



Grants for the Month of March 2017

Holden Home Ground Advantage

Purpose: Supporting local sporting clubs
Amount: Up to \$100,000
Funding Provider: Holden
Closing Date: March 31 2017

The Holden Home Ground Advantage is supporting local sporting clubs for the next 10 years by committing \$5 million to develop and improve their facilities.

You can apply for a grant for a project up to \$100,000 in value, or a grant for a project up to \$10,000 in value. Clubs are welcome to submit separate applications for both grants. Please note that only one grant from the \$100,000 grant pool will be awarded. The number of successful applications from the \$10,000 grant pool will depend on the amounts requested. All of the \$250,000 available in this round will be allocated.

You can apply for money through Home Ground Advantage for projects, or equipment that makes life easier for the members and supporters of your club. For example, you might want to make improvements to your clubrooms, install new hot showers, get a new scoreboard, or purchase new sporting equipment that will help your team perform on the field.

For more information: [Click Here](#)

IRT Foundation Community Grants

Purpose: To fund projects that will improve the lives of older Australians
Amount: Up to \$20,000
Funding Provider: IRT Foundation
Closing Date: 26 March 2017

Community Grants fund projects that will improve the lives of older Australians. Grants from \$1000 to \$20,000 are available.

The Foundation seeks grant applications for projects that demonstrate a positive impact on the health and quality of life of ageing Australians.

This year, IRT Foundation is looking for projects that encourage social participation for older Australians in need. This may include people experiencing barriers to participation for financial, social, geographic, circumstantial, and cultural or discrimination reasons. Projects should aim to help older adults to age positively in their communities with independence and dignity.

For more information: [Click here](#)

Mercy Foundation Social Justice Small Grants Program

Purpose: To improve the life outcomes of families and communities thru Non Profit organisations.

Amount: \$1,000-\$10,000

Funding Provider: Greater Charitable Foundation

Closing Date: 27 March 2017

The Mercy Foundation offers a Social Justice Small Grants Program once a year. Small grants are provided for a range of social justice and community initiatives and are not limited to a focus on homelessness.

Priority will be given to small organisations and those groups that receive no other funding. Innovative projects that require seed funding to increase social equity and inclusion and challenge unjust structures and systems will be prioritised. Your project must have a social justice emphasis.

Priority may also be given to projects that target disadvantaged women and/or women with children, regardless of the annual social justice focus. Grant applications may be made for areas other than ageing.

For more information: [Click here](#)

Orica Kooragang Island Community Investment Program

Purpose: Supporting community initiatives

Amount: Up to \$10,000

Funding Provider: Orica Kooragang

Closing Date: 31 March 2017

The Orica Kooragang Island Community Investment Program aims to invest in causes, events and programs which reflect their vision and values.

Funds, with a maximum value of \$10,000 per project, will be available twice annually on an application basis for projects, activities or events which meet one or more of the following objectives:

- environment and sustainability
- education and lifelong learning
- strong communities

For more information: [Click here](#)

Building Better Regions Fund – Community Investment

Purpose: To provide funding for infrastructure projects and community investment that will create jobs, drive economic growth and build stronger regional communities into the future

Amount: \$5,000 - \$10 million

Funding Provider: The Australian Government

Closing Date: 31 March 2017

The Community Investments Stream will fund community building activities including but not limited to, new or expanded local events, strategic regional plans, and leadership and capability building activities. These projects will deliver economic and social benefits to regional and remote communities.

The minimum grant amount is \$5,000 and the maximum grant amount is \$10 million, however given the nature of eligible projects we expect most grants will be under \$100,000.

You must complete your project within 12 months of executing the grant agreement with the Commonwealth and by 31 December 2019.

- For projects with a total project cost of more than \$20,000, grant funding will be up to 50 per cent or up to 75 per cent of your eligible project costs. Your location will determine the percentage of grant funding you can receive.
- For small projects with a total project value of less than \$20,000, grant funding will be up to 100 per cent of eligible project costs.
- You may apply for a partial or full exemption to the co-funding requirement if you can demonstrate that you are experiencing exceptional circumstances.

For more information: [Click Here](#)

Telstra's Kids Fund

Purpose: To fund projects that will help children play and learn

Amount: Up to \$1,200

Funding Provider: Telstra Foundation

Closing Date: Ongoing

Telstra Kids Fund is an initiative of the Telstra Foundation. Through this Fund we champion community connections for kids in Australia, offering a \$1,200 grant for a local community project that helps kids to play and learn. One million dollars in Telstra Kids grants are allocated each year. The focus is on 'grassroots' projects that

have been nominated by a Telstra employee. By 'grassroots' we mean small-scale local projects delivered by local non-profit groups.

The application must be initiated by an Australian based permanent employee of Telstra Group to be eligible.

Organisations such as schools, sporting clubs, hospitals and childcare centres have benefited from Telstra's Kids Fund. Requests for musical equipment, educational resources, sport and recreation equipment and building upgrades have been among the grants given by Telstra's Kids Fund.

