

# **December Grants Bulletin**

To the Narre Warren North community,

I'm excited to bring you the December edition of my monthly grants bulletin – your handy guide to the latest funding opportunities available throughout our electorate.

Whether your part of a local club, community group, or have a great idea to benefit our area, this edition could have just what you need to get started.

My office is always here to help. If you have any questions about the grants listed or need a hand with the application process, feel free to reach out or visit my website at <a href="https://www.belindawilson.com.au">www.belindawilson.com.au</a>.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to making our community stronger – your efforts are deeply appreciated.

Warm regards,

**Belinda Wilson MP** 

State Member for Narre Warren North

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# **ARTS & EVENTS**

# Digital Specialist in Residence – for First Nations Organisations

Funding Provider: Creative Australia

Amount: From \$3,000 Closes: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://creative.gov.au/investments-opportunities/digital-specialist-residence-first-nations-

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organisations

Provides First Nations arts and culture organisations with fourteen weeks' access to a digital specialist who will assist in the development of the organisation's Digital Capacity Strategy.

The digital specialist will collaborate with the organisation in four phases:

- Assess: the specialist will guide you through a process to identify the organisation's current digital capacity
- Vision: a process of vision and investigation to identify digital challenges and opportunities for your organisation
- Development: development of a digital project tailored to the value, people and context of the organisation
- Pilot & Refine: launch project, evaluate early learnings, present findings.

# Music Australia Export Development Fund - International Market and Audience Development

Funding Provider: Creative Australia

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**Amount:** \$2,000 - \$10,000 **Closes:** *02<sup>nd</sup> December 2025* 

Apply: https://creative.gov.au/investments-opportunities/music-australia-export-development-fund-

international-market-and-audience

Provides matched funding to support international promotional and content creation activities.

The Music Australia Export Development Fund is a bold partnership between the Australian Government and the Australian music industry – a matched funding initiative, designed to provide financial support to a diverse range of Australian artists.

# Music Australia Export Development Fund - International Professional and Artistic Development

Funding Provider: Creative Australia

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** \$5,000 - \$120,000 **Closes:** *02*<sup>nd</sup> *December 2025* 

Apply: https://creative.gov.au/investments-opportunities/music-australia-export-development-fund-

<u>international-professional-and</u>

Provides matched funding to support international professional development activities.

The Music Australia Export Development Fund forms a bold partnership between the Australian Government and the Australian music industry – a matched funding initiative, designed to provide financial support to a diverse range of Australian artists at distinct phases of their international careers.

The program has been developed to support emerging, breakthrough and established acts and is made available to Australian citizens or permanent residents who are current practicing music professionals. This includes solo artists, instrumentalists, bands, ensembles, DJ/producers and electronic artists, producers, songwriters and composers.

# Music Australia Export Development Fund - International Performance and Touring Activity

Funding Provider: Creative Australia

**CLOSING SOON** 

**Amount:** \$5,000 - \$25,000 **Closes:** *02*<sup>nd</sup> *December 2025* 

Apply: https://creative.gov.au/investments-opportunities/music-australia-export-development-fund-

international-performance-and-touring

Provides matched funding for international tours and performances by Australian contemporary music artists.

The Music Australia Export Development Fund is a bold partnership between the Australian Government and the Australian music industry – a matched funding initiative, designed to provide financial support to a diverse range of Australian artists.

The program has been developed to support emerging, breakthrough and established acts and is made available to Australian citizens or permanent residents who are current practising music professionals.

This includes solo artists, instrumentalists, bands, ensembles, DJ/producers and electronic artists, producers, songwriters and composers.

#### Arts and Culture Grants

Funding Provider: Japan Foundation CLOSING SOON

Amount: Unspecified Closes: 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://sydney.jpf.go.jp/grants/arts-and-culture/

This grant supports the delivery of performances, exhibitions, and festivals that feature the work of Japanese artists or Japanese arts and cultural content, for Australian audiences.

### Rodney Seaborn Playwriting Support Fund

Funding Provider: Seaborn, Broughton & Walford Foundation

Amount: Up to \$5,000 closing soon

Closes: 04<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://www.sbwfoundation.com/rodney-seaborn-playwrighting-support-fund/

Assists playwrights and others working in the area to advance knowledge and appreciation of play writing as an art form, to help them realise their potential, leading to the production of works suitable for performance by a professional theatre company.

Purposes for which grants may be made under the Fund include -

- Assistance with the publication of a book or manual about playwriting
- Assistance in undertaking a relevant course of study or securing a mentorship position
- The organisation of conferences, workshops, masterclasses or discussion groups on playwriting or related topics
- The setting up of relevant websites
- Assistance to enable the applicant to explore ancillary aspects of the playwriting craft, such as dramaturgy.

## **Touring Victoria**

Funding Provider: Creative Victoria

**Amount:** \$10,000 - \$150,000 **Closes:** 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://creative.vic.gov.au/funding-opportunities/find-a-funding-opportunity/touring-victoria

This Creative Australia grant supports Australian artists and creative workers to undertake reciprocal international exchange activities including creative collaborations and development, cultural exchange and knowledge sharing with confirmed international partners.

## Australian Small Business Advisory Services Digital Solutions

Funding Provider: Australian Department of the Treasury

**Amount:** Up to \$8,946,000 **CLOSING SOON** 

Closes: 05th December 2025

Apply: https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=6f33cea9-6871-4156-9999-72881dee02cc

. Helps service providers to offer low cost, high quality advisory services to help small businesses to adopt digital tools.

The Australian Government has announced a total of \$25.136 million over 5 years from 2025-26 to 2029-30 for the grant opportunity.

ASBAS Digital Solutions Round 3 will assist service providers to offer low cost, high quality advisory services to help small businesses to adopt digital tools, across 5 priority capabilities:

- Introduction to digitalising your small business
- Social media, digital marketing and selling online
- Using business software
- AI and emerging technologies
- Cybersecurity and data privacy.

#### Community Awareness Grants

Funding Provider: Australian Organ & Tissue Authority

**Amount:** \$5,000 - \$120,000 **Closes:** 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=0b682a70-acae-45b7-80dd-854e3df074c3

Aims to increase awareness about organ and tissue donation.

This grant opportunity is part of the DonateLife national program to encourage Australians to talk about organ and tissue donation, register on the Australian Organ Donor Register (AODR), and tell their families they want to be a donor.

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The following Grant opportunities are available:

- For DonateLife Week 2026 events or activities
- For national marketing or public relations strategies.

#### DonateLife Week 2026 events or activities

- You can help us raise awareness about donation and get more Australians registered as donors by delivering a local event or activity (can be face-to-face, online or a mix of both) in support of our largest national awareness activity DonateLife Week. While the grant funds an event or activity to be held during DonateLife Week from Sunday 26 July to Sunday 2 August 2026, the grant planning, promotion and reporting is to take place and be completed between Monday 2 March 2026 and Monday 1 March 2027.
- A wide range of community-based awareness and education events and activities held across Australia help us to extend the reach of DonateLife Week and contribute to increased understanding of and support for, organ and tissue donation for transplantation.

## Darling Travel Grants / International

Funding Provider: Gordon Darling Foundation

Amount: Unspecified Closes: 03<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

Apply: https://www.gordondarlingfoundation.org.au/guidelines.php

Aims to provide visual arts professionals employed by Australian public institutions with the opportunity to undertake international travel.

Travel must be for a specific purpose and deliver benefits for both the individual and the institution. Applicants should have written support from their Director or Board Chair to undertake the travel.

# Documentary Producer - Funding and Support

Funding Provider: Screen Australia

**Amount:** \$10,000 - \$150,000 **Closes:** 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Apply:** https://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/funding-and-support/documentary/production/documentary-production

The aims of the documentary production funding programs are to support:

Australian documentary content for production and release for Direct-to-Audience, Television and Feature Film platforms.

distinctive storytelling for a range of budgets and audiences across local and global platforms; and content makers at different career stages who reflect the breadth of Australia in service of cultural, creative and economic benefits.

There are three (3) different documentary production funding programs that applicants can apply for. They will each have four (4) application rounds per financial year.

#### Harcourts Foundation Grants

Funding Provider: Harcourts Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** 03<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2025

Apply: <a href="https://www.harcourtsfoundation.org/australia">https://www.harcourtsfoundation.org/australia</a>

Provides support for a specific event, project, item, or initiative that helps, grows, and enriches our communities.

As the Foundation's Purpose is "To provide support that helps, grows, and enriches our communities", they have a clear focus on providing grants to reputable community-based charitable organisations which need funding for projects and initiatives designed to benefit as many people as possible.

## The Marten Bequest Travelling Scholarships

Funding Provider: Creative Australia

**Amount:** \$50,000

Closes: 03<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

Apply: https://creative.gov.au/investments-opportunities/marten-bequest-travelling-scholarships

Provides support for talented young artists to explore, study and develop their artistic gifts through interstate and international travel.

In 2026, the scholarships will provide financial support for the disciplines of acting, instrumental music, painting and poetry.

In 2027, the scholarships will provide financial support for the disciplines of architecture, ballet, prose, sculpture and singing.

Scholarships are each worth \$50,000, payable in quarterly instalments over two years.

## Narrative Content Production Program

Funding Provider: Screen Australia

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Apply: https://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/funding-and-support/narrative-content-

production/narrative-content-production-guidelines

Supports content makers to produce narrative projects for online/direct-to-audience, television and theatrical feature film platforms.

The aims of the Narrative Content Production Program are to support:

- Exceptional Australian narrative content for production and release for online/direct-to-audience, television and feature film platforms
- Distinctive storytelling for a range of audiences across different platforms and budget levels
- Talent at different career stages who are connected to the stories they tell and that reflect the breadth of Australia in service of cultural, creative and economic benefits
- Stories with viable budgets and pathways to audiences locally and/or globally.

#### Narrative Content Short Film Production

Funding Provider: Screen Australia

Amount: Up to \$100,000 Closes: 01st March 2026

Apply: https://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/funding-and-support/narrative-content-

production/narrative-content-short-film

Supports content makers that create live action or animated Narrative Short Films.

The Narrative Content Short Film Production Funding Program supports a team of content makers that must include Director, Writer, Producer and, where applicable, Animator, to make a Narrative Content Short Film intended for theatrical festivals.

The aims of Narrative Content Short Film Production Program are to support:

- Australian live action or animated Narrative Short Films for a first and primary window of a theatrical festival outcome
- Talent who are connected to the stories they tell and reflect the breadth of Australia in service of cultural, creative and economic benefits
- Talent and stories with viable pathways to festival audiences locally and/or globally.

#### International Travel Fund

Funding Provider: Creative Australia

**Amount:** \$5,000 - \$20,000 **Closes:** 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Apply: https://creative.gov.au/investments-opportunities/international-travel-fund-market-development

Supports international travel costs associated with Australian artists, creative workers and organisations attending significant market development platforms or key gatherings overseas.

This includes international performing arts markets, book fairs, art fairs, First Nations gatherings, and festivals that have a market development and international networking focus within their program.

Market development activities are those that enable applicants to promote, market, pitch, or sell works into international markets. This program does not support touring, exhibition or presentation activities.

## Astra Funding

Funding Provider: Astra Games

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://astralogical.org/">https://astralogical.org/</a>

Invests in the whole thinking game ecosystem, from early career developers to established teams. Thinking games are games where deduction, reasoning, and logic are the core of the experience (instead of execution or reflexes). Puzzle, strategy, and resource management games are the closest genres.

## **Epic MegaGrants**

Funding Provider: Epic Games Amount: \$5,000-\$150,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://www.unrealengine.com/en-US/megagrants">https://www.unrealengine.com/en-US/megagrants</a>

Provides financial grants to creative, noteworthy, and innovative projects built in and around Unreal Engine or projects that enhance the open-source 3D graphics ecosystem.

Epic MegaGrants are investments Epic Games makes to sponsor the development of exciting projects that may not otherwise have enough funding to fully realize. They're specifically meant for smaller teams, solo developers, and innovators who are using our technology to bring bold, challenging, and insanely creative dreams to life.

### Fringe Fund

Funding Provider: Melbourne Fringe

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

**Apply:** https://melbournefringe.com.au/fringe-sector-leadership/fringe-fund/

Helps the very best emerging and independent artistic talent achieve incredible things, supporting artists to find the money they need to make ground-breaking, innovative and brilliant art.

The Fringe Fund provides commissioning opportunities, concessions on fees, and even cold hard cash to ease financial pressure on artists so they can do what they do best.

#### Innovate Grant

Funding Provider: Innovate

Amount: \$1,800 Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://innovateartistgrants.org/">https://innovateartistgrants.org/</a>

Provides grants to artists and photographers to act as sparks of financial support that ignite your creative development. Innovate Grant distributes (2) \$1,800.00 grants each quarter, to one Visual Artist and one Photographer. The grant cycles are open (4) times a year (Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall) giving you more opportunities to access the support you need.

#### International Festival Travel

Funding Provider: VicScreen Amount: Up to \$4,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://vicscreen.vic.gov.au/funding/travel">https://vicscreen.vic.gov.au/funding/travel</a>

Provides grants to producers, directors, writers or games developers for travel from Victoria to attend an approved international festival. Festival attendance facilitates opportunities to build relationships and promote Victorian talent to wider markets and audiences.

### Victorian Screen Rebate (VSR)

Funding Provider: VicScreen Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://vicscreen.vic.gov.au/funding/incentives/

Offers grants to attract footloose physical productions and/or post-production, regional filming, VFX, animation and digital games projects activities in Victoria.

The Victorian Screen Rebate (VSR) program is an economic development initiative that offers grants to support screen work undertaken in Victoria.

# **BUSINESS AND INNOVATION**

Circular Economy Infrastructure Fund: Hazardous Waste

Funding Provider: Sustainability Victoria

Amount: Up to \$20,000 CLOSING SOON

Closes: 1st December 2025

Apply: https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/grants-funding-and-investment/grants-and-funding

Supports local councils and charities to install new, or upgrade existing, battery drop off points and to promote those locations.

The types of batteries targeted under this fund are:

- Loose batteries < 5kg
- Vapes and e-cigarettes
- Embedded batteries including small e-waste <5kg
- Larger batteries (5-60 kg) e.g. e-bikes and e-scooters disposed of at transfer stations or resource recovery centres.

The fund aims to give Victorians greater access to battery drop off locations. Funded activities focus on infrastructure purchase and installation at convenient locations and advertising costs.

# **Business Growth and Impact Grants**

Funding Provider: City of Melbourne

**Amount:** \$5,000 - \$10,000 CLOSING SOON

Closes: 01<sup>st</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/business-growth-impact-grants

Helps passionate and innovative small businesses, start-ups or social enterprises bring their ideas to life and reach new markets.

The City of Melbourne's Business Growth and Impact Grants are a competitive funding program that supports businesses to grow, innovate, and contribute to a thriving local economy.

Formerly named the Small Business Grants, the new Business Growth and Impact Grants has been expanded to support small businesses across four dedicated streams, with a new co-contribution option to help secure larger grants.

# WorkSafe Grants Program

Funding Provider: WorkSafe Victoria

Amount: Up to \$300,000 Closes: 03<sup>rd</sup> December 2025 CLOSING SOON

Apply: https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/worksafe-grants

Supports workforce and community initiatives that reduce workplace harm and improves outcomes for injured workers.

WorkSafe's grants are a key enabler to working with others to drive improvements in safety and support.

Annual grant funding rounds have a theme to support initiatives and organisations that reflect WorkSafe's objectives and engage with stakeholders in meaningful ways.

2025-26 grant funding round - Manufacturing.

WorkSafe's 2025-26 grant funding round is focused on initiatives to prevent or minimise risks from hazards in manufacturing workplaces.

### International Delegations: Talent Gateway

Funding Provider: Screen Australia

CLOSING SOON

Amount: Up to \$20,000 Closes: 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/funding-and-support/feature-films/finance-

attraction/international-delegations/talent-gateway

Aims to attract US support, investment, and partnerships for Australian content and careers.

Screen Australia and Australians in Film (AiF) are partnering to provide Australian screen creatives who have a high level of recent international success with the skills, knowledge, access, and relationships necessary to succeed in the global market.

## **Business Booster Program**

Funding Provider: Uber & Rare Birds

**CLOSING SOON** 

**Amount:** \$10,000 - \$25,000 **Closes:** 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**Apply:** https://www.uber.com/au/en/u/business-booster/

Offers a free, flexible business education and funding opportunity tailored specifically for those earning on the Uber and Uber Eats platforms.

Uber knows many of the people who drive or deliver with them are working toward something bigger – a business idea, a side hustle, or a long-held dream.

Now in its third year, the program is more accessible than ever – and open to all Uber driver partners and Uber Eats delivery people across Australia and New Zealand.

Business Booster is about more than just learning – it is about progress. For many people on the Uber platform, driving or delivering supports broader goals. This program helps turn those goals into action, providing the tools and confidence to start or scale something of their own.

#### GoldenWeb Annual Grant

Funding Provider: GoldenWeb

Amount: Unspecified
Closes: 31st December 2025

**CLOSING SOON** 

Apply: https://goldenweb.com.au/website-grant/

Helps a small non-profit or community group with a free website.

GoldenWeb helps small and medium sized businesses and organisations thrive online with WordPress web design, SEO and digital marketing.

Having worked in the NFP space for over a decade, GoldenWeb knows how hard it can be to scrape together the budget for a new website.

Each year, GoldenWeb builds one website for free for a NFP or charity.

