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Edition December 2020

Welcome to the final edition of *Indi Grants* for 2020.

Providing information about Commonwealth and State Government's bushfire grants and support programs has been one of my priorities this year, and I will continue to update you as announced funding is rolled out into 2021.

I am very pleased to have successfully advocated for an extension to the closing date for applications for the \$10,000 Small Business Bushfire Support Grants and the Emergency Bushfire Primary Industries Grants of up to \$75,000. Applications must now be in by 31 Jan 2021. I strongly encourage businesses and primary producers not to self-assess, but to seek further information as indicated in the links provided.

I hope that you find this newsletter helpful. My aim is to ensure that Indi has the most-up-to-date, comprehensive information about the widest range of funding opportunities. I also encourage you to regularly visit my [website](#) – you can search the [Indi Funding Finder](#) anytime, and also find a suite of videos and tools to help you successfully apply for grants.

As we make way for 2021, I look forward to continuing to work with you, your communities and businesses so that we can map a successful year ahead – with renewed vigour and optimism for the best future in Indi.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen'.

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BUSHFIRE RECOVERY

Bushfire Recovery Grants for Community Facilities

The Bushfire Recovery Grants for Community Facilities (up to \$50,000) will support community groups who want help to build, upgrade or repair important local facilities that everyone can use.

Examples of projects that could be funded through the community facilities grants include upgrades to kitchens or bathrooms at local halls, repairs to fix damage, or new facilities such as playgrounds, community gardens and small pavilions.

[Click here for more information](#)

Closes: June 30, 2022

Small Business Bushfire Support Program

The Victorian and Commonwealth Governments provide Small Business Bushfire Support Grants of up to \$10,000 to support small businesses who have experienced a significant loss of income due to the Victorian bushfires that commenced 21 November 2019.

These grants are available to small businesses in the local council areas of Alpine, East Gippsland, Indigo, Mansfield, Towong, Wellington and the Rural City of Wangaratta. Grant assistance is also available to small businesses who work within the eligible disaster areas on a regular basis, provided they can demonstrate significant impact.



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Closes: 31 January 2021 – Extended.

Environment Restoration Fund: Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation

The purpose of the program is to provide funding of \$5,000 - \$1,000,000 to support wildlife rehabilitators (including community wildlife carer organisations, veterinarians, animal hospitals, zoos, local shelter operators and foster carers) to rescue, treat and rehabilitate wildlife impacted by bushfires and return them into suitable natural environments or otherwise take care of them.

It will also support actions to preserve at-risk populations of threatened species impacted by destruction of their habitat through bushfire.

[Click here for more information](#)

Closes: November 29, 2020

Emergency Bushfire Primary Industries Grants

Grants of up to \$75,000 are now available to eligible primary producers impacted by the Victorian Bushfires commencing 21 November 2019.

The support is available to bushfire affected primary producers in the local government areas of Ararat, Alpine, Ballarat, East Gippsland, Glenelg, Golden Plains, Greater Bendigo, Indigo, Mansfield, Moyne, Northern Grampians, Pyrenees, Southern Grampians, Strathbogie, Towong, Wangaratta, Wellington and Wodonga, and the alpine areas of Falls Creek, Mount Buller, Mount Hotham and Mount Stirling.

Grants may be used to cover the costs associated with clean up and reinstatement of the entity, as detailed in the guidelines.

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Closes: 31 January 2021 – Extended

Forestry Recovery Development Fund Program

The objectives of the \$40 million program are:

- deliver funding to privately owned wood processing facilities that have been directly or indirectly impacted by the 2019-20 bushfires, and
- enable wood processing facilities to develop new processing lines for their business, including upgrades to existing facilities and technologies, and new facilities that complement existing activities.

[Click here for more information](#)

Reconstruct –Free rooftop solar system

To be eligible to apply for a free rooftop solar system under the REConstruct program, you are required to be a community-based organisation which has infrastructure that is located in a bushfire-affected region and has been adversely affected by the bushfires.

Broadly, allocations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.

[Click here for more information](#)

Red Cross Bushfire Assistance Grants

- Emergency Grants
- Injury Grant
- Primary Residence Repair Grant
- Re-establishment Grants

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Closing date extended 31 December 2020



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Salvation Army Grants

- Harship Recovery Grant
- Loss of Residence Grant
- Bendigo Bank & The Salvation Army Education and Workplace Pathways Grant

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AGRICULTURE

Traceability Grants Program - Round 2 – Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

This program provides opportunities to conduct projects that will enhance the supply chain traceability systems and arrangements that support the export of our agricultural commodities.

