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Electorate-based Grants - delivering for Indi

Expressions of interest for electorate-based grants in Indi have doubled over the past twelve months.

It has been a great privilege to see so many wonderful projects that highlight the dedication to community wellbeing, of volunteer-based and not-for-profit groups across Indi. It is evident from the tremendous response to the electorate-based grants program, that our community groups are active and vital in Indi.

The Indi Powering Communities Program has recently closed. There were 48 projects, all worthy of funding, proving that Indi is well and truly ready to embrace renewable energy and other energy saving initiatives. My committee and I have nominated 8 projects, limited by the available funding of \$67,700.

Earlier this year my grants consultative committee and I had the delightful, but challenging task of assessing 125 expressions of interest and recommending projects to the total value of \$134,500 for small **Volunteer grants** of \$1,000 - \$5000 under the Families and Communities

Program. The successful applicants will be announced in the near future.

Fourteen **Stronger Communities Programme** projects, valued at \$3,000 - \$20,000, were also recommended for total funding of \$150,000. from more than 100 expressions of interest. The successful applicants are:

1. **Alpine U3A:** \$3,250 for audio visual equipment for Zoom sessions
2. **Into our Hands Community Foundation:** \$10,000 to upgrade office ICT and make alterations to office space, including signage, shelving and furniture
3. **Mount Beauty Neighbourhood Centre:** \$13,636 for building renovations to provide three separate sound proofed areas
4. **Lima School Community Centre Committee** (auspiced by Swanpool & District Community Development Association): \$6,000 for a water tank and platform
5. **Benalla Broken River Painters:** \$7,985 for an access ramp for their studio



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6. **Totally Renewable Indigo North:** \$14,410 for a solar battery for community outreach in renewable energy
7. **Indigo U3A:** \$3,421 to purchase audio visual equipment and a TV
8. **Mansfield Agricultural and Pastoral Society:** \$15,337 for a spectator shade sail in the sand arena
9. **Acheron Mechanics Institute Inc:** \$17,555 for hall and toilet block upgrades
10. **Southern Aurora Memorial Committee** (auspiced by Violet Town Action Group): \$8,000 to and paint a mural on the new fence in the Memorial Garden
11. **Corryong and District Community Youth Club Hall Incorporated:** \$13,515 to refurbish the hall's timber floor
12. **King Valley Learning Exchange and Community Men's Shed:** \$13,182 to upgrade the kitchen and purchase kitchen equipment
13. **Albury/Wodonga Yacht Club Inc:** \$16,363 to renovate the amenities block
14. **U3A Wodonga:** \$4,950 to upgrade the access door for disabled access.

I want to acknowledge and warmly thank members of the Grants Consultative Committees for their time and expertise in assessing many excellent projects. They are

- Alan Rees – Alpine Shire Council
- Sven Erikson – Indigo Shire Council
- Anna Paix – Murrindindi Shire Council
- Amanda Pagan – Towong Shire Council
- Brad Gill - City of Wangaratta
- Huw Brokensha – City of Wodonga
- Brooke Hermans – North East Catchment Management Authority

Community representatives

- Alison Hayman – Parklands Albury Wodonga
- Mim McGowan – community representative
- Kate Auty – Euroa Environment Group
- John Anderson – 2030 Yea Community Energy
- John Lloyd – Renewable Energy Benalla.

Stay up-to-date with grant funding announcements when they happen. Make sure to visit my [website](#) for grants resources or follow my social media    @helenhaines for up-to-date news.

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Congratulations to the Southern Aurora Memorial Committee. Stronger Communities Programme Round 6.



The Violet Town Action Group auspiced the Southern Aurora Memorial Committee's successful application for an \$8000 grant for this commemorative mural.



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AGED CARE

Rural, Regional and Other Special Needs Building Fund Multi-Purpose Services Program Minor Capital

The Multi-Purpose Service (MPS) Program Minor Capital Grant Opportunity is for capital projects that directly relate to the provision of residential care by a MPS.

The objectives of this grant opportunity are to:

- Improve the service environment to support older people diagnosed with dementia to remain in their communities and increase the availability of and access to dementia-friendly services
- Improve the aged care service environment and supports of daily living to provide a more homelike, comfortable environment that promotes residents' independence, dignity and choice.