#### You:

- Must be a SMALL organisation, who otherwise would be struggling to fund your website project
- Must be based in Australia
- Must be 100% onboard with the project; willing to provide content and feedback in a timely manner
- Able to cover the cost of web hosting and domain registration, generally less than \$300 for the year. GoldenWeb will organise these on your behalf if needed.

#### Community Development Fund

Funding Provider: VIC Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

**Amount:** Up to \$2,000,000 **Closes:** 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026

Apply: https://www.deeca.vic.gov.au/forestry/grants/community-development-fund

Fuels early Local Development Strategy (LDS) implementation, sustaining economic transition and fostering new industries.

The \$22 million Community Development Fund is designed to support the early implementation of the Local Development Strategy (LDS) program.

It aims to maintain the momentum for the economic transition built up through the Local Development Strategy program and continue the development of new industries and opportunities.

## Solar for Apartments Program VIC

Funding Provider: Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)

Amount: Up to \$140,000 Closes: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Apply: https://www.solar.vic.gov.au/apartments#application-process

Reduces the cost of installing solar PV on apartment buildings.

Note - An additional 5000 rebates of up to \$2,800 per apartment (up to \$140,000 per property) are available until 30 April 2026, or until all rebates are exhausted, whichever comes first.

The program will help existing Victorian apartment buildings move towards electrification and will provide more opportunities for low-and middle-income apartment households to access the benefits of green energy technology.

## Solar Sunshot Program

Funding Provider: Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Apply: <a href="https://arena.gov.au/funding/solar-sunshot/">https://arena.gov.au/funding/solar-sunshot/</a>

Supports the commercialisation of Australian solar photovoltaic (PV) innovations and to enhance solar PV supply chains in Australia.

The Program seeks to accelerate the development of Australia's solar PV supply chains, catalyse clean energy industries, drive innovation, help Australia connect to new global solar supply chains, and take advantage of the future employment and investment opportunities associated with a critical growth sector of the economy.

### Amazon Launchpad

Funding Provider: Amazon Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://sell.amazon.com.au/launchpad">https://sell.amazon.com.au/launchpad</a>

Provides an opportunity for new and emerging brands to accelerate their growth locally and scale globally. Amazon Launchpad is an exclusive program that showcases innovative products from startups and emerging brands like yours to millions of Amazon customers.

The Launchpad program makes it easy for brands to launch new products on Amazon and help get them discovered. Launchpad uses Amazon's world-class expertise, global infrastructure, and powerful marketing tools to help you tell your story and deliver your products.

## Future of Life Institute Technology Grants

Funding Provider: Future of Life Institute

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://futureoflife.org/our-work/grantmaking-work/">https://futureoflife.org/our-work/grantmaking-work/</a>

Supports vital cutting-edge work with a wise, future-oriented mindset. The Future of Life Institute's mission is to steer transformative technologies away from extreme, large-scale risks and towards benefiting life. The Institute provides financial support for promising work aligned with their mission.

# Enterprise Activate and Elevate Programs

Funding Provider: Enterprise Tasmania

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

**Apply:** https://enterprize.space/programs/activate/

Offers online courses for entrepreneurs and startups. Enterprise Activate is all about meeting you where you're at, wherever that is (anywhere in Australia!). The startup industry and the idea of being a founder – of creating your own thing, starting your legacy, being known for something great – is extremely appealing.

Activate is a 6 week self-guided, entirely digital bootcamp in everything you need to know to activate your entrepreneurial spirit – or to work out quickly that it isn't for you!

# **Industry Growth Program**

Funding Provider: Australian Department of Industry, Science and Resources

**Amount:** Unspecified

Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/industry-growth-program#apply-now

Offers support for innovative SMEs to commercialise and grow their business. The Industry Growth Program will support innovative small and medium enterprises undertaking commercialisation and/or growth projects within the National Reconstruction Fund (NRF) priority areas. Participating businesses will have access to Advisory Services to help them overcome significant challenges that may be associated with their projects.

### LaunchVic Unsolicited Proposals

Funding Provider: Launchvic Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://launchvic.org/grants/

Accepts unsolicited proposals, in special circumstances, for grants outside of its communicated grant rounds or its refunding of high-performing programs.

While LaunchVic do not fund startups directly via unsolicited proposals, the programs they fund aim to provide the services needed to assist early-stage and scaling startups through their journey.

#### Good2Give Workplace Giving Platform

Funding Provider: Good2Give

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://good2give.ngo/charity-registration/

Provides charities with an easy way for businesses and donors to give. Good2Give is a not-for-profit that makes it easy for businesses and donors to give. Since 2001, the platform has facilitated more than \$250 million to over 8,000 Australian, New Zealand and international communities.

#### Victorian Business Growth Fund

Funding Provider: Treasury and Finance

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/victorian-business-growth-fund

Supports long-term growth opportunities for businesses and boost employment and economic development across the State.

Established by the Victorian Government and First State Super, the Fund will operate for 10 years and will help to address barriers faced by successful small and medium enterprises (SMEs) that are ready to grow their business but can't access the funds or find the right partner they need to take the next step.

#### Small Business Income Tax Offset

Funding Provider: ATO Amount: \$1,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/small-business-income-tax-offset

The small business income tax offset can reduce the tax on your small business income by up to \$1,000 each year. The offset is worked out on the proportion of tax payable on your business income.

#### Financial Incentives for businesses to hire new staff

Funding Provider: Australian Government

Amount: Up to \$10,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/wage-subsidies">https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/wage-subsidies</a>

Wage subsidies ranging up to \$10,000 may be available to businesses that hire eligible individuals into ongoing jobs. Businesses looking to fill an ongoing position, should get in touch with their nearest Workforce Australia, ParentsNext or Transition to Work provider for help to find the right person for the iob.

Providers may offer a wage subsidy to help with some of the initial costs of hiring a new employee. The wage subsidy is to help with some of the initial costs of hiring the new employee, to help ensure the success of their employment.

# Free wellbeing support, business advice and financial counselling for VIC small businesses

Funding Provider: Victorian Government

Amount: Free wellbeing support, business advice and financial counselling.

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/partners-in-wellbeing-small-business-support-vic">https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/partners-in-wellbeing-small-business-support-vic</a>

The Victorian Government's free and confidential Partners in Wellbeing helpline provides wellbeing support, business advice and financial counselling to business operators, their staff, and families.

#### Subsidised internships for Victorian Businesses

Funding Provider: Victorian Government

Amount: \$5,000 wage subsidy

Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://djsir.vic.gov.au/digital-jobs/businesses

This program provides businesses with an opportunity to host a digitally trained candidate through a subsidised 12-week internship.

Training streams include, artificial intelligence, cloud computing, cyber security, data analytics, customer relationship management, digital marketing, enterprise resource planning and others.

#### Financial incentives for businesses to reduce their carbon emissions

**Funding Provider:** Australian Government **Amount:** Australian carbon credit units (ACCUs)

Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/emissions-reduction-fund

The Emissions Reduction Fund provides businesses with the opportunity to earn Australian carbon credit units for every tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent a business store or avoids emitting through adopting new practices and technologies.

This can be through projects involving:

new technology

- upgrading equipment
- changing business practices to improve productivity or energy use
- changing the way vegetation is managed to store more carbon.

## Nonprofit Technology Grant

Funding Provider: Little Phil Foundation

Amount: Up to \$1,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://www.littlephil.org/lp-foundation">https://www.littlephil.org/lp-foundation</a>

Offers nonprofit organisations funds to procure technology to help maximise their impact. Are you a Registered Nonprofit looking to gain financial assistance for an all-in-one fundraising platform? Little Phil offers tech grants for audacious change-makers.

#### CSIRO Kick-Start

**Funding Provider:** CSIRO **Amount:** \$10,000 to \$50,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.csiro.au/en/work-with-us/funding-programs/SME/CSIRO-Kick-Start/about

Provides Australian start-ups and small to medium enterprises with matched funding to undertake research activities with CSIRO to grow and develop their business.

#### Innovations Connections Grant

Funding Provider: Australian Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources

Amount: Up to \$50,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.csiro.au/en/work-with-us/funding-programs/SME/SME-success-

stories?start=0&count=12

Provides small and medium sized businesses with access to expert technology advice to address technology and knowledge gaps and collaborate with the research sector in developing new ideas with commercial potential.

## **Industry Development Fund**

Funding Provider: Manufacturing Skills Australia

**Amount:** \$1,000 - \$10,000 **Closes:** Always Open

Apply: https://www.mskills.org.au/industry-development-fund/

Provides financial support to help individuals to further their skills and knowledge through training, education and/or research within Australia's critically important Manufacturing industries.

## West End Retail Kickstarter Grant Program

Funding Provider: West End Melbourne

**Amount:** \$15,000-\$150,000 **Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <a href="https://westend.melbourne/terms-and-conditions/">https://westend.melbourne/terms-and-conditions/</a>

Provides grants to access spaces for businesses of all shapes, sizes and scales in Melbourne's West End. Grant funding may only go towards eligible, pre-approved costs, including set-up costs, brand and marketing, fit-out costs, equipment and operational costs.

#### **Business Advice**

Funding Provider: Business Victoria

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** Always Open

Apply: https://business.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/business-advice

Business Victoria, in partnership with Monarch Institute, delivers virtual business advice sessions for Victorian businesses. Business owners and those wishing to start a business can receive one free 45-minute session with an expert who can advise on:

- Marketing, website, digital marketing strategies
- Employing and managing staff
- Financial strategies to increase sales and profits.

# **COMMUNITY**

## Strong & Resilient Communities (SARC) Grant Program

Funding Provider: Australian Neighbourhood Houses and Community Centres Association (ANHCA)

Amount: Up to \$15,000 Closes: 01<sup>st</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://www.anhca.org/sarcgrant

**CLOSING SOON** 

Funds Neighbourhood and Community Houses and Centres (NCHCs) to support the social and economic participation of vulnerable and disadvantaged people in their local communities within a 6-month period.

By enabling NCHCs to develop or expand locally tailored initiatives, the program supports pathways to self-reliance, wellbeing, and long-term engagement in education, employment, and community life.

Eligible projects will deliver group or individual services designed to improve participant wellbeing, social connection, resilience, independence, and life skills to:

- Support young people aged 12–18 who are disengaged or at risk of disengaging from school, employment or training
- Support people with disability to increase independence and participation in their community
- Support unemployed individuals to build skills, networks and pathways to employment or education
- Support vulnerable and disadvantaged women, including those experiencing social isolation or discrimination, to strengthen self-agency and engage in the community or economy.

## MPACT Philanthropic Funding

Funding Provider: Perpetual

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://www.perpetual.com.au/wealth-management/not-for-profits/impact-funding/

This funding supports a wide range of projects at different developmental stages including (but not limited to) pilot and existing projects, capacity building and operational costs.

#### Multicultural Grassroots Initiatives

Funding Provider: Australian Department of Home Affairs

**Amount** \$10,000 - \$80,000 **Closes:** 05<sup>th</sup> December 2025

CLOSING SOON

Apply: https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=6e877a4a-a5ff-444d-b037-

6c805ac8a798&keyword=GO8001

Provides funding to community-led grassroots organisations that embrace Australia's multicultural diversity and help multicultural communities to become an active part of Australia's economic and social development.

The objectives of the grant opportunity are to:

- Enhance the capacity of multicultural community led grassroots organisations to foster a cohesive multicultural Australia
- Increase understanding of racial, religious and cultural diversity
- Foster integration through increased levels of social participation by culturally and linguistically diverse Australians
- Foster a sense of community and belonging among culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

### Run Against Violence (RAV) Grants for Love Bites

Funding Provider: National Association for Prevention of Child abuse and Neglect

(NAPCAN)

Amount Unspecified

Closes: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://www.napcan.org.au/love-bites-grants/

Aims to expand the Love Bites healthy relationships program's reach, particularly in areas with high needs.

The Run Against Violence (RAV) Virtual Team Challenge has united communities across Australia with one powerful purpose: to end family and domestic violence through awareness, education, and connection.

Since it began, the Challenge has reached 56% of Australia's local government areas, bringing together more than 16,000 participants to run, walk, and raise funds for safer communities.

#### FDF Communities – Small Network Grants

Funding Provider: Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR)

Amount: Up to \$50,000 Closes: 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 CLOSING SOON

**CLOSING SOON** 

Apply: https://frrr.org.au/funding/fdf-communities/small-network-grants/

Supports not-for-profit organisations in remote, rural and regional Australia to develop and deliver local projects or initiatives that will broadly result in strengthened social capital, wellbeing and connectedness to prepare for and build social resilience to drought.

Part of the Future Drought Fund's Communities Program, supported by the Australian Government, this program invests in the future by enabling agriculture-dependent communities to identify and act on their drought preparedness priorities at a grassroots level and in ways that best suit their communities.

# Critical Support for Multicultural Communities - Independent Multicultural Media - Transformation and Sustainability

Funding Provider: Australian Department of Home Affairs

Amount: Unspecified

CLOSING SOON

Closes: 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=1236cb4b-8334-4b41-a977-44bbf41314e1

Invites organisations to deliver services under the Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship Program over 12 months from 2025–2026.

The Critical Support for Multicultural Communities - Independent Multicultural Media – transformation and sustainability grant opportunity provides total funding of \$10.0 million (GST exclusive) with funding allocated based on organisation size. The maximum funding amount for consortia will be based on the total combined number of employees within the consortium.

# Community Language Schools Grants Program - Fluency in Asian Languages

Funding Provider: Australian Department of Home Affairs

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** \$60,000 - \$440,000 **Closes:** 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=919400f2-4672-4db5-ae75-b8ebb1bcad39

Provides funding to organisations involved in, or supporting, language education to develop initiatives that will help more students, regardless of their background, become fluent in Asian languages through to years 11 and 12.

The Community Language Schools Grants Program forms part of Program 2.5 Multicultural and Citizenship, within Outcome 2 of the Department of Home Affairs Portfolio Budget Statement.

## **Community Grants**

Funding Provider: Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia

Amount: \$5,000

CLOSING SOON

Closes: 19th December 2025

Apply: <a href="https://www.pcfa.org.au/get-involved/pcfa-community-grants/2026-community-grants/">https://www.pcfa.org.au/get-involved/pcfa-community-grants/2026-community-grants/</a>

The aim of the scheme is to support PCFA's mission and strengthen the activities of Prostate Cancer Support Groups in their local areas.

All applications are to be received from affiliated PCFA Prostate Cancer Support Groups with single grants capped at \$5,000. The funding can be used for one or all three specific purposes:

- 1) Community events that create prostate cancer awareness, promote the presence of your support group in the community, or involve fundraising,
- 2) Awareness-building activities that inform and educate the community about Prostate Cancer e.g. utilising our Life Force Presentation,
- 3) Essential marketing items banners, business cards, branded tablecloths that help promote your group and affiliation with PCFA.

### Community Supported Small Grants Program

Funding Provider: Walter and Eliza Hall Trust

**Amount:** Unspecified

**Closes:** \*Date not yet confirmed by provider

Apply: https://www.wehalltrust.org.au/grant-programs

Provides funds to assist individuals experiencing financial disadvantage.

Social workers, case managers or allied health professionals employed by supporting charitable organisations (holding DGR item 1 status) may submit an application on behalf of an individual in need. This program operates in Queensland, New South Wales, the ACT and Victoria.

**CLOSING SOON** 

#### Spencer Gibson Foundation Grants

Funding Provider: Spencer Gibson Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$100,000 **Closes:** Opens: *01 Jan 2026\** 

Apply: https://spencergibson.com/apply/

Focuses on people who have been marginalised or disadvantaged, those facing illness or needing special support.

The Spencer Gibson Foundation (The Foundation) is a private ancillary fund established by his family in 2015. Spencer believed everyone deserves to find their voice, be heard, included and valued. He wanted people to lead fulfilling and healthy lives, unconstrained by their circumstances.

The Foundation encourages applications from eligible charities that:

- Advance research and care for people living with mental health problems, cancer, heart disease or epilepsy
- Ease people's access to community life, and spur their growth through education, the arts and creative expression
- Support people beyond crisis accommodation and into stable long-term housing.

## **D-Prize Global Competition**

Funding Provider: D-Prize Amount: Up to \$20,000 Closes: 04<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 Apply: https://d-prize.org

Seeds new organizations distributing proven poverty solutions, all aiming to scale.

D-Prize awards startup grants of up to \$20,000 to entrepreneurs launching new organizations. They believe the world needs more social impact organizations, and they seed for-profit ventures, NGOs, and charities. D-Prize supports organizations in any low-or-middle income country where extreme poverty still exists.

D-Prize believes social impact organizations are uniquely positioned to distribute an existing product or service known to improve lives where need still exists. The seed support is meant to be the launching point for your organization that grows to large-scale.

# Multicultural Infrastructure and Security Program

Funding Provider: Victorian Government

**Amount:** \$1 - \$400,000

Closes: 05th January 2026

**Apply:** <a href="https://www.vic.gov.au/2025-26-multicultural-infrastructure-and-security-program">https://www.vic.gov.au/2025-26-multicultural-infrastructure-and-security-program</a>

This program will support Victoria's multicultural and multifaith community organisations to maintain and upgrade their existing community facilities. and create a safe and secure place to celebrate and share their history and traditions. This includes maintenance works, renovations and security upgrades.

Regional and new or emerging communities will be prioritised.

### Stronger Communities Programme

Funding Provider: Australian Government

Amount: Up to \$20,000 Closes: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Apply: https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/stronger-communities-programme-round-

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Through this program, Federal Members of Parliament (MPs) identify potential small infrastructure projects that provide social benefit for local communities and invite applications from organisations in their electorate.