Grants of \$20,000 minimum are available to;

- Support industry projects that will enhance our agricultural supply chain traceability systems, including developing and trialing technologies that digitise information flow.
- Provide an advantage for our exporters in overseas markets to assist them in maintaining their competitive edge.
- Increase opportunities to export Australian commodities

[Click here for more information](#)

Closes: 21 January 2021

ARTS/CULTURAL/CREATIVE

Screen Industry Location Incentive

The objective of the Location Incentive is to ensure that Australia remains competitive in attracting large budget international film and television productions, thereby providing opportunities for Australian cast, crew, post-production companies

and other screen production service providers to participate in production.

The Location Incentive will provide funding of \$540 million over eight years from 2019-20. Grants will be provided to large budget international screen productions undertaking filming in Australia that perform strongly against the assessment criteria.

[Click here for more information](#)

Closes: June 30, 2027

REGIONAL ARTS FUND – Quick Response Grants

RAF Quick Response Grants – up to \$2,000 for Individuals, \$4,000 for organisations

Quick Response Grants are intended to assist regional artists, arts organisations and communities to take up professional or skills development or small project opportunities.

This program has been set up to be responsive to projects that fall outside the scope of other funding opportunities. Applicants must clearly explain why there is no other suitable funding program for their project.

The Quick Response Grant program is open to applications on an ongoing basis by financial quarter. There will be up to four allocations per year. They will be open on an ongoing basis.

All Quick Response Grants must be completed by 1 January 2022. Project start date must be at least 30 business days from submission date.

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Screen Australia

Screen Australia has a range of funding opportunities for production, industry support and development, including;-

- Covid 19 Industry Support
- Children's Program Production
- Document development



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- Feature Film production
- International Marketing support – Festivals and Awards
- and more....

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Closes: various dates

Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Support 2020/21 Grant Round

Funding will be provided to eligible organisations for activities that best contribute to delivery of the following Program outcomes:

- a professional, viable and ethical Indigenous visual arts industry that features strong participation and provides economic opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- the continued production, exhibition, critique, purchase and collection of Indigenous visual art.

[Click here for more information](#)

Closes: 19 February 2021

Arts projects for individuals and groups – Australian Council for the Arts

This program funds a range of activities that deliver benefits to the arts sector and wider public, including national and international audiences. Grants are available from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Supported activities must last no longer than two years from the proposed start date.

[Click here for more information](#)

Closes: 2 March 2021

DIGITAL LITERACY

Building Digital Skills

Building Digital Skills grants help organisations to start up and continue delivering their Be Connected digital literacy programs.

The grant is available to new and existing organisations in the Be Connected Network, with six contract sizes available to apply for, depending on how many people you are willing to support and whether you have supported learners with a previous Be Connected grant before.

Use the Building Digital Skills grant funding on anything that will help you support older Australians complete 2 courses or 10 activities on the Be Connected Learning Portal.

[Click here for more information](#)

Closes: 18 December 2020

EXPORT BUSINESSES

Global Gateway Program

Eligible Victorian businesses can apply for a one-off grant of up to \$50,000 to identify and engage professional service providers to deliver project activities to support their export recovery.

Activities may include marketing and promotion, market access and marketing intelligence. Businesses must make a minimum co-contribution of 20 per cent of the project.

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Closes: 17 Jan 2021

HEALTH

Perinatal Mental Health and Wellbeing Program - Emerging Priorities

The purpose of the Emerging Priorities grant opportunity is to address national gaps in perinatal



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mental health and wellbeing service delivery through the delivery of new initiatives that complement and enhance existing services.

The objectives of the grant opportunity are to:

- deliver national perinatal mental health initiatives for expectant and new parents experiencing or at risk of perinatal mental illness, including activities aimed at improving access to support services for underserved groups and vulnerable sectors of communities across Australia;
- deliver national prevention and early intervention support services for parents at risk of perinatal mental illness following birth trauma, miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death to prevent the development of mental illness;
- deliver training and education initiatives aimed at the improvement of perinatal mental health and wellbeing service delivery; and
- deliver awareness, information and stigma reduction initiatives for perinatal mental health and wellbeing.

[Click here for more information](#)

Closes: 11 Jan 2021

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Australia-India Council Grants Program

The Australia-India Council (AIC) seeks to advance Australia's foreign and trade policy interests by building awareness and understanding between the peoples and institutions of Australia and India.

Grants will be provided to a number of small and medium projects (up to a maximum of \$150,000 each) that demonstrate a clear capacity to maximise impact by fostering collaborations that lead to positive bilateral engagement.

[Click here for more information](#)

Closes: 18 January 2021

MANUFACTURING

Manufacturing Modernisation Fund – Round 2

Round 2 will run over 3 years (2020-21 to 2022-23) and grants of \$100,000 - \$1,000,000 will support transformative investments in technologies and processes including:

- buying, constructing, installing or commissioning of manufacturing plant and equipment
- integrating production-related software that is directly related to your capital investment
- relevant training and skills development to assist you to integrate the new technology into your business, including upskilling and accreditation in advanced processes
- process design and engineering directly related to your capital investment
- fit-out, alterations and/or extensions to buildings directly related to your capital investment.

