

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.

1. The Marian & E H Flack Trust

The purpose of the trust is to support institutions conducting medical research and those providing welfare, social/family support and aged care. The fields of interest include

- Aged care
- Health & wellbeing
- Special purpose housing and accommodation
- Medical research
- Mental health
- Social welfare

With areas of focus being

- Disadvantaged youth
- Disadvantaged families
- Homeless youth and the elderly
- People with physical disabilities
- People with intellectual disabilities
- People from disadvantaged backgrounds
- People with major health issues.

Applicants should

- Have a broad community reach and profile
- Demonstrate sound management and service excellence in meeting community needs
- Have a high degree of community and/or volunteer involvement; and
- Connect their operations with the community they seek to assist.

The Flack Trust will only make grants to organizations which have **both** Tax Concessions Charity (TCC) and Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. It will be necessary to provide evidence of current endorsement by the Australian Taxation Office of TCC and DGR status with the grant application.

For further information, please access the website <http://www.flacktrust.org> or contact the Chairman of the Trustees on 03 8608 2844.

2. TQUAL Grants – Tourism Quality Projects

The purpose of these grants is to stimulate economic growth in the Australian tourism industry by ensuring there is a supply of quality tourism products and experiences available to support marketing promises.

Tourism Quality Projects of up to \$100,000 (plus GST) are available for small scale projects to support collaborative community tourism industry development projects, particularly those which stimulate private sector.

The Commonwealth Government has established the TQUAL Grants program to fund projects which

- Develop innovative and strategic tourism products and experiences through joint investment to enhance and support the sustainable economic growth of the host communities and regions; and
- Develop the industry's capacity to address the principles set out in the National Long Term Tourism Strategy.

Who can apply – To be eligible for funding, the applicant must be a legal entity and one of the following

- A private sector corporation, incorporated association or trust corporation
- A non profit corporation or incorporated association
- A corporate regional tourism or economic development organization
- A local government body corporate
- A corporate national peak or sectoral tourism association able to demonstrate sufficient representation of the industry through diversity in its members; and
- A consortium of corporate partners (led by any of the above entity types)

Commonwealth, state or territory government agencies (i.e. those entities that receive funding for their core business and operating expenses from Commonwealth, State or Territory governments) are not eligible to apply.

Please access the website for further information about the grants

http://www.ret.gov.au/tourism/tourism_programs/tqual/projects/Pages/TQUALGrants-TourismQualityProjects.aspx

Applications close 15 April 2011.

3. CDEP Work Experience Subsidy (CWES)

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations is providing wage subsidies to employers who offer paid work experience to new Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) participants (on income support).

The subsidy is linked with the CDEP Work Readiness services stream and will be funded the Indigenous Employment Program (IEP).

Subsidy period

- All CWES placements are for a minimum of 13 weeks and a maximum of 12 months from the date of placement.
- Subsidy is payable for a minimum of 7.5 hours paid work experience per week to a maximum of 15 hours per week. This does not preclude employers from offering work experience in excess of 15 hours, however no subsidy is payable to the employer for work experience hours over 15 hours per week.
- Participants are entitled to a maximum of 12 months CWES in a three year period.

To be eligible to attract the subsidy, the CDEP participant must be:

- Of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent; identifies as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; and is accepted as such by the community in which he/she lives or has lived;
- Currently unemployed and registered as looking for work with a Job Services Australia provider. In receipt of an eligible income support payment; and
- Referred to an employer by a CDEP provider.

Employer eligibility:

- Employers in the private, public or community sector who have an Australian Business Number (ABN) are eligible to apply for CWES
- Employers are responsible for all costs associated with the employment of a CWES participant including relevant insurance, works compensation, superannuation (where applicable), and the payment of wages as per the relevant legal industrial arrangement, made under Commonwealth, State or Territory law.
- Where the CDEP provider offers a paid work experience placement to an eligible CWES participant in their own organisation, all eligibility requirements (participant, position and employer) must apply.