#### Motorola Solutions Foundation Grants

Funding Provider: Motorola Solutions Foundation

Amount: Up to \$50,000 Closes: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

Apply: https://www.motorolasolutions.com/en us/about/motorola-solutions-foundation/annual-

grants.html

Supports organizations that offer first responder programming and technology and engineering education, and align to the Foundation's values of accountability, innovation, impact, diversity and inclusion.

As the charitable and philanthropic arm of Motorola Solutions, the Motorola Solutions Foundation partners with organizations around the world to create safer cities and equitable, thriving communities. They focus on giving back through strategic grants, employee volunteerism and other community investment initiatives.

## Energy Resilience Community Fund (ERCF) - Major Grants

Funding Provider: AusNet Amount: \$50,000 - \$250,000 Closes: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Apply:** <a href="https://www.ausnetservices.com.au/about-us/community/energy-resilience-community-fund">https://www.ausnetservices.com.au/about-us/community/energy-resilience-community-fund</a>

Provides grants to community and not-for-profit organisations, local councils and small businesses to help build and strengthen community energy resilience.

As climate change brings increasingly severe, frequent and unpredictable weather events, the risk of prolonged power outages also increases.

The aim of the ERCF is to ensure communities are less impacted by and recover faster from extreme weather events and other electricity reliability challenges.

# Safe Local Roads and Streets Program

Funding Provider: Victorian Transport Accident Commission (TAC)

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026

Apply: <a href="https://tac.smartygrants.com.au/SLRSPInnovativeProjects">https://tac.smartygrants.com.au/SLRSPInnovativeProjects</a>

Supports the development and delivery of road safety infrastructure projects on local roads. This \$200 million program is designed to integrate local governments' priorities with a Safe System approach.

The program will run from July 2023 to June 2027. Over this time, TAC will work with all Victorian local governments to plan, design and deliver \$200 million of safety improvements on the highest-risk local roads, intersections and precincts, such as schools.

#### Annie Danks Trust and Danks Trust Grants

Funding Provider: Annie Danks Trust and Danks Trust

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026

Apply: EOI forms can be obtained by emailing: danks.trust@gmail.com or anniedankstrust@gmail.com

\*\*There is no website. \*\*

Provides grants to charities and projects that assist communities, including in areas of education and youth, financial hardship, religion, and others.

The Danks Trust was established in 1927 and provides grants to charitable organisations or projects that fit categories of religion, education and/or the relief of poverty. Equity Trustees are a trustee.

## Veteran Wellbeing Grants (VWG) Program

Funding Provider: Australian Department of Veterans' Affairs

**Amount:** Up to \$200,000 **Closes:** 05<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026

Apply: <a href="https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=3de9b7ed-3e3a-43c2-bb8c-f2c0ec552ba0">https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=3de9b7ed-3e3a-43c2-bb8c-f2c0ec552ba0</a>

Provides funding for eligible organisations to deliver community-based projects and activities for the veteran community.

The VWG Program provides funding opportunities for eligible organisations to undertake community-based projects. The aim of the VWG Program is to improve the health and wellbeing of the Australian veteran community. The VWG Program forms parts of DVA's commitment to fund projects and activities that sustain or enhance health and social wellbeing, build community capacity, potentially expand on existing services and raise awareness of important issues faced by the veteran community.

# Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program - Major Grants

Funding Provider: Australian Department of Veterans' Affairs

**Amount:** \$10,001 - \$150,000 **Closes:** 05<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026

Apply: https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=294278e6-ffba-428a-be0d-

acc9fa4dcb5b&keyword=G07626

Aims to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Australia's service personnel who served in wars, conflicts and peace operations, including National Service personnel, and their families.

The intended outcome of the program is to provide funding for projects and activities that:

- Promote appreciation and understanding of the experiences of service, and the role of service personnel
- Preserve, add to the sum of knowledge on, or provide access to information about Australia's wartime heritage.

#### Veterans Capital Works Grant Program

Funding Provider: Victorian Government

**Amount:** \$5,000 - \$50,000 **Closes:** 05<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026

Apply: <a href="https://www.vic.gov.au/veterans-capital-works-grant-program">https://www.vic.gov.au/veterans-capital-works-grant-program</a>

The Veterans Capital Works Grant Program offers funding of up to \$50,000 for projects that support Victoria's veterans and their families by improving their access to important community spaces and services

The grants support building and facility improvements projects for not-for-profit organisations that mainly deliver services to:

veterans their families their communities.

# Restoring Community War Memorials and Avenues of Honour Grant Program

Funding Provider: Victorian Government

**Amount:** \$1,000 - \$30,000 **Closes:** 05<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026

**Apply:** <a href="https://www.vic.gov.au/restoring-community-war-memorials-and-avenues-honour">https://www.vic.gov.au/restoring-community-war-memorials-and-avenues-honour</a>

The Restoring Community War Memorials and Avenues of Honour Grant Program offers funding for community groups to support veterans and reflect their service within the community. Funding is available to restore:

- war memorials
- avenues of honour
- honour rolls.

Grants can be used to conserve, maintain, or update these memorials to:

- their original condition or
- better reflect veteran service in the community.

Funding is available in two stages.

- Stage 1: Up to \$10,000 for the planning of restoration projects
- Stage 2: Up to \$30,000 for the implementation of earlier planned projects.

# Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program - Community Grants

Funding Provider: Australian Department of Veterans' Affairs

**Amount:** Up to \$10,000 **Closes:** 05<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026

Apply: <a href="https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=294278e6-ffba-428a-be0d-">https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=294278e6-ffba-428a-be0d-</a>

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#### **EQT Small Grants Program**

Funding Provider: Equity Trustees Foundation

Amount: Up to \$25,000 Closes: 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Apply:** <a href="https://www.eqt.com.au/our-services/community/grant-funding/small-grants-program">https://www.eqt.com.au/our-services/community/grant-funding/small-grants-program</a>

Ensures communities are resilient in the face of social, economic, and environmental change and local support networks are accessible and effective.

Equity Trustees want to ensure that localised solutions and leaders are valued when thinking about creating positive social and environmental outcomes. A strong local community creates better outcomes for all.

#### KOMPAN 40 for 40 Initiative

Funding Provider: KOMPAN Australia

**Amount:** Up to \$40,000 **Closes:** 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026

Apply: https://www.kompan.com/en/au/about-kompan/news/40th-birthday-competition

Offers KOMPAN customers the chance to double their budget and win up to \$40,000 worth of playground or outdoor fitness equipment for free.

KOMPAN, Australia's leading playground and outdoor fitness supplier turns 40 in 2025.

To thank their customers for the decades of support, they are giving back. Applicants can DOUBLE their playground or outdoor gym equipment budget with KOMPAN's '40 for 40' initiative. Here's how to apply:

- 1. Spend at least \$40,000 on play and/or fitness equipment in a single purchase with KOMPAN Australia by March 31st, 2026
- 2. Have at least 5 members of your organisation following KOMPAN Australia on LinkedIn and signed up to the email newsletter
- 3. Complete a short form about the project where your equipment will be installed, should you be the winner.

If you are selected as the winner, you will receive \$40,000 worth of outdoor play and fitness equipment to add to your site for FREE.

#### The FastWeb Fund

Funding Provider: EastWeb Amount: \$2,000 - \$5,000 Closes: None - Always Open

Apply: https://

The aim of the scheme is to support PCFA's mission and strengthen the activities of Prostate Cancer Support Groups in their local areas.

#### Charitabl.

Funding Provider: Charitabl.

Amount: Unspecified

Closes: None - Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://www.charitabl.org">https://www.charitabl.org</a>

Provides secure payment technology for charities and users and is focussed on digital safety, barrier-free giving and cost effectiveness.

Charitabl. is a world-first donor only marketplace with 0% fees and commissions on all donations. It is Australian owned and operated and is based out of Sydney's northwest.

Every dollar spent on platform fees, admin, and manual receipting is a dollar that never reaches your cause. Charitabl.Pro eliminates processing fees entirely, automates admin, and gives you secure, instant access to donor data—so you can focus on growing impact, not costs.

Unlike traditional platforms that take 5–15% in fees, Charitabl.Pro charges a flat annual rate—so 100% of your donations go to your charity. They also provide an app-native giving experience, full automation, and donor engagement tools to help you raise more without increasing your workload.

### Direct Aid Program (DAP)

Funding Provider: Australian Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade

Amount: Up to \$100,000 Closes: None - Always Open

Apply: https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/direct-aid-program/direct-aid-program

Provides flexibility to work with local communities in developing countries on projects that reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development consistent with Australia's national interest.

This program sits alongside Australia's longer-term country and multilateral development strategies and with its wide geographical reach plays an important role in supporting local community efforts towards poverty reduction across the globe.

## Beyond Bank Community Partnerships

Funding Provider: Beyond Bank Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** None - Always Open

Apply: https://www.beyondbank.com.au/community-sector/community-partnerships/

Distributes grants to local non-profit organisations working in the areas of aged care, disability, housing affordability, and local community services.

The Beyond Bank Foundation works with not-for-profit and community organisations collaboratively, as partners. This is achieved through a dedicated community development team.

# Everyday Round Up to Charity

Funding Provider: ING Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** None - Always Open

Apply: https://campaigns.ing.com.au/payitforward

Donates funds to charities through a rounding up process from eligible Orange Everyday purchases. By paying forward your small change, you can help make a difference to some of the most important causes across Australia.

To start rounding, ING customers need to activate the program in their Orange Everyday account and nominate their favourite charity.

## Matched Fundraising Program

Funding Provider: June Canavan Foundation

Amount: Up to \$5,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://www.junecanavanfoundation.org.au/matched-fundraising-program/">https://www.junecanavanfoundation.org.au/matched-fundraising-program/</a>

Helps raise money for Foundation-supported projects, contributing to community awareness of the Foundation and its work.

If your proposal is approved, the June Canavan Foundation will match the amount raised from approved Matched Fundraising projects on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to a maximum of \$5,000. This means you get twice as much value from your fundraising efforts, plus you have the satisfaction of contributing to the work of the June Canavan Foundation.

#### Coles Community Support

Funding Provider: Coles Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

**Apply:** https://www.coles.com.au/about/our-partners/community/partnerships

Shines the spotlight on individuals in Australia and New Zealand who make a positive impact to their local community or environment.

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognised and supported for the positive impact they make to the local community or environment?

#### Givers Gain Gift Fund

Funding Provider: BNI Foundation

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://bnifoundation.com.au/#news">https://bnifoundation.com.au/#news</a>

Provides up to \$1000 in donations to qualified schools and educational charities to support disadvantaged children.

A GGG is a donation made to schools and charities to help with small purchases that may not be funded in their budgets.

BNI members can connect BNI Foundation Australia to the school and/or educational charity.

## Community Reward Program

Funding Provider: Beyond Bank Foundation

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.beyondbank.com.au/community-sector/services/community-reward-program/

Offers a sustainable fundraising platform for your local sporting club.

Created to reward organisations annually, the Community Reward Account is a savings account that allows supporters to save money while helping the club or cause to fundraise.

#### Coca-Cola My Product Donations

Funding Provider: Coca-Cola Australia Foundation

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://forms.benevity.org/98cdedc7-75fc-4a84-9bb8-1c63c4d26cb8

Supports community groups by providing donations of beverages.

Only Coca-Cola employees and groups registered with the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission can receive donations. Note that a maximum of 20x cases can be ordered at a time.

#### Utility Relief Grant Scheme

Funding Provider: VIC Department of Health & Human Services

Amount: Up \$1,300 Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/utility-relief-grant-scheme

Provides relief grants for paying overdue energy or water bills for low-income Victorians experiencing unexpected hardship. The grant provides help to pay a mains electricity, gas or water bill that is overdue due to a temporary financial crisis.

You must hold at least one of the following concession cards:

- Pensioner Concession Card
- Health Care Card
- Veterans' Affairs Gold Card.

#### Stavros Niarchos Foundation Grants

Funding Provider: Stavros Niarchos Foundation

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always open

Apply: https://www.snf.org/en/apply-now/

Provides grants to nonprofit organizations globally in the areas of arts and culture, education, health and sports, and social welfare. For over twenty-five years, the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) has made grants to nonprofit organizations and projects around the world, working with an incredible community of partners to create transformative change whose benefits multiply and are shared widely.

At its core are a fundamentally collaborative approach based on the expertise of partners on the ground, a commitment to public-private partnership, and a belief that everyone should have access to art, education, health care, and life's other essentials.

# Superyard Partnerships – Melbourne Cup Carnival

**Funding Provider:** Superyard **Amount:** Unspecified

Closes: Always open

Apply: https://superyard.com.au/melbourne-cup-2023/

Redistributes building materials from the Melbourne Cup Carnival to sectors in need. Superyard, in partnership with waste management leaders Cirka, is proud to make the Victoria Racing Club's 2023 Melbourne Cup Carnival a flagship for sustainable and circular economy practices.

Superyard will hold and redistribute reusable building materials from the Melbourne Cup Carnival. From pine wood and MDF panels to a range of other crucial building supplies, they're making sure nothing goes to waste.

### **Escaping Violence Payment Program**

**Funding Provider:** UnitingCare **Amount:** Up to \$5,000

Closes: Always open

**Apply:** https://www.petstock.com.au/pages/foundation-grant-program

Offers financial assistance to help those escaping domestic violence to move forward and set up a home free of violence.

## Melbourne Airport Community Giving Fund

Funding Provider: Melbourne Airport

Amount: Up to \$2,000 Closes: Always open

Apply: https://www.melbourneairport.com.au/community/melbourne-airport-community-giving-

fund?srsltid=AfmBOorLwaE 3xDs0ULgohy5GDkLlRo6Mf7AziyarOTeJDstuQS4EJ01

Aims to help communities, arts, sports or service groups with any number of initiatives and projects. The new Community Giving Fund provides the chance for communities to apply for funding for projects that support community needs.

These may include uniforms for sporting clubs, supplies for art exhibitions or community events, upgrades to a social enterprise or contributions to community kitchens, libraries or gardens. All projects that support groups with their local communities will be considered.

# Magistrates' Court Fund

Funding Provider: Magistrates' Court Victoria

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://www.mcv.vic.gov.au/find-support/court-fund">https://www.mcv.vic.gov.au/find-support/court-fund</a>

Offers funds to not-for-profit organisations which provide a charitable and/or community service for the benefit of Victorian citizens. The money must be used for emergency relief, to address disadvantage, and for community service for the benefit of Victorians.

## Petstock Foundation Grant Program

Funding Provider: Petstock Foundation

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always open

**Apply:** <a href="https://www.petstock.com.au/pages/foundation-grant-program">https://www.petstock.com.au/pages/foundation-grant-program</a>

Supports organisations or projects that create long-term change and care for animals or help rehabilitate those in need.

#### Community Leases Program

Funding Provider: VicTrack Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always open

Apply: https://victrack.com.au/community/community-leases

Makes underused land and buildings available to community organisations. VicTrack works with tourist and heritage railway operators, not-for-profit organisations and local councils to make their land and property available for a diverse range of social and cultural programs, as well as for beautification and recreational purposes.

#### Container Deposit Scheme

Funding Provider: VIC Container Deposit Scheme (CDS)

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://cdsvic.org.au/fundraising">https://cdsvic.org.au/fundraising</a>

Gives charities and community groups the opportunity to raise funds while making an impact. You can now exchange eligible drink containers for 10 cents at locations across Victoria. You can either keep your refund or support your favourite charity or community organisation with a donation.

#### **DWF** Foundation Grants

Funding Provider: DWF Foundation

Amount: Up to \$5,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://dwfgroup.com/en/about-us/dwf-foundation">https://dwfgroup.com/en/about-us/dwf-foundation</a>

Provides funds, resources and mentoring support to help individuals, groups and communities to achieve their full potential.

## Sanitarium Community Care Program

Funding Provider: Sanitarium

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** Always open

Apply: <a href="https://www.sanitarium.com/au/social-purpose/community-care-guidelines">https://www.sanitarium.com/au/social-purpose/community-care-guidelines</a>

Offers mostly in-kind support (products) for community programs, projects, or activities. Sanitarium's Community Care team primarily focus on tackling hunger and food insecurity. If you wish to submit/ or have submitted a request for support towards a community program, project, or activity, please consider the following guidelines.

# Utility Relief Grant Scheme

Funding Provider: VIC Department of Health and Human Services

Amount: Up to \$1,300 Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/utility-relief-grant-scheme

Provides relief grants for paying overdue energy or water bills for low-income Victorians experiencing unexpected hardship. You must hold one of the following concession cards, Pensioner Concession Card, Health Care Card, Veterans' Affairs Gold Card.

#### **QBE** Sponsorship

Funding Provider: QBE Insurance

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** Always Open

Apply: https://www.qbe.com/au/about/sponsorship-community/sponsorship

Fosters sporting, arts and cultural partnerships. QBE partner with some of Australia's premier sport, culture and arts organisations. The partnerships are built around shared values of commitment, leadership, inclusion and diversity.

#### **Direct Giving Program**

Funding Provider: The Hall Foundation

Amount: Up to \$2,500 Closes: Always Open

**Apply:** <a href="https://www.hallfoundation.org.au/grant-programs">https://www.hallfoundation.org.au/grant-programs</a>

Offers funding for Australians facing acute financial stress; when support is urgently needed and other options have been exhausted.