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Closes 30 September 2021

Residential Aged Care COVID-19 Employee Vaccination Support Grant

The Residential Aged Care Employee Support Grant seeks to support the Residential Aged Care Sector (the Sector) in ensuring that all staff within a residential aged care facility are able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine whilst minimising the financial impact on the residential aged care provider and the individual employee. The program will contribute towards costs incurred by eligible residential aged care providers (Providers) supplying or facilitating COVID-19 vaccinations for staff.

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Support for Aged Care Workers in COVID-19

The Support for Aged Care Workers in COVID-19 (SACWIC) grant opportunity is designed to assist approved Residential Aged Care providers, approved National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program (NATSIFACP) providers and approved Home Care providers to minimise the risk of infection to aged care workers, residents and other consumers of aged care service. Examples of eligible workforce costs under SACWIC are those that will support eligible workers:

- who normally work at multiple residential aged care facilities, but will be working solely at the facility being applied for;
- who are not to work because they have been experiencing COVID 19 symptoms, have been diagnosed as COVID-19 positive, require testing or are subject to self-isolation or quarantine requirements; or
- to undertake training in the event a skills gap arises from where existing workers are not to work due to experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or are subject to self-isolation or quarantine requirements.

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The COVID-19 Aged Care Support Program Extension

The COVID-19 Aged Care Support Program Extension will reimburse eligible aged care providers for eligible expenditure incurred on managing direct impacts of COVID-19. The Program will run over 1 year in 2021-22.

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Closes 31 March 2022



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AGRICULTURE

National Farm Safety Education Fund: Improving Farm Safety Practices

The objective of this grant opportunity is better and more effective communication to farmers and those that live and work on Australian farms and in related industries, to improve their understanding and take up of the behaviours and practices associated with farm safety.

The grant opportunity will support projects focused on education and capacity building in 2 priority areas:

1. the next generation of farmers
2. industry-endorsed training and continued learning.

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Closes 11 August 2021

Future Drought Fund - Drought Resilience Innovation Expression of Interest (EOI) and Grants Program

These grants will support innovative projects that equip farmers and agricultural-dependent communities and businesses with the tools and capacity to adapt, reorganise, transition and/or transform in preparation for drought conditions such as changing temperature, increasing variability and scarcity of rainfall, and changed seasonality of rainfall. Three grant types are available in this EOI and grant opportunity.

- Ideas Grants will provide \$50,000 (GST inclusive) for one year.
- Proof-of-Concept Grants will provide funding of up to \$120,000 (GST inclusive) for one year.

Innovation Grants will provide funding of between \$300,000 to \$1.1 million (GST inclusive) per year for a maximum of 3 years. **Closes 8 September 2021**

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ARTS/CULTURAL/CREATIVE

Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund

The RISE Fund will provide targeted funding assistance to assist in the presentation of cultural and creative projects, activities and events. Projects that target audiences in outer metropolitan, regional and remote areas will also be taken into account, as well as projects that involve tours and use local regional pre-production and production, services and support acts.

The objectives of the program are to:

- assist companies in the arts and entertainment sector to present activities which have been disrupted by the COVID-19 restrictions
- deliver activities, opportunities and structural adjustments that have been developed in response to the COVID-19 restrictions, including innovative ways to deliver content and productions
- provide increased employment opportunities, including retention of artists and skilled workers in the arts and entertainment sector and allied industries
- generate increased economic activity in the arts and entertainment sector and allied industries
- help build the longer-term financial sustainability of cultural and creative companies, including increased revenue earning capacity
- provide creative and cultural experiences to audiences across Australia

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Closes 31 December 2021

COVID 19 Arts Sustainability Fund

The COVID-19 Arts Sustainability Fund aims to provide 'last resort' funding assistance to significant Australian Government funded arts organisations that are assessed to be at imminent risk of insolvency as a direct result of COVID-19, having taken all reasonable action to maintain their financial position.



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The program is intended to assist by providing the necessary finance to plan a pathway for recovery from the effects of COVID-19. This will support employment of workers (including in interdependent industries such as hospitality, retail, accommodation, transport and freight) and contribute to rebuilding Australia's economy, as well as enhancing community wellbeing and access to cultural experiences across Australia.