For more information: [Click here](#)

Impact Investment Ready Discovery Grants

Purpose: To provide not-for-profit organisations with grants to explore pathways towards financial sustainability and to build capacity.

Amount: Up to \$50,000

Funding Provider: Philanthropy Australia in Partnership with National Australia Bank

Closing Date: 28 April 2017

These grants provide not-for-profit organisations with grants of up to \$50,000 to explore pathways towards financial sustainability and to build capacity. The purpose of Discovery Grants is to enhance capacity, provide funding, grow the investment pipeline, and support sustainability of the sector:

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NIB Community Grants

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Amount: Up to \$50,000

Funding Provider: NIB Foundation

Closing Date: 31 May June 2017

A Community Grant round is held once each year and applications are invited from eligible organisations across Australia.

One-off funding of \$5,000 to \$50,000 will be provided to 10-15 organisations each year to undertake new or existing projects that run for approximately 12 months.

We encourage applications from both local and national charities, working to improve health outcomes in the Hunter region of NSW as well as other metropolitan, regional and rural communities across Australia.

Preference is given to discrete projects that can be delivered in a community setting within the 12-month funding period and can demonstrate sustained benefits beyond the funding period.

For more information: [Click here](#)

Incubator Support initiative

Purpose: To help incubators improve their performance and deliver projects targeted at helping start-ups realise their global potential.

Amount: Up to \$500,000

Funding Provider: Australian Federal Government

Closing Date: Ongoing

The Incubator Support initiative offers grants:

- up to \$500,000 for the creation of new incubators in regions or business sectors with strong links to international trade and to boost the effectiveness of high performing existing incubators
- Up to \$25,000 for incubators to engage experts-in-residence to ensure start-ups have access to top quality research, managerial and technical talent.

Incubators across Australia or those able to meet the eligibility criteria of the initiative are encouraged to apply and explore the opportunities of the initiative.

For more information: [Click here](#)

Greater Charitable Foundation

Purpose: To improve the life outcomes of families and communities

Amount: Total pool \$1,000,000.00

Funding Provider: Greater Charitable Foundation

Closing Date: 20 March 2017

Each calendar year the Foundation will provide approximately \$1 million to programs, based either in NSW or South-East Queensland, which are designed to improve the life outcomes of their beneficiaries. The Foundation's two key priority areas for funding are families and communities.

Families

Projects which may focus on the following:

- Providing support to vulnerable, marginalised and disadvantaged families. These may include families with low incomes, young parent families, jobless families, sole parent families, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, families from culturally and linguistically diverse communities, families with a parent or child who has a disability, and families experiencing problems with housing, domestic violence, substance abuse and mental health;
- Early intervention services for children and young people;
- Improving the health and well-being of families;
- Increasing access and pathways to services for regional and rural families;
- Strengthening family cohesion.

Communities

Projects which may focus on the following:

- Facilitating social enterprise, social entrepreneurship, training and employment;
- Enhancing community safety and wellbeing;
- Promoting child and youth social inclusion and engagement;
- Encouraging leadership and diverse educational opportunities;
- Strengthening community capacity through increasing connectedness.

For more information: [Click here](#)

Commonwealth Bank Grassroots Grants

Purpose: To promote youth-focused community organisations across Australia.
Amount: Up to \$10,000
Funding Provider: Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Closing Date: 31 March 2017

To be eligible to apply for a Grassroots Grant your organisation must:

- Run, manage, conduct or implement a three year program that supports children and youth up to the age of 21 years in Australia; and
- Delivers a program that:
 - Supports Australian youth to access quality education; or
 - Engages youth in learning to develop life skills for their future; or
 - Addresses the mental, physical and emotional wellbeing of youth; or
 - Creates stable family environments that support youth to thrive

Only applications that are submitted using the online application form will be accepted.

For more information: [Click here](#)

Sage Foundation Enterprise Fund

Purpose: Supporting non-profits and charity organisations looking to generate further income.
Amount: Up to \$5,000-\$35,000
Funding Provider: Sage Foundation
Closing Date: 5 April 2017

The Sage Foundation's Enterprise Fund is a new \$1,000,000(USD) fund available to non-profits and charities. The fund is designed to support organisations that are looking to generate further income, create new initiatives or enhance existing and proven activity.

This new fund is open to applications that will deliver real change to young people, women and military veterans' lives around the world, whilst also helping the funded organization to thrive.

Sage is particularly interested in applications that demonstrate an enterprising approach and innovative solutions to issues in the community, which in turn inspires others. Sage is especially keen to support organisations that are currently small but have ambitions to expand, grow and deliver sustainable change.

For more information: [Click here](#)

ClubGRANTS Scheme NSW

Purpose: Assist registered clubs with providing services for their local communities
Amount: Not disclosed

Funding Provider: Clubs NSW
Opens: 1 April 2017
Closing Date: 31 May 2017

ClubGRANTS funding is available to community groups, charities and sporting teams across NSW. Approximately 500 clubs voluntarily allocate funds to the ClubGRANTS scheme. Funding is available under three separate categories:

Category 1: Supports community welfare and social services; community development; employment assistance activities; community health services; and projects aimed at improving the living standards of low income and disadvantaged people.