The Direct Giving Program delivers targeted, practical financial relief to people experiencing immediate hardship across Australia. The Foundation works in close partnership with health professionals and community organisations to ensure support reaches those who need it most. Applications for up to \$2,500 can be submitted by eligible representatives and, if approved, the Foundation funds the goods or services requested in the application via payment directly to the relevant supplier.jm,k

## Australian Public Health Small Grants Program

Funding Provider: Walter and Eliza Hall Trust

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://www.wehalltrust.org.au/grant-programs">https://www.wehalltrust.org.au/grant-programs</a>

Provides financial assistance to patients in Australian public health settings for purposes considered necessary and/or essential to a patient's health and wellbeing. Assistance is provided when specified needs are desperate, and assistance is necessary to maintain the minimum standards of safety, security, protection, and comfort for the patient.

#### Helen MacPherson Smith Trust Grants

Funding Provider: Helen MacPherson Smith Trust

Amount: Unspecified

Closes: Varies

**Apply:** <a href="https://hmstrust.org.au/applying-for-a-grant/">https://hmstrust.org.au/applying-for-a-grant/</a>

Supports Victorian-based organisations seeking to build connection, capability and capacity in communities or address educational disadvantage through community-based partnerships.

## IMB Bank Sponsorship

Funding Provider: IMB Bank Community Foundation

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.imb.com.au/sponsorships-applying-for-sponsorship.html

Provides sponsorship for events or activities that showcase values of integrity, cooperation, community, excellence, and respect, and which are beneficial to the local community.

#### Bakers Delight Sponsorship

Funding Provider: Bakers Delight

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.bakersdelight.com.au/company/community/

Offers sponsorship to community groups, charities, teams, and individuals for all kinds of events. From local schools to sporting clubs, from charities to communities, Bakers Delight are there to help when you "knead" it.

#### My Giving Circle Grants

Funding Provider: My Giving Circle

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://mygivingcircle.org/">https://mygivingcircle.org/</a>

Helps charities and not-for-profit organisations access grants, grow their supporter base, raise their profile and generate donations. My Giving Circle is a social enterprise that is giving \$1,000,000 to charities this year.

Their mission is to give Charities, not-for-profits and community groups (large and small) a chance to:

- Receive grants that let them do more in their communities
- Grow their supporter and donor base by matching them with people most likely to be interested in what they do
- Raise donations and engage their supporter base.

#### Awesome Foundation Grants - Melbourne Chapter

Funding Provider: The Awesome Foundation

Amount: \$1,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/melbourne

Funds community projects that make Melbourne 'more awesome'. Applications are open to all awesome projects in the greater Melbourne area. We are an active chapter which awards a \$1,000 grant on the last Tuesday of each month (submissions close 12pm on the Sunday prior).

## Financial Capability Open Grants

**Funding Provider:** Ecstra Foundation **Amount:** \$5,000 to \$100,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.ecstra.org.au/funding-principles-and-grant-guidelines

Ecstra Foundation is a new not-for-profit organisation committed to building the financial capability of all Australians within a fair financial system. It supports projects, programs and organisations that assist individuals to make informed and confidence decisions about money. This includes building organisation capacity, delivering an innovative approach and scaling up a proven program or approach.

## IGA Community Chest

Funding Provider: Independent Grocers Australia (IGA)

**Amount:** Case by case basis **Closes:** Always Open

Apply here: https://www.iga.com.au/community-chest/

Raises funds to support local communities, charities and other worthwhile causes. It could be in response to a major event like floods or bush fires or something as simple as new soccer balls for the local under 8's.

IGA Community Chest and associated programs have raised over \$86 million for local community groups, not-for-profit organisations, charities and other worthy causes. This money has assisted over 7,000 worthwhile causes.

#### Google Ad Grants

Funding Provider: Google Amount: Up to \$13,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://www.google.com/grants/">https://www.google.com/grants/</a>

Helps nonprofits share their causes with the world. Raise awareness, attract donors and recruit new volunteers using Google search ads. Google Ad Grants shows your message to people searching for nonprofits like yours.

Each qualifying nonprofit has access to up to AU\$13,000 per month in search ads shown on Google.com. Additional Google Ads may be purchased in a separate account.

#### The Marian and F.H. Flack Trust Grant

Funding Provider: The Flack Trust

Amount: Not specified Closes: Always Open

Apply: http://flacktrust.org/grants/

Provides financial support to charitable organisations which provide services to the elderly, to disadvantaged groups or organisations community health or creative arts.

#### Charitable Institutions:

- Services to aged care.
- Services to disadvantaged groups or organisations.
- Services to community health.
- Creative arts.
- Multiple service organisations.

#### Castello's Community Grants

Funding Provider: Castello Group

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://castellos.com.au/community/">https://castellos.com.au/community/</a>

Accepts nominations from not-for-profit organisations, charities or sporting groups seeking sponsorship or donations to assist a worthwhile cause or support a program or local community event. Castello's will award grants to organisations and programs that improve the lifestyle and wellbeing of the local community.

#### Good360 Membership Program

Funding Provider: Good360 Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://good360.org.au/get-the-goods/

Enables members to select brand new goods they need for their program services, which have been donated by leading Australian brands and retailers. Products include nappies and toys for domestic violence shelters, notebooks for schools, clothing and toiletries for residential centres, make-up for teens and women experiencing hardship and much more.

#### Spark Legacy Program

Funding Provider: Spark Financial Group

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always open

Apply: <a href="https://www.sparkfg.com.au/charities-we-support/">https://www.sparkfg.com.au/charities-we-support/</a>

Aims to partner with charities to improve financial wellbeing of everyday Australians. The Spark Legacy Program will provide several mechanisms allowing its advisers to participate in initiatives that positively impact their local communities and drive meaningful change, including those relating to financial hardship, financial abuse, and mental health issues.

#### Sponsorship and Donation Programs

Funding Provider: Coliban Water

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always open

Apply: https://coliban.com.au/community/supporting-community-events

Supports local events and organisations with free portable water station hire, and water related merchandise.

#### 1. Portable water stations

You can apply to have free drinking water stations at your next outdoor community event

- Portable refill units that can refill drink bottles or cups
- Touch-free sensor-activated to ensure COVID Safe usage
- Great for outdoor community sporting events.

## **DISABILITY**

## Dying to Know Day Community Grants Program

Funding Provider: Proveda Foundation

**Amount:** \$500 - \$5,000 **Closes:** 01<sup>st</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://proveda.com.au/apply-for-a-d2k-grant/

Supports individual and collective action around death and dying.

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Thanks to generous support from The J.O. & J. R. Wicking Trust, Dying to Know can now fund those already making a difference in changing how we approach end-of-life. The community grants program is built on the belief that diverse approaches lead to unique solutions, and great ideas deserve to be nurtured and turned into meaningful action.

Whether it's a neighbourhood gathering for the day of action, a conversation product or a broader community project, these grants are a catalyst for transformation – helping warm hearted, creative and generous people like yourself, turn great ideas into impactful actions!

#### Disability Research Leadership Program

Funding Provider: National Disability Research Partnership

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**Amount:** Up to \$30,000 **Closes:** 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Apply: https://www.ndrp.org.au/research/disabilityresearchleadershipprogram

Supports emerging researchers with disability by addressing structural and financial barriers, providing flexible funding and mentoring, and strengthening disability-led research and leadership across the sector.

The NDRP has established the Disability Research Leadership Program to recognise and support emerging and early-career researchers with disability. Too often, talented students and researchers with disability miss out on career pathways and leadership opportunities because universities tend not to recognise disability as a strength. This is a lost opportunity for universities and the research community.

#### Commonwealth Teaching Scholarships

Funding Provider: Australian Department of Education

Amount: Up to \$40,000 Closes: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Apply: <a href="https://www.education.gov.au/teaching-scholarships">https://www.education.gov.au/teaching-scholarships</a>

Provides funding to new undergraduate and postgraduate teaching students in exchange for teaching in government schools or government-run early learning settings following their degree.

The Commonwealth Teaching Scholarships Program (the Program) provides up to \$40,000 to new undergraduate and up to \$20,000 to new postgraduate teacher education students.

In return for a scholarship recipients need to teach in government schools or government-run early learning settings after finishing their degree.

## National Disability Conference Initiative

Funding Provider: Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Amount: Up to \$10,000 Closes: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Apply: https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=5a669fab-0224-4f32-9277-f60fed4fc9a1

Provides grants to conference organisers to assist people with disability participate in nationally-focused, disability-related, conferences held in Australia.

Funding may also support eligible conference organisers to provide accessibility measures that will maximise the inclusion and participation of people with disability at their conference. The grant

opportunity aims to support organisations, especially those run by and for people with disability and/or their families, which have limited resources to implement accessibility measures at their conference.

The NDCI is a long-standing annual competitive grant round which supports disability conference organisers to maximise the inclusion of people with disability at their conferences.

#### Disability Self-Help Grants Program

Funding Provider: VIC Department of Families, Fairness & Housing

Amount: Up to \$14,000 Closes: 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Apply: https://providers.dffh.vic.gov.au/disability-self-help-grants-program

Provides grants to Victorian disability self-help groups.

Self-help groups provide peer support for people with disability and their families and carers.

The Victorian Government recognises the important role that disability self-help groups play. They boost social connection, mental health and wellbeing.

Grants of up to \$7,000 per year for 1 or 2 years are available to help disability self-help groups to run (a total maximum of \$14,000 over 2 years).

Priority groups for this round include:

- First Nations people
- Young people (aged 12-25)
- Women and girls
- People from culturally diverse communities
- Neurodivergent people
- People who identify as LGBTIQA+
- People in regional or rural Victoria.

## Athlete with a Disability Grant

Funding Provider: Barwon Sports Academy

**Amount:** \$50 - \$500

Closes: None - Always Open

Apply: https://www.barwonsportsacademy.org.au/grants-and-funding

Support talented athletes with a disability from the Barwon region who are finding it hard to meet the financial demands of their sport.

Who qualifies for assistance?

- Individual athletes with a disability who reside in the Barwon region
- Teams ineligible
- Sportspeople participating in activities classified as recognised sports by regional, state, national sporting bodies
- Athletes must be 11 years or older and within the talent pathway of their chosen sport
- Athletes must be recognised by their sport as either qualified for BSA membership or have a high probability of future qualification.

#### Variety Victoria

Funding Provider: Variety Victoria

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always open

#### **Apply:** https://fundraise.variety.org.au/individual-grants

<u>Community Grant</u> - Provides grants to Victorian schools and organisations for the purchase of equipment that will promote all-access and inclusivity in the community. Schools and NFP Organisations are invited to apply for a grant which will go towards the purchase of equipment to promote accessibility and inclusivity in the community for children aged 0-17 years with disability, chronic illness, financial disadvantage or geographic isolation.

<u>Individual Grant</u> - Provides assistance towards the purchase of mobility equipment, communication devices and essential medical and health equipment to support children who have a medically diagnosed chronic illness or disability.

#### Sargood Foundation Grants

Funding Provider: Sargood Foundation

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always open

Apply: <a href="https://sargoodfoundation.org.au/category/grants/">https://sargoodfoundation.org.au/category/grants/</a>

Funds an extensive and diverse program of grants and donations that aim to make a difference to those living with Spinal Cord Injury. The Sargood Foundation's vision is that all people affected by Spinal Cord Injury are provided with every opportunity to live life to the fullest. Grants include accommodation grants and travel grants.

#### Disabled Children's Foundation Grants

Funding Provider: Disabled Children's Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** Always open

**Apply:** https://www.facebook.com/disabledchildrensfoundation

Aims to promote the health, welfare and interests of disabled children around Australia and to ensure children with disabilities and their families have the same opportunities as all people to enjoy the benefits from participation in the community.

## Arthur Marsden Whiting Sympathy Fund

Funding Provider: Equity Trustees Foundation

Amount: Up to \$3,000 Closes: Always open

Apply: <a href="https://www.eqt.com.au/philanthropy/grant-funding/folder-medical-grants/arthur-marsden-">https://www.eqt.com.au/philanthropy/grant-funding/folder-medical-grants/arthur-marsden-</a>

whiting-sympathy-fund

Provides assistance to people with a physical disability who are in need of financial support.

## Opportunity Scholarships

Funding Provider: Walter and Eliza Hall Trust

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** Always open

Apply: <a href="https://www.wehalltrust.org.au/grant-programs">https://www.wehalltrust.org.au/grant-programs</a>

Awards scholarships to students with a physical disability and those undertaking a degree in special needs education. There are 22 university scholarships that are provided through 11 partner universities.

#### Deaf Connect Grants and Sponsorships

Funding Provider: Deaf Connect

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** Always open

Apply: <a href="https://deafconnect.org.au/get-involved/grants-sponsorships">https://deafconnect.org.au/get-involved/grants-sponsorships</a>

Supports deaf, deaf/blind and hard of hearing Australians and activities and organisations that benefit the community. Deaf Connect is wanting to invest \$300,000 for community members of the Deaf community to achieve their goals, whether they be recreational, career-oriented or wellbeing focused.

#### Dylan Alcott Foundation

Funding Provider: Dylan Alcott Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** Always open

Apply: https://www.dylanalcottfoundation.com.au/

Aims to eliminate the barriers facing young people with a disability in fulfilling their dreams. The Dylan Alcott Foundation is committed to helping young Australians with disabilities overcome the barriers of entry to sport and education by providing fundraising for grants, scholarships, and mentoring.

#### **Employment Assistance Fund**

Funding Provider: Job Access

Amount: Varies
Closes: Always open

Apply: https://www.jobaccess.gov.au/employment-assistance-fund-eaf

Provides financial help to eligible people with disability and mental health conditions and employers to buy work related modifications, equipment, Ausland services and workplace assistance and support services.

#### Home Support Grants

Funding Provider: Youngcare Amount: Up to \$5,000 Closes: Always open

**Apply:** https://youngcare.com.au/what-we-do/grants/home-support-grants/

Provides essential funding to assist people in moving from inappropriate housing, such as aged care, rehabilitation or hospital, into somewhere more appropriate.

This may involve returning home or transitioning to more specific housing for their needs, such as Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA).

Funding is available for people with extreme functional impairment caused by a physical disability. This can be used for essential disability equipment, home modifications, and basic household items such as whitegoods and essential furniture.

## Rehabilitation Appliance Program

Funding Provider: Department of Veterans' Affairs

Amount: Undisclosed Closes: Always Open

**Apply:** https://www.dva.gov.au/get-support/health-support/care-home-or-aged-care/services-support-you-home/aids-equipment-and-modifications-through-rehabilitation-appliances-program-rap

If you are a Gold or White Card holder (with assessed clinical need), you can access aids or appliances to help you maintain independence in your home through the Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP). Items can include active listening devices, diabetic products, mobility aids, assistance dogs, etc.

#### The Tye Recreation Fund

Funding Provider: Deaf Children Australia

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always open

**Apply:** https://www.deafchildrenaustralia.org.au/scholarships-and-grants/

Provides financial assistance to organisations and individuals towards the cost of holidays and recreation opportunities for Victorian children who are deaf.

#### The Frankie Foundation Grants

Funding Provider: The Frankie Foundation

Amount: \$200-\$2,000 Closes: Always open

Apply: https://thefrankiefoundation.org/apply-for-a-grant/

Helps support kids continue or start therapy if their NDIS plan budget has run out or a therapy or service is not covered by their current NDIS plan. Families can apply for a grant of up to \$1,000 to cover up to 10 therapy sessions for a child ages 2 to 12 years of age and currently on a NDIS plan or waiting plan approval. The Frankie Foundation will award grants monthly.

#### **EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**

## Pre-Service Teacher Placement Grants Program

Funding Provider: VIC Department of Education

Amount: Unspecified CLOSING SOON

Closes: 1st December 2025

**Apply:** https://www.vic.gov.au/pre-service-teacher-placement-grants-program

Supports pre-service teachers completing a teaching placement in an eligible regional, remote or specialist Victorian government school.

To apply for a grant, pre-service teachers must complete a teaching placement:

- In an eligible regional, remote or specialist Victorian government school
- Between 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2025.

## **Discovery Projects**

Funding Provider: Australian Research Council CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** 30,000 - \$2,500,000 **Closes:** 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Apply: <a href="https://www.arc.gov.au/funding-research/discovery-linkage/discovery-program/discovery-program/discovery-linkage/discovery-program/discovery-

projects

Provides funding for research projects that can be undertaken by individual researchers or research teams.

The objectives of the Discovery Projects grant opportunity are to:

- Support excellent pure basic, strategic basic and applied research, and research training, across all disciplines excluding clinical and other medical research, that addresses a significant problem or gap in knowledge and represents value for money
- Expand research capacity in Australia by supporting excellent researchers and teams
- Foster national and international research collaboration
- Create new knowledge with economic, commercial, environmental, social and/or cultural benefits for Australia
- Enhance the scale and focus of research in Australian Government priority areas.

#### Seeding The Future Global Food System Challenge

Funding Provider: Welthungerhilfe (WHH) & Seeding The Future Foundation (STF)

**Amount:** \$25,000 - \$250,000 **Closes:** 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Apply: <a href="https://www.welthungerhilfe.org/global-food-system-challenge">https://www.welthungerhilfe.org/global-food-system-challenge</a>

Recognizes and supports breakthrough innovations that can spark transformations of our food systems, with a particular focus on addressing critical challenges in the Global South.

The Challenge aims to inspire impactful and transforming innovations that reside at the INNOVATION FOCUS AREA in which three domains intersect:

- Innovations leading to safe and nutritious food for a healthy diet
- Innovations leading to sustainable or regenerative practices that enable food systems to stay within planetary boundaries, including food waste and food loss reduction
- Innovations leading to equitable access to food that is affordable, appealing and trusted.

#### School Rewards Program

Funding Provider: The Pancake Parlour

**Amount:** \$1,000 - \$6,000 **Closes:** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://www.schoolrewards.com.au

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Offers cash prizes and perks for Victorian schools through a rewards program.

