorsed by the relevant Australian Sports Commission (ASC) recognised National Sporting Organisation (NSO), or
  - A national school sport championships endorsed by School Sports Australia
- Applications must be completed and submitted to the Australian Sports Commission prior to the championship commencing.
- Travel greater than 250km return to participate in the championship.
- Be an Australian Citizen.

- Must not have received a Local Sporting Champions grant for an event held during the current financial year, whether as an individual or as part of a team.
- Must not have received funding from another funding program administered by the Australian Sports Commission for the nominated championships.
- The nominated championships must not be a professional competition that involves prize money greater than \$500.00

Round three will close **31 October 2011**. For further information and more detail on how to apply, please go to the Australian Sports Commission website

[http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools\\_and\\_juniors/get\\_involved/local\\_sporting\\_champions](http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools_and_juniors/get_involved/local_sporting_champions)

## 2. Max E Grant

This program seeks to help children get the most out of their education through better participation, especially for families struggling to equip their children with the resources required for their schooling. It enables education providers to nominate children for assistance. This program provides funding of up to \$5000.

### Who can apply?

- Community groups
- Schools
- Kindergartens
- Day care centres

### Eligible Activities

The application can be for an individual child or for a group of children, to provide for the following:

- Uniforms
- School supplies/equipment
- School books/texts
- Sporting equipment/uniforms
- Tutoring
- School fees
- Excursions
- Extra-curricular activities

For more information on the Max E Grant and instructions on how to apply, please go to [www.bmaxe.com.au](http://www.bmaxe.com.au)

### 3. FRRR Helping Hands

FRRR Helping Hands offers grants of up to \$50,000 to benefit people in rural and remote Australia. Not-for-profit organisations can apply for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities, contributing to their development in social and community welfare, economic, environmental, health, education and cultural areas.

Projects must be for a charitable purpose (benefit the whole community). Organisations should also have an ABN. Organisations demonstrating community partnerships will be preferred to multiple applications from one community.

Preference will be given to projects that support:

- Community infrastructure
- Capacity building
- Health or community services
- Access to education or training
- Innovative business ventures
- Environment

Applications from communities with a population of 10,000 or less will receive preference. This grant closes on **27 October 2011**

For more information about FRRR Helping Hands and instructions on how to apply, please go to the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal's website [www.frrr.org.au/programsDetail.asp?ProgramID=15](http://www.frrr.org.au/programsDetail.asp?ProgramID=15)

### 4. 2012 RAS Rural Achiever Award

The RAS Rural Achiever Award is a state wide leadership program run by the Royal Agricultural Society (RAS) of NSW to recognise future young leaders who are working hard to make a significant contribution to their local community and to rural NSW.

In its 23<sup>rd</sup> year, the RAS Rural Achiever Award continues to offer opportunities to the new generation of agriculture for personal development and the chance to make great contacts and network with agricultural industry leaders.

As well as the opportunity for personal development, and the chance to make great contacts and network with industry leaders, the eight chosen finalists all receive:

- A share in \$17,000 prize money, kindly provided by The Land Newspaper and the RAS of NSW
- An all-expenses paid, behind the scenes experience at the Sydney Royal Easter Show

- Nine days accommodation at Sydney Olympic Park
- 12 month RAS membership
- The opportunity to be selected for the Woolworths Agricultural Business Scholarship Program

Applications for the 2012 RAS Rural Achievers Award close **18 October 2011**

For further information about the RAS Rural Achiever Award and application details, please go to [www.sydneyroyal.com.au/ruralachiever.htm](http://www.sydneyroyal.com.au/ruralachiever.htm)

## 5. Emerging Renewables Program

The \$126 million Emerging Renewables Program will support promising new renewable energy and enabling technologies and reflects the Australian Centre for Renewable Energy (ACRE) board's strategic directions.

The key feature of the Emerging Renewables Program is its potential to consider a broad range of renewable energy technology projects and measures, without a specific set of criteria for each technology sector, or a specific requirement for the stage of the technologies' progress along the technology innovation chain towards commercialisation. Each application will be solely judged on its merits.

The Emerging Renewables Program will support emerging renewable energy and enabling technologies in two funding categories:

- ACRE Projects – for renewable energy and enabling technologies and products as they move through the technology innovation chain and to lower the cost of renewable energy in Australia
- ACRE Measures – for renewable energy industry capacity building and skills development

For more information about the Emerging Renewables Program and instructions on how to apply, please go to [www.acre.gov.au](http://www.acre.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)