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Closes 31 May 2022

Live Music Australia – Round 3

Grants of up to \$100,000 are available to support professionally operated venues stage quality local live music for Australian communities.

The program will provide \$5 million annually over 4 years with funding allocated through an open competitive grants process through 2 rounds each year to:

- support venues from pubs in the remote outback, to clubs and theatres in major capital cities.
- create performance opportunities for original contemporary music by Australian artists
- encourage partnerships, collaboration and networks across the Australian live music industry.

[Click here for more information](#)

Closes 9 August 2021

Australian Cultural Diplomacy Grants Program (ACDGP) 2021-2022

The objectives of the grant opportunity are to:

- support the economic and social recovery efforts of the Australian creative industry sector
- promote Australia's economic, artistic and cultural assets to an international audience
- influence perceptions of Australia at home and abroad

- build people-to-people and/or institutional links internationally
- leverage existing partnerships and foster engagement with key stakeholders in line with DFAT's [2017 Foreign Policy White Paper](#) (dfat.gov.au)

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Closes: 25 August 2021

Indigenous Languages and Arts, Targeted Grant Round 2021

The overarching outcome of the ILA Program is to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to express, preserve and maintain their cultures through Indigenous languages and arts activities.

Grant funding allocated through the ILA Program supports three key outcomes:

- the empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to preserve and teach their culture through languages and arts
- a strong sense of cultural identity and wellbeing in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, which contributes to sustainable and strong communities
- celebration and increased recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages and arts in the wider Australian community.

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Closes 30 June 2022

BUSHFIRE RECOVERY

Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program

The Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program supports the recovery efforts of



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communities in eligible Local Government Areas (LGAs) affected by the 2019–20 bushfires.

The program will support a range of projects in eligible Local Government Areas (LGAs) affected by the 2019-20 bushfires to address community recovery and resilience needs.

Grants are from \$20,000 - \$10 million.

Projects must be completed by 31 March 2024.

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Closes 2 September 2021

Regional Bushfire Recovery – Multiregional Species and Strategic Projects

The objective of this program is to deliver bushfire recovery actions in one or more of the seven priority bushfire impacted regions across Australia that address the recovery of identified animal or plant species and/or ecological communities impacted by the 2019–20 bushfires.

The program is confined to seven bushfire impacted regions within Australia that have been identified as those most vulnerable following the 2019–20 bushfires.

Projects must be completed by 30 May 2022.

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Ongoing

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.

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Closes: 30 June 2022

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.

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BUSINESS

Wine Export Grants

Wine Australia is inviting small and medium Australian wine businesses to apply for the Wine Export Grants program, as part of the Australian Government's \$50 million Export and Regional Wine Support Package (the \$50m Package).

Wine Export Grants are offered for specific wine export promotion and market research activities aimed at supporting small and medium wine businesses to secure new distribution channels in export markets.

Eligible wine businesses can claim a reimbursement grant of up to AU\$25,000 for 50 per cent of total eligible expenses incurred on or after 1 July 2020.

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Closes 2 May 2022



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Modern Manufacturing Initiative – Manufacturing Collaboration stream

The Manufacturing Collaboration Stream supports large-scale manufacturing projects with:

- business-to-business collaboration at their core and/or
- business-to-research collaboration at their core.

This stream will focus private and public investment to help create the environment and incentives for Australian manufacturers to:

- collaborate
- scale up
- move towards higher value added activities
- become more competitive

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Closes 9 September 2021

Manufacturing Strategy - Supply Chain Resilience Initiative

The Supply Chain Resilience Initiative provides up to \$2 million to establish or scale a manufacturing capability or a related activity to address supply chain vulnerabilities for a critical product or input identified in the Sovereign Manufacturing Capability Plan.

Applicants should demonstrate how their project:

- builds a better understanding of critical supply chains
- works with industry to identify supply options to address vulnerabilities
- addresses vulnerabilities identified in the Sovereign Manufacturing Capability Plan
- incentivises Australian businesses to invest in capabilities through new equipment, technology, skills and processes.

[Click here for more information](#) **Closes: 12 August 2021**

COVID-19 Regional Airline Network Support Program

The objective of the program is to support critical air services to connect regional Australia to freight, medical testing, supplies and essential personnel according to the criteria in the Grant Guidelines.