Register your School to play in The Pancake Parlour's new School Rewards program!

Receive a \$1,000 Partnership Pack upon sign up. Compete against other schools in your local restaurant league for \$1,000 cash! Take out The Pancake Parlour Premier flip overall and win a whopping \$10,000 for your School.

## RMIT University Advanced Diploma of Interpreting Scholarship

Funding Provider: Victorian Government

**Amount:** \$7,750

Closes: 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Apply: https://www.vic.gov.au/rmit-university-advanced-diploma-interpreting-scholarship

The Victorian Government is offering scholarships to students who are accepted into the 2026 Advanced Diploma of Interpreting program at RMIT University to study interpreting in one of these languages:

- Greek
- Italian
- Korean
- Punjabi
- Russian

- Sinhalese
- Tamil
- Urdu
- Vietnamese.

The Scholarship is to study an Advanced Diploma of Interpreting, which is a one-year, full-time program that begins in February 2026 and finishes in November 2026.

Most of the course activities are delivered online, with some in-person classroom sessions held at RMIT University's City Campus.

#### Interpreter Scholarship Program

Funding Provider: Victorian Government

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** 06<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Apply:** https://www.vic.gov.au/interpreter-scholarships

Works to improve the supply, quality and use of language services in Victoria by offering scholarships to eligible students seeking to undertake the courses, commencing in 2026.

#### Courses include:

- Diploma of Interpreting
- Advanced Diploma of Interpreting
- Introduction to Interpreting Skill Set
- Introduction to Translating and Interpreting Skill Set.

## Building Fund for Non-Government Schools - Independent

Funding Provider: Victorian School Building Authority

**Amount:** Up to \$6,000,000 **Closes:** 09<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Apply: https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/building-fund-non-government-schools-independent

Supports upgrades and the building of new independent schools across Victoria.

The Victorian Government committed \$450 million in the 2023-24 State Budget to build and upgrade low-fee Catholic and independent schools across the state.

The Building Fund for Non-Government Schools will allocate funding over 4 grant rounds across 4 years for independent schools.

## Little Scientists Early STEM Education Awards

Funding Provider: Little Scientists Australia

**Amount:** Unspecified

Closes: 31st May 2026 (Opens \*\*1st March 2026)

Apply: https://leica-camera.com/en-AU/press/leica-camera-ag-launches-new-project-fund-first-loba-

women-grant-open-applicants-2026

Offers female photographers the opportunity to realise a new project concept and image series.

Female photographers around the world are encouraged to share their projects with the public. In response to the ongoing gender imbalance within the field of photography, the LOBA Women Grant will provide female photographers with recognition and international visibility.

#### Collaboration and Curriculum Access Fund

Funding Provider: CCAF Amount: \$10,000 to \$30,000 Closes: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Apply: https://www.vic.gov.au/collaboration-and-curriculum-access-fund

The VCE Vocational Major (VCE VM) and Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) were introduced in 2023, providing students with access to high-quality, relevant vocational education and applied learning programs in their senior secondary years.

Building on funding invested by the Victorian Government in 2022, a further \$2.4 million over 2 years has been committed to continue the Collaboration and Curriculum Access Fund (CCAF) in 2024-25 and 2025-26.

The 2025-26 round of the CCAF will provide targeted funding to support government schools to build strong collaborative practice across schools, and with TAFE non-school providers, to support high-quality delivery of VCE VM and VPC programs, and support schools to introduce the VPC from 2026.

Funding awarded through the 2025-26 round of the CCAF will support the following objectives:

- Objective 1: Building collaboration amongst schools, and between schools and TAFE non-school providers
- Objective 2: Supporting student access to VPC programs.

#### **Venture Grants**

Funding Provider: Cancer Council Victoria

Amount: Unspecified Closes: None - Always Open

**Apply:** <a href="https://www.cancervic.org.au/research/grants/venture-grants">https://www.cancervic.org.au/research/grants/venture-grants</a>

Supports innovative cancer researchers with courageous ideas who would not be able to attract conventional funding.

The Council are seeking the brightest cancer researchers who are willing to push the boundaries of conventional thinking to achieve major breakthroughs in cancer treatment and diagnosis.

Applications are welcomed that relate to causes, prevention, diagnosis, supportive care or treatment of cancer and that present a scientifically sound vision that if successful, would open the way for significant advances in cancer control.

## **Building Blocks Grants - Planning**

Funding Provider: Victorian School Building Authority

Amount: Up to \$150,000 Closes: None - Always Open

Apply: https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/building-blocks-grants-planning

Provides grants for planning and pre-construction work on kindergarten building projects that support the roll-out of three-year-old kindergarten across Victoria.

Building Blocks Grants consists of four streams:

- Capacity building stream
- Improvement stream
- Inclusion stream
- Planning stream (this listing).

#### We Care Wig Grant

Funding Provider: Variety Amount: Up to \$5,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.variety.org.au/wigs/

Provides wigs to kids who have lost their hair due to Alopecia or another medical condition that results in permanent hair loss.

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#### GoodWillGrow Charity Partnerships

Funding Provider: GoodWillGrow

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://goodwillgrow.co/#get-started">https://goodwillgrow.co/#get-started</a>

Connects small to medium-sized non-profits with passionate SME sponsors, creating a sustainable cycle of support and impact while delivering tangible ROI for businesses.

Goodwillgrow empowers charities and businesses to thrive through mutually beneficial partnerships. They help non-profits develop sponsorship programs that deliver a tangible return on investment for businesses, creating a sustainable cycle of support.

#### Innovative Solutions Support Fund

Funding Provider: Australian Department of Education, Skills & Employment

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://idfm.org.au/funding-streams/innovative-solutions">https://idfm.org.au/funding-streams/innovative-solutions</a>

Funds flexible and alternative solutions to address inclusion barriers in early childhood education and care services. Innovative Solutions Support Projects are individualised and are developed on a case-by-case basis in response to the specific inclusion barriers identified by a service.

## Opportunity Scholarships

Funding Provider: Walter and Eliza Hall Trust

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.wehalltrust.org.au/grant-programs

Awards scholarships to students with a physical disability and those undertaking a degree in special needs education. These are 22 university scholarships that are provided through 11 partner universities. Of the 22 available scholarships, 20 are awarded to students with a physical disability to assist with study-related expenses, and 2 are for students who are undertaking a degree in special needs education.

## Safe Tree Program

Funding Provider: Department of Education

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <a href="https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/buildings-grounds-maintenance/guidance/safe-tree-program">https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/buildings-grounds-maintenance/guidance/safe-tree-program</a>

Helps Government schools in Victoria manage high-risk trees on their grounds.

Schools must manage trees on school sites as part of their occupational health and safety responsibilities. Government schools can apply for help to assess, manage or remove high-risk trees.

Financial assistance under this program is available:

- To engage a qualified arborist to assess the health of all trees on site
- To complete tree works recommended by a qualified arborist.

#### Community Child Care Fund Special Circumstances Grant

Funding Provider: Department of Education, Skills, and Employment

Amount: Assessed on case-by-case basis

Closes: Always Open

Apply here: <a href="https://www.education.gov.au/cccfspecialcircs">https://www.education.gov.au/cccfspecialcircs</a>

The CCCF Special Circumstances Grant Opportunity is designed to support continuity of childcare, in disadvantaged or vulnerable communities.

Childcare services who are approved for Child Care Subsidy (CCS) are eligible to apply for funding where there is a financial need to continue to provide childcare in the community.

The amount of funding provided to applicants will be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on other funding sources for the service.

#### Student Emergency Grant

Funding Provider: Monash University

Amount: Up to \$5,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/buildings-grounds-maintenance/guidance/safe-tree-

program

Helps students whose financial situation is affecting their ability to continue their studies and are in need of urgent and immediate aid. The money is to help meet essential needs such as accommodation, food or technology.

# ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

#### Circular Economy Infrastructure Fund

Funding Provider: VIC Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning

Amount: up to \$20,000 Closes: 01<sup>st</sup> December 2025 **CLOSING SOON** 

**Apply:** <a href="https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/grants-funding-and-investment/grants-and-funding/ceif-hazardous-waste-round-4">https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/grants-funding-and-investment/grants-and-funding/ceif-hazardous-waste-round-4</a>

Supports local councils and charities to install new, or upgrade existing, battery drop off points and to promote those locations.

The types of batteries targeted under this fund are:

- Loose batteries < 5kg
- Vapes and e-cigarettes
- Embedded batteries including small e-waste <5kg
- Larger batteries (5-60 kg) e.g. e-bikes and e-scooters disposed of at transfer stations or resource recovery centres.

The fund aims to give Victorians greater access to battery drop off locations. Funded activities focus on infrastructure purchase and installation at convenient locations and advertising costs.

#### **Environment Grants**

Funding Provider: Ian Potter Foundation

**CLOSING SOON** 

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**Apply:** https://www.ianpotter.org.au/what-we-support/program-areas/environment/

These large grants support collaborations that involve strategically important conservation work taking place across areas including land, freshwater, marine, and coastal to ensure ecosystem resilience in the face of climate change.

#### Solar for Apartments Program

Funding Provider: Solar Victoria Amount: Up to \$140,000 Closes: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Apply: <a href="https://www.solar.vic.gov.au/apartments#application-process">https://www.solar.vic.gov.au/apartments#application-process</a>

Reduces the cost of installing solar PV on apartment buildings.

Note - An additional 5000 rebates of up to \$2,800 per apartment (up to \$140,000 per property) are available until 30 April 2026, or until all rebates are exhausted, whichever comes first.

The program will help existing Victorian apartment buildings move towards electrification and will provide more opportunities for low-and middle-income apartment households to access the benefits of green energy technology.

## Accelerating CALD Workforce Project

Funding Provider: Gardiner Foundation

Amount: Up to \$50,000 Closes: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Apply: https://www.gardinerfoundation.com.au/funding-available-to-boost-cald-workforce-

participation-in-agriculture/

Invites expressions of interest (EOIs) for local projects that help strengthen the integration of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities into Victoria's agricultural workforce.

The Accelerating CALD Workforce project supports place-based initiatives that create opportunities for CALD people to access employment, while building the capability of agricultural businesses to attract and retain a diverse workforce through inclusive and culturally safe practices.

## Integrated Water Management Grants

Funding Provider: VIC Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

**Apply:** https://www.water.vic.gov.au/grants/integrated-water-management-grants

Supports projects across Victoria that will improve our water security, enhance waterway and landscape health, and build greater community connections to the environment.

The Integrated Water Management (IWM) Grant Program 2025–28 is designed to accelerate the adoption of integrated and sustainable water management practices across Victoria.

Through targeted investment and support, the program aims to foster collaboration, innovation, and equity in water-related projects that deliver environmental, cultural, and community benefits.

#### Kindling Initiative – Purpose of Kindling Initiative

Funding Provider: Tiny Beam Fund

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** Always Open

Apply: https://tinybeamfund.org/Kindling-Initiative

Fires up academic researchers and institutions' interest in negative impact of industrial animal agriculture.

#### **GIVIT**

Funding Provider: GIVIT Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.givit.org.au/sign-up

Helps eligible organisations obtain the essential items and services they need to support people in need around Australia.

GIVIT is an Australian non-profit organisation that connects donors with people and communities in need. It helps organisations by acting as a bridge between charities, community groups, and donors, ensuring that essential goods and resources go directly to those who need them most.

#### Wildlife Habitat Fund

Funding Provider: Southwest Environment Alliance

Amount: Up to \$10,000 Closes: Always open

Apply: <a href="https://sealliance.org.au/wildlife-habitat-fund/">https://sealliance.org.au/wildlife-habitat-fund/</a>

Invites private landholders who live in the project area to apply for funding to create habitat for wildlife.

The SEA Wildlife Habitat Fund supports on-ground activities that protect or improve wildlife habitat. This may include artificial habitat, native vegetation, waterways, wetlands or soils and may involve:

- Pest plant control (capped at \$1,500 per project site)
- Protective fencing for re-vegetation or protecting remnant vegetation, waterways or wetlands
- Revegetating with native plants.

#### Qantas Climate Fund

Funding Provider: Qantas Amount: Unspecified

Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.qantas.com/au/en/qantas-group/sustainability/our-planet/climate-fund.html

Invests in the development of solutions critical to meeting QANTAS' sustainability targets and reducing their impact on the planet – in the air and on the ground. The Qantas Climate Fund investment priorities tie directly to supporting their ambition and targets:

- 1. Sustainable aviation fuel catalyse sustainable aviation fuel supply and secure access at Australian and strategic international ports.
- 2. Nature based solutions secure access to high-integrity carbon offsets with biodiversity and social co-benefits.
- 3. Carbon removal technology catalyse supply and secure access to mechanical carbon removal solutions for sustainable aviation fuel and offsets.
- 4. Operational efficiency and waste access solutions to drive progress against operational efficiency and waste targets.

#### Super yard Partnerships – Melbourne Cup Carnival

Funding Provider: Superyard

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** Always open

Apply: <a href="https://superyard.com.au/melbourne-cup-2023/">https://superyard.com.au/melbourne-cup-2023/</a>

Redistributes building materials from the Melbourne Cup Carnival to sectors in need. Superyard, in partnership with waste management leaders Cirka, is proud to make the Victoria Racing Club's 2023 Melbourne Cup Carnival a flagship for sustainable and circular economy practices.

Superyard will hold and redistribute reusable building materials from the Melbourne Cup Carnival. From pine wood and MDF panels to a range of other crucial building supplies, they're making sure nothing goes to waste.

## Solar Panel (PV) Rebate

Funding Provider: Victorian Government

Amount: Up to \$1,400 Closes: Unspecified

Apply: <a href="https://www.solar.vic.gov.au/solar-panel-rebate">https://www.solar.vic.gov.au/solar-panel-rebate</a>

The solar homes program provides rebates of up to \$1,400 towards the installation of solar panel (PV) systems. These rebates are offered to Victorians with existing homes, homes under construction, and rental properties. Eligible customers who have previously received a rebate and have moved house can also apply.

## Inspiring Environmental Solutions

Funding Provider: Environment Protection Authority Victoria

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** Always Open

Apply: https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-epa/our-programs-and-projects/inspiring-environmental-

solutions

Invites Victorian communities to develop projects which benefit both the community and the environment affected by a pollution event. Projects should have a clear connection to the prosecuted offence, enable affected residents to have a greater connection to their local environment and engage directly with affected residents throughout the project.

#### Wildlife Training Grants

Funding Provider: WIRES Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always open

Apply: https://www.wires.org.au/training/wildlife-training-grants

Provides the opportunity for licensed wildlife rescue and care groups around Australia to access WIRES wildlife rescue and rehabilitation training. Under the programme WIRES has provided over \$22,000 in training to 735 volunteers from 15 organisations and we are keen to support as many organisations as possible. WIRES launched the Training Grant Programme and the Introduction to Wildlife Rescue Course in the wake of the horrific 2019/2020 emergency events, to support wildlife rescue groups on a broader scale and improve outcomes for animals nationally.

#### Australian Small Grants Program

Funding Provider: The Sunrise Project

Amount: Up to \$10,000 Closes: Always open

Apply: <a href="https://sunriseproject.org/grants/">https://sunriseproject.org/grants/</a>

Provides small grants for grassroots climate change initiatives. The Sunrise Project raises funds from people and organisations who share their mission to drive the transition from fossil fuels to clean energy to reduce greenhouse pollution and create a healthy and prosperous future for everyone.

#### Liveable Communities, Liveable Waterways Programs

Funding Provider: Melbourne Water

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always open

Apply: https://www.melbournewater.com.au/services/grants/liveable-communities-liveable-waterways-

program

Undertakes a range of activities that help improve the health of our waterways and deliver Melbourne Water's vision to enhance life and liveability. Melbourne Water is looking for projects and longer-term partnerships that provide value to Melbourne Water, their customers, partners and community.

#### Purves Environmental Fund

Funding Provider: Purves Environmental Fund

Amount: Up to \$50,000 Closes: Always open

Apply: <a href="https://www.purvesenvirofund.org.au/funding">https://www.purvesenvirofund.org.au/funding</a>

Supports proposals that meet the Fund's current focus areas: species loss from habitat destruction, landscape and water management, and climate change and solutions. All interested applicants must complete an Expression of Interest prior to proceeding to an application.

## Clean Energy Innovation Fund

Funding Provider: Clean Energy Innovation Fund

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** Always open

Apply: https://www.cefc.com.au/where-we-invest/special-investment-programs/clean-energy-

innovation-fund/

Invests in innovative businesses helping to accelerate the transition to net zero emissions. The Innovation Fund prioritises activity across four high impact areas – Clean energy transition, mobility and smart cities, food and agriculture and circular economy and industry.

## **HEALTH, WELLBEING & AGED CARE**

## MRFF – Preventive and Public Health Research Initiative – 2025 Maternal Health and Healthy Lifestyles Grant

Funding Provider: National Health & Medical Research Council

CLOSING SOON

**Amount:** Up to \$3,000,000 **Closes:** 03<sup>rd</sup> December 2025

**Apply:** https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=3c95ff58-5960-4085-982d-9b44f4c5029d

Provides grants to support medical research and medical innovation projects that focus on Maternal Health and Healthy Lifestyles.

The Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) Preventive and Public Health Research Initiative aims to enable or support research into new ways to address preventive and public health issues in Australia.

The objective of this grant opportunity is to provide grants of financial assistance to support medical research and medical innovation projects that:

- Stream 1 (TCR): develop, implement and/or evaluate interventions to prevent or manage perinatal mental ill-health
- Stream 2 (TCR): develop, implement and/or evaluate holistic approaches that support healthy development for children aged 2-5 years
- Stream 3 (TCR): develop, implement and/or evaluate new co-designed and scalable health and wellbeing promotion and/or preventive health approaches to address modifiable risk factors in: Topic A: adolescents and young adults; Topic B: middle-aged people.