[Click here for more information](#)

Closes: 21 Jan 2021 5.00 p.m.

NATIONAL HERITAGE

Australian Heritage Grants 2020-21 Grant Opportunity

The Australian Heritage Grants Program provides grants between \$25,000 and \$400,000 for eligible projects that aim to improve recognition, conservation, preservation and access to the heritage values of National Heritage Listed places. The program also aims to increase community engagement and raise awareness of listed sites.

[Click here for more information](#)

Closes: 07 Jan 2021.



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NATURAL RESOURCES

Supporting Australia's Exhibiting Zoos and Aquariums Program

The Program will provide assistance to eligible exhibiting zoos, aquariums and wildlife parks to help sustain these important tourism attractions at a time when tourism turnover has been impacted by travel restrictions and social distancing measures designed to limit the spread of COVID-19.

The objective of the Program is to assist eligible exhibiting zoos, aquariums and wildlife parks to maintain their animal populations by assisting with animal welfare costs such as feed, enclosure, health and other specialised care and utilities directly related to the housing and caring for animals.

[Click here for more information](#)

Closes: 31 March 2021

Environment Restoration Fund - Safe Havens Grants

Safe havens are areas where invasive predators such as feral cats and foxes have been permanently removed from fenced areas and islands to provide long term protection for native wildlife.

The objective of this program is to reduce extinction risk to nationally listed threatened species through strategic expansion of the safe haven network.

The maximum grant is \$1.8 million.

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Closes: 11 January 2021

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Building Better Regions Fund – Community Investments Stream – Round Five

Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) aims to:

- drive economic growth
- build stronger regional communities into the future.

For Round Five a total of \$200 million is available, with \$100 million dedicated to tourism-related infrastructure projects.

The *Community Investments Stream* will fund new or expanded local events, strategic regional plans, or leadership and capability strengthening activities that provide economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas.

Infrastructure projects are not eligible under the Community Investments Stream.

For most projects grant funding will be up to either 50% or 75% of your eligible project costs. Your location will determine the percentage of grant funding you can receive.

You may apply for a partial or full exemption to your cash contribution if you can demonstrate that you are experiencing exceptional circumstances.

For small projects with a total grant amount of equal to or less than \$20,000, grant funding will be up to 100% of eligible project costs.

Your project will need to deliver economic and social benefits to a regional or remote community.

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Closes: 5 March 2021



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RENEWABLES

Traditional Owner Renewable Energy Program – TOREP

The \$1.1 million Traditional Owner Renewable Energy Program (TOREP) will make available grant funding to all 11 of Victoria's current Registered Aboriginal Parties.

The aim is to hear directly from Victoria's Traditional Owners and support plans and projects for the uptake of renewable energy generation and storage, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and deliver social and economic benefits to Aboriginal Victorians.

Each Traditional Owner Corporation (TOC) is eligible for up to \$100,000 in funding to formulate plans and aspirations within the renewable energy sector and build a long-term legacy to feed into self-determination processes for Traditional Owners.

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Closes: 26 Feb 2021

SCHOLARSHIPS

Bendigo Bank Indigenous Scholarship Program

This \$5000 scholarship is for students who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

- It is for first-year students in 2021 studying at an Australian university or TAFE
- You need to study full-time in 2021 in an approved Australian course
- You need to reside in Australia while undertaking your studies
- You can be a recent school leaver or a mature age student looking to study in 2021.

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Closes: 29 Jan 2021

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program

The program aims to preserve Australia's wartime heritage; involve people around the nation in a wide range of projects and activities that highlight the service and sacrifice of Australia's service personnel in wars, conflicts and peace operations; and promote appreciation and understanding of the experiences of service and the roles that those who served have played in shaping the nation.

There are two categories of grants available under the program:

- Community Grants (STS-CG)

Grants to a maximum of \$10,000 are available for local, community-based projects and activities.

Major Grants (STS-MG)

Grants between \$10,001 and \$150,000 are available for major commemorative projects and activities that are significant from a national, state, territory and/or regional perspective.

[Click here for more information](#)

Closes: February 11, 2021

Supporting Younger Veterans (SYV) Grants Program

The Australian Government is inviting applications through a targeted competitive process to apply for grant funding under the SYV program.

The objectives of the program are to:

- deliver services to the younger veterans' community that build community capacity for the future and complement services already provided by the Commonwealth
- expand on existing or well established services offered to the younger veterans'



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community to new regions within Australia or in development of new services that will be offered in more than one location

- raise awareness of the important issues faced by the younger veterans' community.

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Closes: 5 February 2021