Domestic commercial airlines operating services at the Regular Public Transport (RPT) aviation safety standard to regional locations may apply.

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Closes 31 August 2021

International Freight Assistance Mechanism

The IFAM program is a temporary, emergency measure in response to an extraordinary situation. IFAM gives Australian businesses more time to re-structure their business models and adjust to a new and more challenging trading environment created by COVID-19.

The intended outcomes of the IFAM grants are to:

- re-establish supply chains into and out of Australia, albeit not at pre-COVID19 levels while the pandemic continues;
- reduce the sudden significant economic impact on businesses that rely on airfreight; and
- minimise the economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis on Australian workers.

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Closes 31 October 2021

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



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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.

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Closes 31 September 2021

COMMUNITY

Safer Communities Fund – Round 6 – Early Intervention Grants

This round of the Safer Communities Fund targets organisations with demonstrated experience in providing early intervention activities to youth at high risk to prevent them from engaging in criminal activity or anti-social behaviour.

Grants available are between \$200,000 and \$1.5 million. The grant amount will be up to 100% of eligible project costs.

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Closes 5 August 2021

Safer Communities Fund – Round 6 – Infrastructure Grants

This round of the Safer Communities Fund gives schools and pre-schools, places of religious worship, community organisations and local councils grants of up to \$500,000 for crime prevention initiatives aimed at reducing crime, violence, anti-social behaviour and/or other security risks driven by racial and/or religious intolerance.

Project activities can include the installation of security infrastructure such as:

- fixed or mobile CCTV cameras

- security lighting
- fencing and gates
- bollards
- external blast walls and windows
- security and alarm systems
- public address systems
- intercoms and swipe access
- security doors.

For registered schools and preschools, project activities can also include employing or hiring security guards, licensed by the relevant state or territory agency.

Grants available are between \$10,000 and \$500,000. The maximum grant amount per location or school campus is \$250,000.

The grant amount will be up to 100% of eligible project costs.

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Closes 19 August 2021

The Scanlon Foundation's Annual Community Grants 2021

The grants will support projects that demonstrate their contribution to social cohesion by addressing either of the following areas of focus:

1. Building pathways to employment; or
2. Increasing applied English literacy.

Projects should consider the experience of migrants and of receiving communities and aim to nurture positive outcomes. All submissions are expected to empower new arrival communities and develop cross cultural connections.

This year's community grants will provide funding up to a maximum of \$30,000 for a 12 month project (implementation from January to December 2022). The community grants are eligible for all locations across each state and territory of Australia.

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Closes 17 September 2021



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Rural City of Wangaratta Community Grants

Community groups and organisations can apply for \$1000 up to \$10,000 to deliver programs and projects that meet the following objectives:

- Encouraging arts, cultural and heritage experiences in our community
- Accessible and equitable services, spaces and programs
- Increased community safety and well-being
- Encouraging healthy behaviours and lifestyles
- Supporting a resilient community.

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Closes 1 October 2021

DEFENCE

Strategic Policy Grants Program 2022

The Strategic Policy Grants Program (SPGP) is a mechanism for Defence to support independent research, events and activities to shape the public Australian strategic debate, with a focus on Defence issues, and support and enhance Defence's strategic policy advice.

Individuals must apply on behalf of the organisation with which they are affiliated, such as a university, not-for-profit organisation, or research institution. Joint applications are welcome, contingent upon any consortium having a lead organisation.

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Closes 22 August 2021

EMPLOYMENT

Indigenous Local Employment Fund

The National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) is supporting increased Indigenous employment

participation in COVID-19 affected labour markets. The ILEF will support innovative, short-term initiatives that address employment barriers. Projects in regional and remote areas are especially encouraged.

The ILEF grant opportunity supports activities that are innovative, small-scale, one off and tailored to address local employment needs and barriers for Indigenous job seekers that are outside the scope of existing employment programs.

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Closes 1 January 2022

Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program Guidelines

The objective of the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program is to contribute to the development of a highly skilled and relevant Australian workforce that supports economic sustainability and competitiveness.

The Program contains a range of employer incentives and personal benefit payments to Australian Apprentices.

The Program links into the industries and occupations traditionally associated with the apprenticeship system.