## Aged Care Award Wages - Historical Leave Liabilities Increases

Funding Provider: Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Amount: Unspecified

CLOSING SOON

Closes: 09th December 2025

Apply: https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=b23ee92f-77ab-4f7d-938c-c66095fd1313

Provides one-off funding to eligible providers to pay eligible aged care workers to take their leave entitlements at the increased wage rates effective from 1 March 2025 and/or 1 October 2025.

The purpose of this grant opportunity is to provide \$41.92 million in 2025-26 in one-off funding to eligible providers to pay eligible aged care workers to take their leave entitlements at the increased wage rates effective from 1 March 2025 and/or 1 October 2025 as a result of Fair Work Commission (FWC) decisions under the Aged Care Work Value Case (ACWVC) only.

## AAAF Sponsorship Program

Funding Provider: Australia Alopecia Areata Foundation (AAAF)

Amount: Up to \$4,000 Closes: 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025

CLOSING SOON

Apply: https://aaaf.org.au/sponsorship-program-3/

Provides financial support for individuals and families living with Alopecia Areata, while also raising awareness of the condition.

AAAF will provide funding for successful applicants for skill development and participation in activities. AAAF is especially looking for activities which support the health and wellness of participants, both physical and mental. Activities which have an element of team or community participation are also encouraged.

The program will raise awareness for alopecia areata by collecting and sharing content from sponsorship recipients on social and traditional media. AAAF encourages participants to seek and take part in PR and media activities, and to share information about Alopecia Areata and AAAF with their local communities.

#### **Grant Impact Research Grants**

Funding Provider: VicHealth

Amount: Up to \$245,000 Closes: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**Apply:** https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/funding/2026-impact-research-grants

Supports research projects that explore systems change, build community involvement, and elevate lived experiences.

VicHealth is looking for teams led by researchers who work with communities, policy makers, and/or practitioners to create real-world impact.

Proposals must focus on changing the systems that affect our health and wellbeing, not just individual behaviours. The aim is to discover what gets in the way of good health and work to remove those barriers.

#### Applied Research and Innovation Project

Funding Provider: Holmesglen
Amount: \$50,000 - \$100,000

Closes: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**Apply:** <a href="https://www.holmesglen.edu.au/about-us/research/centre-for-applied-research-and-decomposition">https://www.holmesglen.edu.au/about-us/research/centre-for-applied-research-and-decomposition</a>

innovation/Applied-Research-and-Innovation-Project

Provides funding for TAFEs to drive innovation, industry collaboration and practical solutions in Victoria's care economy.

The Applied Research and Innovation (ARI) Project supports Victorian TAFEs to become trusted innovation partners for industry and community organisations within the care economy.

Through funding by the Victorian Government, the ARI project helps TAFEs strengthen partnerships, support future workforce needs and contribute strong outcomes to one of Victoria's most important sectors.

#### The Cure Starts Now Grants

Funding Provider: The Cure Starts Now

Amount: Unspecified Closes: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

**Apply:** https://thecurestartsnow.org.au/impact/research-and-grants/

Funds research in paediatric brain cancer.

The Cure Starts Now has funded basic, translational and clinical trials that further efforts in a homerun cure strategy for all cancers, starting with paediatric brain cancer. Core initiatives focus on diffuse

intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG), diffuse midline glioma (DMG) and Medulloblastoma – though there is a history of funding other paediatric brain tumour research that contributes to the mission. The research is international and impactful, covering 129 institutions in 29 countries worldwide.

#### **Warrior Grants**

Funding Provider: Emma's Warriors

**Amount:** \$5,000

**Closes:** \*Date not yet confirmed by provider

Apply: https://www.facebook.com/people/Emmas-Warriors/100093705835447/

Offers financial assistance to anyone aged under 24yrs that has spent time in hospital for serious long-term illness or injury.

Supporting kids and their families after serious illness is so important. The road to recovery is long and challenging.

Warrior grants are open to anyone (aged under 24yrs) that has spent time in hospital for serious long-term illness or injury.

Grants for:

- Education
- Sport
- Wellness
- Creative arts
- Rehab.

5 x \$5,000 grants are available this year.

Contact Alex to receive you application form hello@emmaswarriors.com.au

## Amgen Australia Donations

Funding Provider: Amgen Australia

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.amgen.com.au/responsibility/Donations#

Makes donations to the healthcare and non-healthcare community to further educational, scientific, or other charitable purposes.

#### Australian Public Health Small Grants Program

Funding Provider: Walter and Eliza Hall Trust

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** https://www.wehalltrust.org.au/grant-programs

Provides financial assistance to patients in Australian public health settings for purposes considered necessary and/or essential to a patient's health and wellbeing. Applications must be made by social workers, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, or other health professionals on behalf of their patients.

## **Prevention Partnerships**

Funding Provider: nib Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified

Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.nib.com.au/foundation/funding/prevention-partnerships-program

Supports widely accessible and innovative health promotion and primary prevention initiatives that encourage Australians to adopt healthy lifestyle habits.

#### **Practice Incentives Program**

Funding Provider: Services Australia

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/practice-incentives-program

Provides funding for general practices to help them continuously improve, provide quality care, enhance capacity and improve access and health outcomes for patients.

#### **Humpty Dumpty Foundation Funding**

Funding Provider: Humpty Dumpty Foundation

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://www.humpty.org.au/for-hospitals">https://www.humpty.org.au/for-hospitals</a>

Provides urgently required medical equipment for neonatal units, paediatric wards, and emergency departments in public hospitals and health services Australia-wide. The Humpty Dumpty Foundation has been providing support for children's health services since 1996. Humpty supports around 500 hospitals and health services across Australia. If your hospital needs equipment to support the care of sick babies and children, they can help.

#### Heart Foundation Research Funding

Funding Provider: Heart Foundation

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.heartfoundation.org.au/research/research-funding/research-funding-available

Provides a range of opportunities for individual researchers and projects that support the Foundation's goal to prevent heart disease, improve heart health and enhance the quality of life of all Australians.

The Heart Foundation is proud to be Australia's largest non-government funder of heart-related research. Their research funding programs support and develop excellence in heart research, from bench to bedside and beyond.

## Cerebral Palsy Alliance Research Foundation Grants

Funding Provider: Cerebral Palsy Alliance

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** Always Open

Apply: https://cerebralpalsy.org.au/research-foundation/

Funds and supports ground-breaking research into the prevention, treatment and possible cures of cerebral palsy.

CPA Research Foundation provides grants in three categories, designed to encourage both established researchers with a track record of excellence and promising, early-career researchers who are still emerging in the field:

- PhD Research grant
- Emerging Researcher grant
- Project grant.

#### Movember Funding Opportunities

Funding Provider: The Movember Foundation

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://au.movember.com/about/funding

Funds a significant number of programs through their men's health partners and will notify interested parties when funding opportunities are available in your region.

#### Arcare Grants Program

Funding Provider: Arcare Family Foundation

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

**Apply:** <a href="https://www.arcarefamilyfoundation.org.au/grants">https://www.arcarefamilyfoundation.org.au/grants</a>

Encourages and supports innovations that give all Australians the opportunity to age well, envisioning a community where older people are valued, supported, and thriving.

#### **HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS**

## Targeted Call for Research: Homelessness and Health

Funding Provider: National Health & Medical Research Council

**CLOSING SOON** 

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=6866e330-2b45-440a-9e32-855634a72761

Seeks to investigate the short and long-term adverse health outcomes experienced by individuals living in unstable housing conditions.

A Targeted Call for Research (TCR) is a one-time request for grant applications designed to stimulate research in a particular area that will benefit the health of Australians or address a specific health issue. A TCR specifies the scope and objectives of the research to be proposed, application requirements and procedures, and the review criteria to be applied in the evaluation of applications submitted in response to the TCR.

## Ritchies Community Benefit Program

Funding Provider: Ritchies IGA

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.ritchies.com.au/ritchies-loyalty/community

Raises funds for local clubs, schools or charities via a membership card program.

The Community Benefit Program enables Ritchies Supermarkets to pay a percentage of your shop to the club, school, or charity of your choice.

The Ritchies Community Benefit Program commenced back in August 1993. Ritchies have paid over \$54 million to over 5,000 clubs, schools and charities from 1993 to the present day.

#### Community Partnership Program

Funding Provider: Hume Bank

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** Always Open

Apply: https://www.humebank.com.au/community/community-partnership-program/

Provides support to local organisations through sponsorship, donations or in-kind support.

Hume Bank is committed to making a real difference in their community. To help them do that, they have crafted a series of community impact priorities that reflect their values and goals.

#### Street Smart

Funding Provider: StreetSmart Australia

Amount: \$500 - \$15,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://streetsmartaustralia.org/whowehelp/

Exists to improve the lives of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. \*Please note - Grants are currently by invitation only. \*

StreetSmart works to end homelessness - they believe everyone should have a safe and secure place to call home. StreetSmart plays a unique role in the homelessness sector providing funding and support for smaller community-based and grassroots homelessness and community services.

## Pathways to Employment and Housing

Funding Provider: William Buckland Foundation

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://williambucklandfoundation.org.au/pathways-to-employment-and-housing/

Ensures Victorians have access to culturally safe, secure jobs and stable housing. Application is by invitation only; however, organisations can register their interest in this program on the providers website.

## Transition to Independent Living Allowance

Funding Provider: Australian Department of Social Services

Amount: Up to \$1,500 Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/families-and-children/benefits-

payments/transition-to-independent-living-allowance-tila

Helps eligible young people cover some basic costs as they leave out-of-home care.

## Victorian Property Fund

Funding Provider: Consumer Affairs Victoria

Amount: Up to \$20,000 Closes: Always Open

**Apply:** <a href="https://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/clubs-and-fundraising/funded-services-and-grants/victorian-property-fund-grants/victorian-property-fund-grant-application-guide">https://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/clubs-and-fundraising/funded-services-and-grants/victorian-property-fund-grant-application-guide</a>

Supports housing development projects that will increase the supply of affordable accommodation for low income and disadvantaged Victorians.

#### First Homeowner Grant

Funding Provider: State Revenue Office Victoria

Amount: \$10,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.sro.vic.gov.au/first-home-owner

Offers first homeowners a grant of \$10,000 towards the purchase of a new home. If you are buying or building a new home valued up to \$750,000, you may be eligible.

#### **Home Support Grants**

Funding Provider: Youngcare Amount: Up to \$5,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://youngcare.com.au/what-we-do/grants/home-support-grants/

Provides essential funding to assist people in moving from inappropriate housing, such as aged care, rehabilitation or hospital, into somewhere more appropriate.

This may involve returning home or transitioning to more specific housing for their needs, such as Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA).

#### Victorian Homebuyers Fund

Funding Provider: State Revenue Office Victoria

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** Always Open

Apply: https://www.sro.vic.gov.au/homebuyer

Supports eligible homebuyers with a government contribution of up to 25% towards the purchase price of their property. The Victorian Homebuyer Fund is a shared equity scheme, meaning that the State's financial contribution is made in exchange for a share, or proportional interest in the property.

## Peter & Lyndy White Foundation Grants

Funding Provider: Peter & Lyndy White Foundation

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://www.plwf.org.au/grants/">https://www.plwf.org.au/grants/</a>

Supports Victorian charitable organisations that work with homeless and disadvantaged individuals in breaking the cycle of disadvantage and achieving a better quality of life. Organisations can make an initial enquiry at any time via email. Following a successful preliminary email enquiry, some organisations may be requested to complete a more in-depth written grant application.

## **Escaping Violence Payment Program**

Funding Provider: UnitingCare

**Amount:** Up to \$1,500

Closes: Always Open

**Apply:** <a href="https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/services/family-services/family-violence-services/escaping-violence-payment/">https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/services/family-services/family-violence-services/escaping-violence-payment/</a>

Offers financial assistance to help those escaping domestic violence to move forward and set up a home free of violence.

Are you, or someone you know, trying to leave or have left intimate partner violence? An intimate partner is someone you have been in a romantic relationship with such as husband, wife, partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend.

#### That violence can be:

- Physically, verbally or sexually abusive
- Emotionally, spiritually or psychologically abusive
- Economically abusive
- Threatening, coercive, or seeking to control or dominate the other person.

#### INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS

#### Digital Specialist in Residence – for First Nations Organisations

Funding Provider: Creative Australia

Amount: From \$3,000 CLOSING SOON

Closes: 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://creative.gov.au/investments-opportunities/digital-specialist-residence-first-nations-

organisations

Facilitates opportunities for First Nations people to enter the storytelling space and thrive within it.

The Grounded Story Grant Program supports early-stage First Nations storytellers to bring their projects to life.

This is the second round of Grounded Story grants, following the success of the first-ever grant round in 2024, which attracted more than 70 applications from First Nations storytellers across the continent and demonstrated the strong need for grants and mentorship programs of this kind.

In this round, \$5,000 will be distributed to six First Nations creatives to develop a storytelling project based on the new theme: Home.

## Opening The Doors Foundation Grants

Funding Provider: Opening The Doors Foundation CLOSING SOON

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Opens: 01 Nov 2025\*

Apply: <a href="https://www.openingthedoors.org.au/apply-now">https://www.openingthedoors.org.au/apply-now</a>

Supports educational opportunities for First Nations children.

It provides First Nations children from regional, remote and urban communities across Australia, with educational opportunities within Victorian non-government schools - enabling them to participate fully and equally in education, by supporting families to make their own choices about their children's future for their entire education journey from foundation to Year 12. It is the only First Nations organisation that supports a child throughout their entire13-year educational journey. The achievement of a successful and

culturally appropriate education experience helps 'Close The Gap', radically altering the systemic and generational disadvantage currently being experienced.

#### Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program - Category 1 & 2

Funding Provider: Sport & Recreation Victoria

Amount: Up to \$15,000 closing soon

Closes: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

**Apply:** https://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/aboriginal-sport-participation-grant-program

Assists Aboriginal Victorians to participate in Aboriginal sport carnivals, buy sports uniforms and equipment, as well as funding for travel and accommodation expenses for athletes to compete in state and national competitions.

The Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program provides grants to assist Aboriginal Victorians to participate in Aboriginal sporting carnivals, buy sports uniforms and equipment, as well as funding for travel and accommodation expenses for athletes to compete in state and national competitions.

#### Aboriginal Community Infrastructure Program

Funding Provider: First Peoples - State Relations

Amount: \$50,000 - \$1,600,000 CLOSING SOON

Closes: 03<sup>rd</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://www.vic.gov.au/aboriginal-community-infrastructure-program

Provides Aboriginal organisations with funding to build new community infrastructure or repair, refurbish or expand existing community infrastructure.

The Aboriginal Community Infrastructure Program (ACIP) is a grants program which enables Aboriginal organisations to build new fit-for-purpose infrastructure or to repair, refurbish or expand existing infrastructure to support Aboriginal Victorians to thrive, and live self-determined and culturally rich lives.

#### The program aims to:

- Improve the safety, responsiveness and delivery of services and support to communities
- Strengthen connectedness to culture and Country
- Improve the physical, social and emotional health and wellbeing of communities
- Increase functionality, sustainability and accessibility of buildings
- Expand education and economic participation opportunities for communities.

## Visual Arts Industry Support Program

Funding Provider: Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications,

Sport and the Arts

**Amount:** \$45,000 - \$300,000 CLOSING SOON

**Closes:** 05<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://www.arts.gov.au/funding-and-support/indigenous-visual-arts-industry-support-program

Helps fund the operations of more than 85 Indigenous-owned art centres, and a number of art fairs, regional hubs and industry service organisations that are at the heart of Australia's world-famous Indigenous visual art movement.

The Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Support (IVAIS) program supports a professional, viable and ethical Indigenous visual arts industry with strong participation by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Some of Australia's most dynamic visual art is produced in Indigenous art centres, which enable artists to create new art, earn income, develop professional skills and connect to the art market.

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#### **Leading Lights**

Funding Provider: Australian International Documentary Conference

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** 7<sup>th</sup> December

Apply: <a href="https://www.aidc.com.au/initiatives/leading-lights/">https://www.aidc.com.au/initiatives/leading-lights/</a>

Enables early career, Indigenous and CALD (culturally and linguistically diverse) practitioners to attend the Australian International Documentary Conference for the first time.

Are you an emerging, Indigenous, and/or culturally and linguistically diverse screen creative? Do you have an interest in documentary, factual or unscripted screen content production, but haven't been to AIDC before?

Leading Lights is a philanthropic funding initiative designed to enable emerging and diverse practitioners to attend AIDC for the first time and participate in a customised professional development program.

#### General Grant Fund

Funding Provider: Mibilla Foundation

Amount: Up to \$10,000 Closes: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://www.mibilla.org/generalgrant
Round 1Opens: 01 Oct 2025Closes: 15 Dec 2025
Round 2Opens: 01 Jan 2026Closes: 15 Mar 2026
Round 3Opens: 01 Jul 2026Closes: 15 Sep 2026
Round 4Opens: 01 Oct 2026Closes: 15 Dec 2026

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Provides funding support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, businesses, and community organisations to deliver community-driven initiatives that foster growth, innovation, and meaningful social, cultural, and economic impact.

By backing projects that reflect local priorities, the fund strengthens sustained self-determination and wellbeing across Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

## Agency Collaborates

Funding Provider: National Indigenous Australians Agency

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**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** 30<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=4d03e046-8708-4b17-885c-6f7dff10519a

Considers giant proposals that address a need for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Proposals should be developed with the target community or group who will be impacted by the activity.