Category 2: Provides funding for general community development and support activities, such as junior sport.

Category 3: Is a state-wide fund that supports large-scale community infrastructure projects, such as hospitals and sporting facilities.

ClubGRANTS Clubs In Lake Macquarie:

Belmont 16Ft Sailing Club
Belmont Sportsman's Club Co-op
Cardiff Panthers
Cardiff RSL Sub-branch Memorial Club
Central Charlestown Leagues Club
Charlestown Bowling Club
Club Macquarie Co-op
Kahibah Bowling Club Co-op
Pelican Flats RSL Sub-branch Club
Redhead Bowling Club Co-op Ltd
Swansea RSL Sub-branch Club
Windale Gateshead Bowling Club Co-op

For more information contact: Nicole Russell, Community Development Officer
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Email: clubgrants@westsnewcastle.com.au

Prime Minister's Prizes for Science now open

Purpose: To recognise exceptional innovators from both industry and research and teachers who have made an outstanding contribution to science education.

Amount: Up to \$250,000

Funding Provider: Federal Government

Closing Date: 12 April 2017

Nominations for the Prime Minister's Prizes for Science are now open.

Science Prizes

- **Prime Minister's Prize for Science** is awarded for a significant advancement of knowledge through science.

- **Prime Minister's Prize for Innovation** is awarded for the innovative translation of scientific knowledge into a commercially available product, service or process that has had substantial economic, social and where relevant environmental benefits.
- **Malcolm McIntosh Prize for Physical Scientist of the Year and Frank Fenner Prize for Life Scientist of the Year** each recognise an exceptional achievement in science that benefits, or has the potential to benefit, human welfare or society.
- **Prize for New Innovators** recognises an exceptional early achievement in the commercialisation of scientific research that has had substantial economic, social and where relevant environmental benefits.

Science Teaching Prizes

- **Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in Primary Schools**
- **Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in Secondary Schools.**

For more information: [Click here](#)

Volunteer Museum Grants

Purpose: To provide assistance to volunteer community museums and Aboriginal Keeping Places in NSW.

Amount: Up to \$4000

Funding Provider: Museums and Galleries NSW

Closing Date: Dates vary depending on grant.

Museums and Galleries of NSW are accepting applications for three grants from the Volunteer Museum Grant Program. These grants provide assistance to volunteer community museums and Aboriginal Keeping Places in NSW.

Funded by the NSW Government through Arts NSW and administrated by Museums & Galleries of NSW, the program is designed to provide access to funding, in addition to providing experience in the grant application process.

SMALL GRANTS

Up to \$2,000 for short-term, collection-based projects.

There are no set categories for funding and applications for a broad range of projects will be considered.

For more information: [Click here](#)

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Up to \$4000 for the development and delivery of skill development training and networking events. The events are expected to involve more than one museum and usually bring in a professional consultant to run one or a series of workshops.

For more information: [Click here](#)

LEG UP GRANTS

Matched funding of \$50 – \$500 for volunteers to attend or host development activities in NSW. The grants can cover the cost of attending a workshop, conference or course, bringing a presenter to your museum or the travel costs of a group of volunteers visiting another museum.

For more information: [Click here](#)

Regional Arts NSW – Volunteer Museum Grant Program

Overview / Purpose

This program aims to provide assistance to volunteer community museums and Aboriginal Keeping Places in NSW. It is designed to provide access to funding, in addition to providing experience in the grant application process.

The program has three categories:

1. Small Grants

- Aim to meet the short-term, collection-based requirements of community museums and keeping places.
- Funding of up to \$2,000 (GST exclusive) is available.
- The 2017 closing dates are 2 April and 1 October.

2. Skills Development Grants

- Provide funding to volunteer museums, museum networks and keeping places for regional or state focused skill development training and networking events.
 - Funding of up to \$4,000 is available.
 - Open on an ongoing basis until all funds are expended or until 15 November 2017.
- Applications must be received at least six weeks before the activity/event is scheduled to take place.

3. Leg Up Grants

- Quick response skill development grants for workers in volunteer managed museums throughout NSW.
- Funding of up to \$500 is available.
- Open on an ongoing basis until all funds are expended. Applications must be received by M&G NSW at least three weeks before the skills development activity is scheduled to take place.

For more information: [Click here](#)

AIS Athlete Scholarships

The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) delivers 36 sport programs across 26 different sports.

For over 25 years the Australian Institute of Sport has nurtured and supported athletes who have gone on to become Olympic and Paralympic medalists and highly

successful international sportsmen and sportswomen, including NBA basketballers, Premier League football players, Grand Slam tennis stars and world champion cricketers.

Athletes are attracted to the AIS for its expert coaching, state-of-the-art facilities, world-leading sports science and sports medicine, and unique opportunities for travel, study and work.

For more information: [Click here](#)

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