For further information, please access the following website –

<http://www.deewr.gov.au/Indigenous/Employment/Programs/IEP/Pages.aspx>

4. Enterprising Regions Program

This program assists community/regional development organisations undertake planning activities and implement projects which have broad based local support and the potential to generate economic benefits.

Applicants must demonstrate:

- broad support from stakeholders such as the business and wider community for the project, e.g. by providing letters of support from the local council(s) and organisations such as local business or industry groups and tourism organisations and/or
- the project is aligned with a local, regional or industry plan e.g. Regional Business Growth Plans
- the potential economic benefits of the project
- that project funding will be matched by organisations outside of Industry and Investment (NSW) – small communities are an exception

This program is designed to “kick start” local projects to benefit the broader region rather than being of specific benefit to a single enterprise.

Completed applications, including evidence of support for the project, must be submitted at least three months (six months for events) prior to the starting date of the project.

Industry and Investment (NSW) funding cannot be used toward

- feasibility plans
- capital equipment
- infrastructure, construction/design of streetscape/landscapes, signage, plants
- urban design workshops or studies
- catering and venue hire
- internal costs e.g. office accommodation, project management by existing staff, meeting costs
- event costs such as staging, lighting, entertainment
- business networking and cluster development/projects
- business mentoring projects
- projects which benefit only a single organisation e.g. executive officer funding.

Funding is available for

- regional planning activities e.g. industry development strategies, preparation of master plans, employment land strategies, new infrastructure development plans.
- community, business and regional events
- regional scale development of new or existing industry
- business, tourism and industry development projects
- marketing plans and projects e.g. websites, promotional materials
- climate change or economic transition planning and projects with a business focus.

Who can apply

- local councils
- incorporated associations including business, industry and community organisations
- regional development organisations

For further information: please access the website

<http://www.business.nsw.gov.au/assistance-and-support/grants/regional-communities/enterprising-regions-program>

5. Sports and Recreation Facility Grant Program (NSW only)

The purpose of the program is to assist with the funding for the development of local and regional level sport and recreation facilities. The aim of the program is to increase the availability, standard and quality of sport and recreation

facilities in NSW.

The objectives of the program are

- Increase regular and ongoing participation opportunities in sport, recreation or structured physical activity in a sustainable manner.
- Improve access for people from groups that traditionally find it difficult to access sport.
- Improve safety at sport and recreation facilities.
- To develop environmentally sustainable sport and recreation facilities.
- Assist people from identified groups that face barriers to participating in sport and recreation.

Maximum per grant is \$200,000 and minimum per grant is \$500. Grant amount requested cannot be more than 50 percent of the project cost. Organisational contribution can include voluntary labour. It is expected that the applicant will cover any administration costs incurred with the project.

Who can apply

- NSW incorporated, community based not for profit organisations.
- NSW Local Government Authorities operating under the Local Government Act (1993).

For further information, please access the website <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/grants/srfgp.asp>

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Beware of Scams!

Almost everyone will be approached by a scammer at some stage. Some scams are very easy to spot while other scams may appear to be genuine offers or bargains. Scams can even take place without you doing anything at all!

Most scams need you to do something before they can work. You may send money to some based on a promise that turns out to be false.

Follow the Golden Rules

- If it looks too good to be true – it probably is.
- Use your common sense – the offer may be a scam.
- Always get independent advice if an offer involves significant money, time or commitment.
- Remember there are no get rich quick schemes, the only people who make money are the scammers.
- Do not agree to offers or deals straight away; tell the person you are not interested or that you want to get some independent advice before making a decision.
- Contact your local Office of Fair Trading, ASIC or the ACCC for assistance.

For further information about scams, the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission has a great website that advises the latest scams doing the rounds, how to protect yourself and contact details. The website is <http://www.scamwatch.gov.au>

RDA Murray is now on Facebook (www.facebook.com/rdamurray)



RDA Murray's Facebook page is up and running, allowing the RDA Murray team to upload items of interest, funding and grant opportunities and events. As most people know, Facebook is a growing phenomenon with over 600 million active users worldwide¹, and RDA Murray believes that the social networking site is an invaluable tool to get our message out to all demographics far and wide.

¹ Wikipedia (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Facebook>)