## Arts Business: First Nations Development Fund

Funding Provider: Creative Australia

**Amount:** \$10,000 - \$50,000 **Closes:** 09<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Apply: https://creative.gov.au/investments-opportunities/arts-business-first-nations-development-fund

Provides grants to build sustainable business practices and support economic and capacity-building development opportunities.

The opportunity is open to First Nations individuals and micro-organisations working in any artform and creative business.

Grants can be used to support, professional and workforce development, governance training, capacity building, temporary staffing, marketing, seed funding, building digital capabilities and strategic planning.

This fund should improve business skill, capacity and financial stability to increase opportunity for growth and elevate capabilities.

#### Capital of Equality Grants Program - LGBTIQ+ Leadership Stream

Funding Provider: ACT Government

Amount: Up to \$1,500 Closes: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Apply: https://www.act.gov.au/money-and-tax/grants-funding-and-incentives/funding-to-develop-

Igbtiqa-community-leaders

Aims to support and strengthen Canberra's LGBTIQ+ communities.

The grant is part of the Capital of Equality Grants Program. The program aims to achieve:

- Improved understanding of LGBTIQA+ experiences
- Improved wellbeing of LGBTIQA+ people
- Increased participation of LGBTIQA+ communities
- Increased capacity and leadership.

Capital of Equality Grants Program has three streams:

- Connection Fund
- Partnerships and Capacity Building
- LGBTIQ+ Leadership (this listing).

#### Who this is for

- The grant is for new and established LGBTIQA+ community leaders.

Depending on the location of your opportunity you can apply for up to:

- \$650 in the ACT
- \$1,000 in NSW
- \$1,500 elsewhere in Australia.

## Stolen Generations Reparations

Funding Provider: Victorian Government

Amount: Unspecified Closes: 31st March 2027

Apply: https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=4d03e046-8708-4b17-885c-6f7dff10519a

Helps address the trauma and suffering caused by the forced removal of Aboriginal children from their families, community, culture, identity and language.

## First Nations Documentary Development Program

Funding Provider: Screen Australia

**Amount:** Up to \$30,000

Closes: None - Always Open

Apply: https://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/funding-and-support/first-

nations/development/documentary-development

Seeks to provide practitioners with the opportunity to create appropriate written and/or visual materials to ensure that projects are as strong as possible when competing for production finance.

Emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander producers are encouraged to apply.

What funding is available?

- Up to \$30,000 for one-off feature and series documentaries intended for a Commissioning Platform
- Up to \$20,000 for one-hour television documentaries
- Up to \$20,000 for online series productions.

#### First Mortgage Removal Program

Funding Provider: First Peoples - State Relations

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** None - Always Open

Apply: https://www.firstpeoplesrelations.vic.gov.au/first-mortgage-removal-program

Supports First Nations organisations to gain control over their property, giving them control of the full capital of their properties.

The First Mortgage Removal Program supports First Nations organisations to have firstmortgages held in favour of the Minister for Treaty and First Peoples removed from their properties.

The program enables First Nations organisations to borrow against their properties and invest in activities that enhance organisational autonomy and sustainability for the communities they service.

## Indigenous Advancement Strategy - Community Initiated Proposals

Funding Provider: National Indigenous Australians Agency

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** None - Always Open

Apply: https://www.niaa.gov.au/our-work/grants-and-funding/community-initiated-proposals

Considers grant proposals that address a need for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) is the way the Australian Government funds and delivers a range of programs for Indigenous Australians.

Community Initiated Proposals must be developed with the community or group who will be impacted by the activity.

#### Australian Dental Association Grants

Funding Provider: Australian Dental Association (ADA)

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://ada.org.au/about/grants">https://ada.org.au/about/grants</a>

Offers a range of study grants for post-graduate, Indigenous, rural and remote students, and those involved in nursing and allied health professions.

#### Grants include:

- Grants for First Nations Dentist Students. Five grants worth \$5000 each for First Nations dental students are awarded each year.
- Grants for Rural and Remote Dentist Students. Ten grants worth \$5000 each for dental students from rural and remote regions in Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, the Northern Territory, Western Australia, Queensland and Tasmania.

#### **ABC Future Fund**

Funding Provider: ABC Foundation

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://abcau.com.au/future-fund/">https://abcau.com.au/future-fund/</a>

Provides funding for projects aligned with the Future Fund focus areas, such as On-Country Education, On-Country Care, and On-Country Research & Development.

The ABC Future Fund is a registered public fund administered by ABC Foundation Ltd and its primary aim is to provide funding to support ABC Foundation's On-Country programs in line with its strategic plan. Funding for small one-off community events will also be made available.

#### Disaster Recovery Quick Response Grants

Funding Provider: Australian Government Indigenous Land & Sea Corporation

Amount: Up to \$20,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://abcau.com.au/future-fund/

Assists any Indigenous corporation whose property has been directly affected by a declared natural disaster, such as a flood, bushfire, or cyclone.

The funding can be used for immediate clean up your property, work to make your property safe and purchase plant and equipment to assist with recovery efforts.

## The Healing Foundation Grants

Funding Provider: The Healing Foundation

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always open

Apply: <a href="https://healingfoundation.org.au/about-us/funding/">https://healingfoundation.org.au/about-us/funding/</a>

Works with Stolen Generations Organisations to support the healing needs of Stolen Generations survivors and their descendants.

## Community Initiated Grant Proposals

Funding Provider: National Indigenous Australians Agency

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** Always open

Apply: <a href="https://www.niaa.gov.au/our-work/grants-and-funding/community-initiated-proposals">https://www.niaa.gov.au/our-work/grants-and-funding/community-initiated-proposals</a>

Considers grant proposals that address a need for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Proposals must be developed with the community or group who will be impacted by the activity.

## First Nations Futures Funding Platform

Funding Provider: First Nations Futures

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always open

Apply: https://www.firstnationsfutures.com/

Redistributes wealth and collectively invests in First Nations initiatives creating intergenerational change. Delivers unrestricted funding, long-term investment, and community-led impact.

#### Indigenous Advancement Grants – PBC Capacity Building Funding

Funding Provider: National Indigenous Australians Agency

**Amount:** \$50,000-\$70,000 **Closes:** Always Open

**Apply:** <a href="https://www.niaa.gov.au/our-work/grants-and-funding/indigenous-advancement-strategy">https://www.niaa.gov.au/our-work/grants-and-funding/indigenous-advancement-strategy</a>

Aims to assist native title holding corporations, known as Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBCs), to generate economic benefits through the effective and sustainable management of their land.

The Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) is the way the Australian Government funds and delivers a range of programs for Indigenous Australians.

#### Our Country Our Future

Funding provider: Australian Government Indigenous Land & Sea Corporation

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

**Apply:** https://www.ilsc.gov.au/partner-with-us/our-country-our-future/

Provides a wide range of assistance to Indigenous Australians including to acquire land and water-related rights, and to manage Indigenous-held land and Indigenous waters.

#### **CAGES Foundation Grants**

Funding provider: CAGES Foundation

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

**Apply:** https://cagesfoundation.org/

<u>Community Grants</u> - Supports Aboriginal controlled organisations responding to an immediate need, focused on children aged under five.

<u>Economic Inclusion</u> - Supports Aboriginal controlled organisations to promote economic inclusion for First Nation people through assisting with project costs including core expenses and internal investment products.

#### Stolen Generations Funeral Fund

Funding provider: Victorian Government

Amount: Up to \$10,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://connectinghome.org.au/survivors-families/stolen-generations-funeral-fund">https://connectinghome.org.au/survivors-families/stolen-generations-funeral-fund</a>

Supports families of Stolen Generations who have passed away. Eligible applicants may receive up to \$10,000 towards a funeral; a headstone or plaque; and/or repatriation of your Stolen Generations family member.

#### Seeding Strengths Grants – Rapid Response

Funding provider: Foundation For Young Australians

**Amount:** \$2,000 - \$10,000 **Closes:** Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://www.fya.org.au/program/seeding-strengths-grants/">https://www.fya.org.au/program/seeding-strengths-grants/</a>

Provides grants to First Nations young people (aged 16-35 years) for urgent campaigns/movements/initiatives relating to social change in response to systematic oppression & specific injustices of First Nations young people.

Round 3 of the Seeding Strength Grants is distributing up to \$100,000 to young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and organisations fighting injustice and building Blak power.

#### WKSN Education, Health and Wellbeing Fund

Funding provider: Ravensthorpe Nickel Operations Pty Ltd

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.noongar.org.au/news/2021/11/29/applications-open-for-wksn-education-health-

amp-wellbeing-fund

Supports descendants of the Wagyl Kaip and Southern Noongar people to apply for funding to pursue an improved way of life in the areas of disadvantage facing Noongar people.

Applications must address gaps and disadvantage for Wagyl Kaip people in the areas of: Education Support, Community Funding, Health and Wellbeing.

#### First Nations Documentary Development Program

Funding provider: Screen Australia

Amount: Up to \$30,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.noongar.org.au/news/2021/11/29/applications-open-for-wksn-education-health-

amp-wellbeing-fund

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- Up to \$20,000 for online series productions.

## LGBTQIA+

#### I Am Me Foundation Grants

Funding Provider: I Am Me Foundation

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://iamme.org.au/tell-us-your-story/

Extends a helping hand to the LGBTQIA+ community and provides support through services that might otherwise remain inaccessible to many.

#### Transurban Partnerships

Funding Provider: Transurban

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

**Apply:** <a href="https://www.transurban.com/communities/partnerships-and-grants">https://www.transurban.com/communities/partnerships-and-grants</a>

Invests in partnerships that support diversity and inclusion, build capacity and create lasting change. Transurban's purpose is to strengthen communities through transport.

#### Community Micro-Grants

Funding Provider: Black Rainbow

Amount: \$300 Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://blackrainbow.org.au/what-we-are-doing/

Assists with hosting Indigenous LGBQTI community events. Black Rainbow's microgrants are available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTIQA+SB community members.

These micro-grants are to the value of \$300 and include \$200 to assist with hosting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTIQA+SB led community events.

Each grant comes with a swag of selected Black Rainbow merchandise. Black Rainbow assesses all requests every Friday. Requests need to be in by Thursday, the day before.

#### **Broadtree Foundation Grants**

Funding Provider: Broadtree Foundation

Amount: Up to \$25,000 Closes: Always Open

**Apply:** https://www.volunteering.com.au/broadtree-foundation/

Supports the improvement of the quality of life for people identifying as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer and their families.

## **SPORT AND RECREATION**

## Local Sports Infrastructure Fund

Funding Provider: Victorian Government

**Amount:** \$40,000 - \$500,000

Closes: 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

Apply: httpd://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/local-sports-infrastructure-fund

The Fund aims to deliver new and upgraded community sports infrastructure across 3 streams:

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- Community Facilities
- Community Sports Lighting
- Planning.

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The Fund is underpinned by the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions' (DJSIR) priorities to create more opportunities for people through skills and jobs, help businesses and industries to thrive, and build vibrant communities and regions.

#### Local Sports Infrastructure Fund: Community Sports Lighting

Funding Provider: Sport & Recreation Victoria

Amount: Up to \$250,000 CLOSING SOON

Closes: 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/local-sports-infrastructure-fund

the installation of LED sports lighting infrastructure that increases facility capacity and participation opportunities.

Only metropolitan LGAs are eligible to apply to the Fund. Local clubs, committees of management and organisations are advised to contact their LGA if they wish to express interest, seek support or be involved as a partner in applications to the Fund.

LGAs can submit an unlimited number of applications up to a maximum total request amount of \$250,000, and no application can exceed the maximum individual grant amount of \$250,000. Funding can only be sought for LED lighting infrastructure through this stream.

#### Local Sports Infrastructure Fund: Planning

Funding Provider: Sport & Recreation Victoria

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Amount: Up to \$40,000 Closes: 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/local-sports-infrastructure-fund

Provides support to undertake a range of specific facility and strategic planning projects that contribute to infrastructure readiness and/or the long-term direction of facility and open space.

These projects are independent, consultative and improve sport and active recreation coordination to meet demand.

Only metropolitan LGAs are eligible to apply to the Fund. Local clubs, committees of management and organisations are advised to contact their LGA if they wish to express interest, seek support or be involved as a partner in applications to the Fund.

One Facility Planning application or One Municipal Planning application can be submitted per LGA.

#### Canteen Grant

Funding Provider: CitiPower and Cricket Victoria CLOSING SOON

Amount: Up to \$5,000 Closes: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/citipower-canteen-grant/

Assists cricket clubs to improve electrical safety within their club facilities such as replacing or upgrading electrical appliances, electrical wiring and power boards, switchboards or related infrastructure to safely provide quality services.

The following projects are eligible for funding:

- Replacement or upgrading of aging electrical appliances, wiring or equipment which represent a safety risk but are used to provide services to club members and guests

- Resources that improve safety for operating electrical appliances in club facilities. For example, heavy duty power leads for larger appliances, safety switches, smoke detectors or cabinetry for improved installation security
- Electrical equipment and appliances with demonstrated use for local cricket clubs: Kitchen appliances for club kiosks for example: coffee machines, toasters, kettles, pie warmers and microwaves; Whitegoods including fridges, freezers and washing machines.

#### SISCIP Special Initiative Funding

Funding Provider: Australian Sports Commission

Amount: Unspecified CLOSING SOON

Closes: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://sportaus.smartygrants.com.au/SISCIP26/462130/view

Assists sporting organisations to build their capability to create safe and inclusive environments that protect children and young people from harm and abuse.

The Safeguarding in Sport Continuous Improvement Program (SISCIP) commenced in July 2023. Funding to develop and implement the program was provided through the National Office for Child Safety (NOCS).

The program is underpinned by the National Integrity Framework (NIF) and the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations (The National Principles). The SISCIP helps to meet Theme 1–Awareness raising, education and building child safe cultures of the National Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Child Sexual Abuse 2021–2030.

## Sporting Club Grants Program - Category 1: On-Field Uniforms or Equipment

Funding Provider: Sports and Recreation Victorian

**Amount:** Up to \$1,000

Closes: (opens again 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026) Closes: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Apply: <a href="https://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/sporting-club-grants-program">https://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/sporting-club-grants-program</a>

Provides funding for on-field playing uniforms, participation equipment for competitors and active participants, safety, injury prevention and first-aid equipment.

The Sporting Club Grants Program provides funding for community sport and active recreation organisations across Victoria.

Access to this funding helps grassroots clubs and organisations address barriers in participation, develop safe and sustainable practices and build social and active local communities.

## Sporting Club Grants Program - Category 2: Volunteers and Officials

Funding Provider: Sports and Recreation Victorian

**Amount:** Up to \$5,000

Closes: (opens again 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026) Closes: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Apply: https://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/sporting-club-grants-program

Provides funding for projects that improve the skills and knowledge of volunteers, coaches and/or officials and projects that improve volunteer-retention.

The Sporting Club Grants Program provides funding for community sport and active recreation organisations across Victoria.

Access to this funding helps grassroots clubs and organisations address barriers in participation, develop safe and sustainable practices and build social and active local communities.

#### Sporting Club Grants Program - Category 3: Access and Events

Funding Provider: Sports and Recreation Victorian

Amount: \$2,500 - \$5,000

Closes: (opens again 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026) Closes: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Apply: https://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/sporting-club-grants-program

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#### Sporting Club Grants Program Category 4: Travel

Funding Provider: Sports and Recreation Victorian

Amount: Up to \$750

Closes: (opens again 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026) Closes: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Apply: https://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/sporting-club-grants-program

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## Sporting Club Grants Program Category 5: Governance and Engagement

Funding Provider: Sports and Recreation Victorian

Amount: Up to \$1,500

Closes: (opens again 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026) Closes: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Apply:** <a href="https://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/sporting-club-grants-program">https://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/sporting-club-grants-program</a>

Provides funding for projects that improve the skills and knowledge of volunteers, coaches and/or officials and projects that improve volunteer-retention.

The Sporting Club Grants Program provides funding for community sport and active recreation organisations across Victoria.

Access to this funding helps grassroots clubs and organisations address barriers in participation, develop safe and sustainable practices and build social and active local communities.

## Emergency Sporting Equipment Grant Program

Funding Provider: Sport & Recreation Victoria

**Amount:** Up to \$2,000 **Closes:** 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

Apply: https://sport.vic.gov.au/funding/emergency-sporting-equipment-grant-program

Provides funding for community sport and active recreation organisations across Victoria to replace essential sport or first aid equipment that has been lost or destroyed because of unpreventable incidents.

Access to this funding helps grassroots organisations replace or repair essential sport or first aid equipment that has been lost or destroyed because of unpreventable incidents, including bushfire, flood, significant storm, earthquake, theft, arson, or criminal damage.

#### Leadership Through Adventure Fund Grants

Funding Provider: Scouts Australia

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** None - Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/">https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/</a>

Supports young Scouts in the development of leadership skills, and responsible decision-making.

The Dick and Pip Smith Leadership through Adventure Fund (LTAF) is for providing youth members of any age the opportunity to develop their leadership skills by participating in adventurous activities. The spirit of the Fund is to provide an adventure or adventurous journey for all youth members and build their leadership qualities in doing so.

#### Ritchies Community Benefit Program

Funding Provider: Ritchies IGA

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always open

Apply: https://www.ritchies.com.au/ritchies-loyalty/community

Raises funds for local clubs, schools or charities via a membership card program.

Ritchies has been running its successful Community Benefit program since 1993. We believe it is the easiest, simplest method to support your favourite club, school or charity. This program is one of the benefits available for Ritchies Card members.

