

# FYI - Grants

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A key priority for Regional Development Australia Murray is to inform communities, businesses & industries within the Murray region of the latest Government, Business and Philanthropic programs available.

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## 1. Climate Change Adjustment Program

The Climate Change Adjustment Program is part of Australia's Farming Future and assists primary producers to manage the impacts of climate change. Assistance will be provided for individually tailored farm business and management advice, and assistance while you consider your future in farming. Adjustment advice and assistance will be available to eligible primary producers adversely impacted or likely to be, impacted by climate change, including those experiencing hardship caused by drought. Professional advice and training delivered under this program will be individually tailored to help farm businesses adjust to climate change and to set goals and develop action plans to improve their financial circumstances. Rural financial counsellors can assist eligible farmers in their planning for the future.

**Adjustment advice and training grants** - An advice and training grant of up to \$5500 is available to both you and your partner, if you meet the eligibility test, and may be used to receive advice and training from recognised professional advisers and registered training organisations, TAFE and universities. The grant may be used for activities such as financial assessment and planning, and advice and training directly or indirectly related to climate change impacts; in addition, the grant can also be used to obtain legal and personal advice, succession planning etc.

If you choose to join the program, a Farm Business Analysis and Financial Assessment will be conducted to help you develop a climate change action plan, outlining the aims and steps required to manage the impacts of climate change and improve the farm's long-term prospects. The Farm Business Analysis and Financial Assessment must be undertaken with a Prescribed Adviser, and includes the completion of the Financial Assessment template (please refer to Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry website).

To find out more go to (<http://www.daff.gov.au/climatechange/australias-farming-future/climate-change-adjustment-assistance>).

## 2. Love Food Hate Waste Grants Program (Round 2) (NSW only)

In 2010 the Office of Environment and Heritage launched a food waste avoidance program to help raise awareness of the issue of food waste and support simple actions to reduce the amount of food waste in NSW. Love Food Hate Waste encourages us all to waste less food, save money and our environment. The program is providing local councils, non profit organizations and community groups the opportunity to apply for grant funding to assist with the implementation and evaluation of local food waste reduction education programs targeting households.

Funding for Round 2 is approximately \$200,000. Grants of between \$5,000 and \$25,000 are available. The objectives of the program are to:

- improve individuals' knowledge and awareness of the economic and environmental impacts of wasteful food consumption
- promote sustainable food skills that avoid food waste, particularly through careful shopping, meal planning, and appropriate preparation and storage
- encourage new behaviors to manage food waste better (if food waste cannot be avoided)
- contribute to the NSW target of 66% reduction in municipal waste by 2014.

By funding local projects the program aims to:

- increase exposure and awareness of the Love Food Hate Waste messages across NSW
- encourage innovative local initiatives to reduce household food waste
- further establish partnerships and collaboration among organizations keen to reduce food waste
- enable your community to learn and practice better food waste avoidance behaviours including those associated with buying, cooking and storing food

To be eligible for funding, applicants must be:

- a non government organization, community group, incorporated association, cooperative, non-profit organization or local council, or a partnership between two or more of these organizations
- a Love Food Hate Waste partner (or be willing to become a program partner by submitting a partnership agreement with your funding application)
- an organization that is incorporated (relevant only to the lead applicant if not a local council)
- be able to demonstrate the organisation's commitment to promoting sustainability within their community or target audience
- able to demonstrate a capacity to manage the grant funds

For further information go to <http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au/about/latest-news/grants-program/apply-for-grant.aspx>. Applications close **29 February 2012**.

### **3. Intervention Support Program – Young Children with Disabilities – Late Funding Round (NSW only)**

The purpose of this program is to improve the educational opportunities, learning outcomes and personal development of children with disabilities. The specific objectives of the Young Children with Disabilities component are to:

- support the education of children with disabilities below school age through the provision of individual education programs either at home, in early childhood intervention centres, preschools or long day care centres
- support the development of staff working with children with disabilities below school age in the centres

**Who can apply?** A non government centre:

- provides individual education programs for children with disabilities; and
- is conducted by a body that is not managed or controlled by or on behalf of the Government of a State or Territory; and
- is not conducted for profit; and
- is not a school

For more information, please go to: <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eas/isp/#YCWDLateFunding>. Applications close **2 March 2012**.

### **4. Tailored Advisory Service Grant**

Have you had an Enterprise Connect Business Review? If you have, you can apply for Enterprise Connect's Tailored Advisory Service (TAS) grant. The TAS grant gives you the chance to engage a consultant(s) to make improvements that your Enterprise Connect Business Adviser recommended in your Business review. Enterprise Connect will reimburse your business half the cost, up to a maximum of \$20,000 (excluding GST), of engaging the consultant(s).

The types of improvements eligible for funding may include, but are not limited to:

- supply change management
- business and quality management systems
- lean manufacturing/office
- strategic and business planning

- resource management
- waste/resource management
- people and change management
- new product/service development
- diversification/economies of scope
- market access and development
- export strategy

For more information, go to <http://www.enterpriseconnect.gov.au/services/Pages/TailoredAdvisoryService.aspx>. If you have any questions about Enterprise Connect, or would like to be put in touch with your nearest Manufacturing of Innovation, call the Enterprise Connect Hotline between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm (AEST) on 131 791 (Australian callers only) or email [enterpriseconnect@innovation.gov.au](mailto:enterpriseconnect@innovation.gov.au).

## 5. The Catalyst Grant

The Catalyst Grant aims to support an existing social enterprise or social enterprise initiative within a not for profit which the Westpac Foundation believes has been and continues to be a catalyst for change.

If you run a social enterprise or a social enterprise initiative within a not for profit, this grant will be a boost to your commercial activities. It is a reward for your sustainable business model and the example you set in the not for profit sector. The organization must be a not for profit with deductible gift recipient status and the social enterprise must generate at least 20% of its revenue from commercial/trading activity.

If the funding is being sought for a social enterprise initiative within a not for profit, the initiative must generate at least 20% of its revenue from commercial/trading activity. For example, you may run a not for profit which five years ago set up a café. If in 2011, 20% of the café's revenue comes from its trading activity, you will be eligible to apply.

The social enterprise or social enterprise initiative should address one or more of the following areas:

- support for those Australians who feel socially excluded
- support for Indigenous Australians
- support for individuals with a disability
- the creation of lifelong learning and education leading to employment

**Who can apply?** The enterprise must have deductible gift recipient (DGR) status. It must operate or trade in Australia. The Westpac Foundation does not usually fund:

- emergency requests
- government entities
- international programs
- retrospective requests
- general fundraising appeals
- sponsorship requests

For further information, go to [http://www.westpac.com.au/about-westpac/sustainability-and-community/westpac-foundation/application-process/#0\\_the\\_catalyst\\_grant](http://www.westpac.com.au/about-westpac/sustainability-and-community/westpac-foundation/application-process/#0_the_catalyst_grant). Applications close **25 February 2012**.

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