In addition, the Program targets a broad range of traineeships and apprenticeships in new and emerging industries especially where future skills shortages are projected.

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Ongoing

ENVIRONMENT

North East Soil Health Community Grants

Funding is available under the Securing North East Soils Through Knowledge Exchange project to support community groups across the region to



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undertake activities to increase awareness and adoption of land management practices that improve and protect the condition of soil, biodiversity and vegetation in the region. Specifically, the community grants component aims to promote awareness and adoption of on-farm management practices that contribute to reducing soil acidity and hillslope and gully erosion in North East Victoria.

As part of this project, nine eligible community groups in North East Victoria will be supported with up to \$7,500 to deliver community soil-health related activities over the next three years, focusing on soil pH and erosion. Community grant applications will be assessed on a competitive basis through Expressions of Interest. Funded community groups will have up to 18 months to deliver and complete their projects

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Closes 8 August 2021

FLOOD AND STORM RECOVERY

Personal Hardship Assistance Program

The Personal Hardship Assistance Program assists people experiencing financial hardship because of a natural disaster related emergency such as flood and severe storm.

This financial assistance is being provided through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Assistance is also available for:

Prolonged Power Outage Payment for Households

Prolonged Power Outage Payments for Businesses

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HEALTH

Rural Health Workforce Support Activity and More Doctors for Rural Australia Program Support Package

The purpose of the Rural Health Workforce Support Activity (RHWSA) and the More Doctors for Rural Australia Program (MDRAP) Support Package is to improve the capacity, quality, distribution and mix of the health workforce to better meet the needs of Australian communities and deliver a sustainable and well-distributed health workforce.

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Closes: 6 August 2021

Home Care Workforce Support Program

Nine grants will be provided to organisations or consortia to work collaboratively with key stakeholders to attract, train and support the retention of an additional 13,000 Personal Care Workers (PCWs) nationally to the home care sector by June 2023.

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Closes 27 August 2021

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Legal assistance for people engaging with the National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Suicide Prevention

The Australian Government is funding legal financial assistance to individuals and entities to assist with meeting the costs of legal representation and disbursements associated with engaging with the National Commissioner.

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Legal Assistance into the Royal Commission into violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability

The Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability has been established to inquire and make recommendations on all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability.

The Australian Government is funding legal financial assistance to individuals and entities to assist with meeting the costs of legal representation and disbursements associated with engaging with the Royal Commission.

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Closes 29 April 2022

NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME

Redress Support Services

The Australian Government is inviting organisations in an open process to apply to deliver services under Outcome 2, Program 2.1: Families and Communities for the Redress Support Services (RSS) component, from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2024.

[Click here for more information](#)

Closes 13 September 2021

The Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability has been established to inquire and make recommendations on all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability.

The Australian Government is funding legal financial assistance to individuals and entities to assist with meeting the costs of legal representation and disbursements associated with engaging with the Royal Commission.

Legal financial assistance will be provided for an individual and may be provided to an entity, for

their reasonable legal representation and disbursement costs resulting from:

- being called, or granted leave to appear, as a witness at a hearing of the Royal Commission, or
- being requested to attend, or attending an interview of the Royal Commission, or
- complying with a notice to give information or a statement in writing that will be used as evidence in the Royal Commission, and/or
- complying with a notice to produce issued by the Royal Commission, and
- where the entity, excluding an individual, would not be able to meet these costs without incurring serious financial hardship.

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Closes 29 April 2022

SPORT

Local Sporting Champions

The Local Sporting Champions program provides financial assistance for coaches, officials and competitors aged 12-18 participating in state, national or international championships.

If successful, applicants will receive \$500-\$750 towards the cost of attending their championships

Base Grant: \$500

Applicants travelling 800km - 1999km to their nominated championships: + \$100

Applicants travelling internationally or greater than 2000km to their nominated championships: + \$200

Applicants residing in a rural electorate: + \$50

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TOURISM

Wine Tourism and Cellar Door Grant

The Wine Tourism and Cellar Door Grant program (the program) has been introduced to support producers who add value by encouraging visitors to wine regions. Wine producers will be able to access an annual grant reflective of their eligible physical cellar door sales.

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Ongoing

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.

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Closes 7 October 2021 and 8 February 2022