## Virgin Australia Sponsorships & Donations

Funding Provider: Virgin Australia

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** None - Always Open

**Apply:** https://www.virginaustralia.com/au/en/about-us/sponsorship/

Invests in partnerships with organisations who align with Virgin Australia's purpose, values, policies and who make a significant contribution to their community.

Virgin Australia's purpose is to be Australia's most loved airline, by creating uplifting experiences for all.

Their community mission is to provide fun, uplifting and meaningful support to connect communities around Australia

Sponsorships provide Virgin Australia the opportunity to support organisations who align with their purpose, mission and values, and who make a significant contribution to their community in the below categories:

- AFL & AFLW

- Youth & Family - Starlight Children's Charity

- Inclusion - What Ability

- Community relief.

#### Strategic Development Fund

Funding Provider: World Netball

Amount: Up to \$5,000 Closes: Always open

Apply: https://netball.sport/support/strategic-development-fund/

Aims to support Member Associations in developing netball aligned with the World Netball Strategy, and your Association strategy. To apply for the fund your association must be a Full Member of World Netball.

#### Macca's Sponsorships

Funding Provider: McDonald's

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always open

Apply: https://mcdonalds.com.au/learn/responsibility/maccas-community/get-sponsored

Contributes to sporting organisations that develop kids' sports skills and provide opportunities for them to play.

Macca's wants to deliver valuable benefits to the wider community. They want to help children live a more balanced, active and enriched lifestyle. Their sponsorships must reflect a grassroots and community focus.

#### The Decathlon Foundation

Funding Provider: The Decathlon Foundation

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.fondationdecathlon.com/our-conviction/?lang=en

The Foundation's reason for existing: to enable willing teammates to be involved in a solidarity project and offer as many people as possible the chance to thrive thanks to sport and its values. By financing sustainable investment expenses (renovating a sports ground, converting a room, sports equipment, training for sports careers, etc.), their ambition is to make a big, real, and measurable impact.

#### Jean Cowan Fund

Funding Provider: Netball Victoria

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always open

Apply: https://vic.netball.com.au/scholarships-funding

Offers funds for an individual to enable their participation in netball within Victoria. This includes assistance with the purchasing of netball uniforms, membership fees, netball equipment and other similar or relevant expenses.

## Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund (SESF)

Funding Provider: Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund (SESF)

Amount: \$1,000

Closes: Always open

Apply: <a href="https://sesf.org.au/application/">https://sesf.org.au/application/</a>

Supports young athletes aged 10 to 18 years old, whose financial circumstances would preclude them from otherwise participating at representative level for their state or Australia. Eligible athletes will be competing in a National Championship for their state or country in 2024.

#### **Coaching Grants**

Funding Provider: Australian Masters Athletics (AMA)

Amount: Up to \$1,000 Closes: Always open

Apply: <a href="https://www.australianmastersathletics.org.au/about-ama">https://www.australianmastersathletics.org.au/about-ama</a> trashed/resources/

Provides state and territory sporting associations with financial assistance towards coaching costs. AMA is the governing organisation for male and female athletes aged 30 and over who live in Australia.

Member state and territory associations can claim up to \$1000.00 from AMA each financial year, towards coaching costs. The member association must contribute at least 50% towards the coaching costs.

#### Sporting Club Program

Funding Provider: Bowens Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always open

Apply: https://www.bowens.com.au/community-contribution-and-sponsorships/

Supports local sports clubs across Australia, from grassroots community leagues to competitive teams, to create more opportunities for local-level sports.

## **Growing Cricket for Girls**

Funding Provider: Cricket Australia and Commonwealth Bank

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always open

Apply: https://www.commbank.com.au/about-us/opportunity-initiatives/opportunity-from-

community/cricket.html

Supports the nurturing and growth of girls' participation in cricket at community clubs across the country. Growing female participants sustainably and accelerating opportunities for women and girls in all areas and levels of the game.

#### YOUTH

## Thriving Young People

**Funding Provider:** The Funding Network

**CLOSING SOON** 

Amount: From \$20,000 Closes: 01<sup>st</sup> December 2025

**Apply:** <a href="https://www.thefundingnetwork.com.au/tfn-live/upcoming-events/thriving-young-people-march-2026-sydney-brisbane-and-melbourne/">https://www.thefundingnetwork.com.au/tfn-live/upcoming-events/thriving-young-people-march-2026-sydney-brisbane-and-melbourne/</a>

Seeks applications from grassroots organisations working alongside young people specifically in Victoria, New South Wales or Queensland to empower youth and deliver positive social impact.

The Funding Network Australia (TFN) is a pioneer in finding and funding exceptional grassroots non-profits and social enterprises. TFN champions grassroots organisations directly helping people in need. They provide compelling social change organisations with access to funding and a network of people who want to contribute to and create a better world.

For the March 2026 Thriving Young People events in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, TFN is looking for organisations that support and champion young people and aim to break cycles of disadvantage and promote equity for youth.

#### Partners in Place

**CLOSING SOON** 

Funding Provider: VicHealth Amount: Up to \$500,000 Closes: 05<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Apply: https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/funding/partners-in-place

Offers up to 5 years of funding for Victorian councils to lead health and wellbeing initiatives for children and young people.

VicHealth is continuing to invest in local governments and their partners to help create fairer, healthier communities for all Victorians.

Local governments have a deep understanding of their communities. They play a critical role in supporting health and wellbeing. Together, with local partners, they work to understand and address key health challenges through leveraging the unique strengths and opportunities that exist in their communities.

#### Diamond Challenge Competition

Funding Provider: Diamond Challenge

**Amount:** \$4,500 - \$12,000 **Closes:** 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Apply: https://diamondchallenge.org/competition/

Invites young minds to embark on a global journey to turn their passions into business or social venture concepts.

Competing for a \$100K prize pool, teams harness the Diamond Challenge curriculum, global network, and exclusive opportunities for an unforgettable experience!

Beginning in September, teams develop their concepts and leverage resources throughout three rounds culminating at the Limitless World Summit.

#### Individual Grant

Funding Provider: Variety – the Children's Charity)

Amount: Up to \$200,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://fundraise.variety.org.au/how-we-help/individual-grants

This grant program provides assistance towards the purchase of mobility equipment, communication devices and essential medical and health equipment to support children who have a medically diagnosed chronic illness of disability.

#### Inger Rice Foundation Grants

Funding Provider: Inger Rice Foundation

Amount: Up to \$7,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://www.ingerricefoundation.org/">https://www.ingerricefoundation.org/</a>

Aims to promote the health, well-being and development of young children.

Funding is provided for programs that support the development of relationships between young children from birth to Primary School entry (ages 0 -5 years generally) and their families or carers. Prenatal programs are also supported.

#### Youth Access Initiative

Funding Provider: Victorian Government

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.vic.gov.au/youth-access-initiative

The Youth Access Initiative addresses the key aspects of improving awareness of access to and engagement with vocational education and training opportunities for these young people. The Youth Access Initiative is part of the Skills First Funding which includes supports for disadvantaged learners to engage with and succeed in their education and training. The Youth Access Initiative contributes to this priority by further reducing the costs of subsidised training by providing a waiver on student tuition fees for eligible young people.

#### Amaroo Foundation Grants

Funding Provider: Amaroo Foundation

Amount: Up to \$25,000 Closes: Always Open

**Apply:** <a href="https://www.aetlimited.com.au/services/philanthropy/grant-applications/amaroo-foundation">https://www.aetlimited.com.au/services/philanthropy/grant-applications/amaroo-foundation</a>

Enables disadvantaged children to reach their potential in life through access and engagement in positive education and learning. The Foundation is currently supporting organisations whose programs and services are aligned with the strategy's key pillars and encourages applications from organisations.

#### Skills First Youth Access Initiative

Funding provider: Department of Education

Amount: Unspecified Closes: Always Open

**Apply:** <a href="https://www.vic.gov.au/youth-access-initiative">https://www.vic.gov.au/youth-access-initiative</a>

Supports at risk young people by providing access to vocational education and training opportunities, tuition fee waivers and pathways to employment.

## Transition to Independent Living Allowance

Funding Provider: Department of Social Services

Amount: \$1,500 Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/families-and-children/benefits-payments/transition-

to-independent-living-allowance-tila

Young people aged between 15 to 25 years who are leaving or have already left formal out-of-home care may be <u>eligible</u> for this payment. It is also for young people who continue to live with their foster carers after their care order expires. The payment can be used to buy items such as a fridge or couch, pay for counselling, education and training courses, medical expenses, a driver's licence or any other items or services agreed between the young person and their case worker.

#### Youth Jobs PaTH

Funding Provider: Jobactive Amount: \$1,000 to \$10,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://jobsearch.gov.au/path#section-jobseekers

Youth Jobs PaTH is designed to support young people to gain the skills and work experience they need to get and keep a job. It also supports employers to host internship placements and provides them with incentives when they take on a young person.

#### Matana Foundation for Young People

Funding Provider: Matana Foundation

Amount: Up to \$10,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: http://matanafoundation.org.au/faqs

Funding available for organisations that focus on youth programs that assist with school retention and increased education, employment skills as well as social and community connectedness.

#### Blackbird Foundation Funding

Funding Provider: Blackbird Foundation

Amount: Up to \$10,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.blackbird.vc/foundation

Provides project-based funding to individuals and groups working to unleash creativity in young people. At this stage in their journey, the Foundation can provide up to \$10,000 in individual grants for projects based in Australia and Aotearoa.

## **WOMEN**

## Run Against Violence (RAV) Grants for Love Bites

Funding Provider: National Association for Prevention of Child abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN)

**Amount:** Unspecified

Closes: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 closing soon

Apply: https://www.napcan.org.au/love-bites-grants/

Aims to expand the Love Bites healthy relationships program's reach, particularly in areas with high needs.

The Run Against Violence (RAV) Virtual Team Challenge has united communities across Australia with one powerful purpose: to end family and domestic violence through awareness, education, and connection.

Since it began, the Challenge has reached 56% of Australia's local government areas, bringing together more than 16,000 participants to run, walk, and raise funds for safer communities.

#### Women in STEM and Entrepreneurship Program

Funding Provider: Australian Department of Industry, Science and Resources

**Amount:** \$1,000,000 - \$2,000,000 **Closes:** 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Apply:** https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=94598b79-f4d0-4773-9540-f7f8895cbf78

Supports investment in gender equity initiatives that aim for lasting systemic change by eliminating barriers for women's participation in STEM education and careers, and entrepreneurship.

The program objectives are to:

- Increase awareness and participation of girls and women in STEM education and careers
- Increase awareness and participation of girls and women in other parts of the innovation ecosystem including innovative businesses, start-ups and entrepreneurial activities and careers
- Increase the number of women in senior leadership and decision-making positions in government, research organisations, industry and businesses.

#### Leica Oskar Barnack Award (LOBA) Women Grant

Funding Provider: Leica Amount: \$10,000

**Closes:** 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (Opens\*\* 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026)

Apply: https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=94598b79-f4d0-4773-9540-f7f8895cbf78

Supports investment in gender equity initiatives that aim for lasting systemic change by eliminating barriers for women's participation in STEM education and careers, and entrepreneurship.

#### Growing Cricket for Girls Fund - Victoria

Funding Provider: Cricket Australia

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** None - Always Open

Apply: https://www.cricket.com.au/social-impact-and-sustainability/diversity-and-inclusion/women-and-

girls

Aims to grow female participation sustainably and accelerate opportunities for women and girls in all areas and levels of the game.

To accelerate the growth of cricket for women and girls, Cricket Australia will build on their existing initiatives and are developing a new action plan to drive increased participation, engagement and representation of women and girls at all levels of Australian cricket.

## The Invergowrie Foundation Grants

Funding Provider: The Invergowrie Foundation

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** None - Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://invergowrie.org.au/about/">https://invergowrie.org.au/about/</a>

Focuses on the advancement of education of girls and women within Victoria.

The Invergowrie Foundation awards grants that make a significant impact on the education of girls and women in Victoria, enabling access, promoting excellence, advancing leadership and supporting research.

#### Utility Relief Grant Scheme

Funding Provider: VIC Department of Health & Human Services

Amount: Up to \$1,300 Closes: None - Always Open

Apply: https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/utility-relief-grant-scheme

Provides relief grants for paying overdue energy or water bills for low-income Victorians experiencing unexpected hardship.

The grant provides help to pay a mains electricity, gas or water bill that is overdue due to a temporary financial crisis.

You must hold at least one of the following concession cards:

- Pensioner Concession Card
- Health Care Card
- Veterans' Affairs Gold Card.

If you don't have one of these cards but are part of a low-income household, you may also be able to apply. Your retailer will ask you some questions to check if you are eligible before issuing a form.

#### Growing Cricket for Girls Fund - Victoria

Funding Provider: Cricket Australia

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** None - Always Open

Apply: https://www.cricket.com.au/social-impact-and-sustainability/diversity-and-inclusion/women-and-

girls

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#### **Innovation Grants**

Funding Provider: Norman Beischer Medical Research Foundation

**Amount:** Up to \$73,000

Closes: TBC\*\*\*

Apply: https://nbmrf.org.au/grants/

Supports and promotes improvements in the reproductive health of women and in the health of their babies and infants.

It actively supports research into obstetrics and gynaecology and the prevention, control and treatment of gynaecological diseases and related problems. This is achieved by funding clinically based scientific research by leading and emerging researchers and by using this research to educate and inform medical practice in Australia and elsewhere.

## Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation

Funding Provider: Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation

Amount: Up to \$30,000 Closes: 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2025

#### Apply: https://maryjanelewis.com.au/apply/

Provides equity and merit-based scholarships to young women who might not have otherwise received a university education due to limited financial resources.

The Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation offers scholarships to young women undertaking full-time study at university. It's designed to help girls who have overcome financial constraints and often a challenging home life to become excellent academic performers, with a genuine commitment to living life to its fullest.

#### The Queen's Fund Assistance

Funding Provider: The Queen's Fund

Amount: Up to \$400 Closes: None - Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://www.queensfund.org.au/apply">https://www.queensfund.org.au/apply</a>

Supports single women and children in Victoria who are in distress, crisis or emergency situation. Since 1887, The Queen's Fund has been dedicated to supporting single women and children in Victoria who are facing distress, crisis, or emergency situations. Their mission is to provide them with the necessary assistance and resources to help them overcome their challenges.

The Fund can also assist women in need with the cost of education for their children and other costs including uniforms, medical equipment, glasses, school camps, after-school activities etc

#### Startmate Women Fellowship

Funding Provider: Startmate

**Amount:** Unspecified **Closes:** None - Always Open

Apply: <a href="https://www.startmate.com/program/women-fellowship">https://www.startmate.com/program/women-fellowship</a>

Offers a highly impactful IRL bootcamp to pivot your career into startups/tech.

With curated workshops, a squad of hand-picked peers, and access to a powerful community, you'll be supercharged to land your dream job quicker than you thought possible.

Since 2021, Startmate have helped 600+ women land their dream role through the Women Fellowship. Previously, this was a virtual program. Now they are taking it IRL, starting in Victoria. If you are a Victorian-based woman curious about a career pivot or keen to land your dream job in startups/tech, this bootcamp is for you.

## **Opportunity Knox**

Funding Provider: The Zahra Foundation

Amount: Up to \$500 Closes: Always Open

**Apply:** https://zahrafoundation.org.au/opportunity-knox

Supports women impacted by domestic abuse who are experiencing financial hardship or facing barriers associated with the costs of gaining and sustaining education or employment.

The Zahra Foundation recognises that financial abuse and disadvantage are some of the biggest barriers to women leaving and remaining free of abusive relationships.

#### **Escaping Violence Payment Program**

Funding Provider: UnitingCare

Amount: Up to \$5,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/services/family-services/family-violence-services/escaping-

violence-payment/

Offers financial assistance to help those escaping domestic violence to move forward and set up a home free of violence.

Are you, or someone you know, trying to leave or have left intimate partner violence? An intimate partner is someone you have been in a romantic relationship with such as husband, wife, partner, boyfriend, or girlfriend.

That violence can be:

- Physically, verbally or sexually abusive
- Emotionally, spiritually or psychologically abusive
- Economically abusive
- Threatening, coercive, or seeking to control or dominate the other person.

#### Play Like A Girl Scholarships

Funding Provider: Play Like A Girl Australia

Amount: \$1,495 Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.playlikeagirlaustralia.com/scholarship

Provides full scholarships for Play Like A Girl's 5 week leadership challenge course.

As part of their mission to empower and inspire girls to embrace life to the fullest, Play Like A Girl are thrilled to announce 10 scholarships available for their upcoming program. This is your chance to be part of something extraordinary!

If selected, you'll receive a FULLY FUNDED spot in the program, with the entire course fees covered (valued at \$1,495).

#### The Alice Anderson Fund

Funding Provider: LaunchVic Amount: \$50,000 - \$300,000

Closes: Always Open

**Apply:** https://launchvic.org/investment/the-alice-anderson-fund/#drawer01357

Co-invests in women-led startups with private sector investors.

The Alice Anderson Fund will provide between \$50,000 - \$300,000 to 40-60 women-led startups by 2024. The \$10 million angel sidecar fund is managed by LaunchVic.

## Women Fellowship - Scholarships

Funding Provider: Startmate Amount: Up to \$3,000 Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.startmate.com/women-fellowship

Offers full and part scholarships to enrol in the Startmate Women Fellowship program for ambitious women looking to supercharge their career in startups. If you are curious about working in a startup, founding your own startup, or investing in startups, the Women Fellowship is for you!