

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. Regional Development Australia Fund (Round 2)

Regional Development Australia (RDA) committees have a role to play in shaping regional infrastructure investment to meet regional needs during Round Two of the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF).

Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Simon Crean MP today announced the opening of Round Two, worth \$200 million.

Key aspects of Round Two include a two-stage application process that will reduce costs for applicants, local decision making is embedded in the process, and provide early certainty for proponents about their application.

As part of this new role, RDA committees will review Expressions of Interest (EOI) from all potential applicants and select three viable priority projects for their region to progress to full application.

The new process for RDAF Round Two is:

- Interested applicants are required to email an EOI form to their RDA committee by **Thursday 1 December 2011**.
- RDA committees will review each EOI and select three viable priority projects for their region that will proceed to full application.
- Full applications will be assessed by the Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government against the eligibility and selection criteria, risk, and value for money.
- Applications will be considered by the RDAF Advisory Panel which will provide advice to the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Simon Crean MP. The Minister will make decisions on projects to be funded.
- In prioritising our three viable priority projects, the Minister has asked RDA committees to take into account the priorities of our Regional Plan, the capacity of the project to address needs in the region, the level of community support for the project, impact of the project on the region and neighbouring regions and readiness to proceed.

The RDAF is worth almost \$1 billion over five years (some of which is subject to the passage of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax) and will boost economic and community development as part of the Australian Government's commitment to regional Australia. A total of \$200 million has been provided in Round Two.

All necessary information about RDAF Round Two, including the Guidelines for Round Two, key dates and full details on the EOI process can be found at www.regional.gov.au.

2. RAS Foundation 2013 Community Futures Grant

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Foundation (RASf) is offering an opportunity for young people to attract up to \$25,000 in funding for a community project in their local area. The grant was previously called The \$25,000 Question.

Participating is simple. All you have to do is:

- Identify a need in your local community in NSW which could be addressed with funding of up to \$25,000, and

- Partner with a community organisation to create a plan for implementing a project to address this need.

Eligibility criteria - To be eligible to apply you must:

- Be aged 35 years or under on 1 May 2012
- Be passionate about rural and regional issues
- Live in the rural NSW community your project idea is for

What is a Community Partner?

Your Community Partner can be any local community agency or group in your area, that delivers a community service, provides community benefit or whose purpose is charitable in nature. Some examples could be educational organisations, health providers, your local show society or Rotary.

What types of projects are eligible?

As someone who is passionate about rural and regional NSW, you are already well-connected in your community – chances are you already have a few good ideas about how to spend \$25,000 on a project that could make a real difference in your local area. Under the RASF Community Futures Grant program, the RASF will consider an idea that delivers strong community benefit and results in enhanced economic and social outcomes. Ideas that involve collaboration between people in your community and delivers a sustained benefit over a period of time will be highly regarded.

The possibilities for funding are limited only by your imagination. If it delivers real benefits for your community, we will consider it.

What projects are not eligible?

Infrastructure for local shows and show societies are not eligible for funding from the RASF.

Further information - If you have any queries about the eligibility of your project idea or any part of RASF Community Futures Grant initiative, please contact the RAS Foundation on (02) 9704 1234 or email foundation@rasf.org.au.

How to apply - All applications must be made online (<http://www.rasnsw.com.au/832.htm>)

The closing date for applications is 6:00pm on the **15 January 2012**.

3. Riverina Red Gum Regional Employment and Community Development Fund – Round 2

The aim of the Riverina Red Gum Regional Employment and Community Development Fund (RRGRECDF) is to support initiatives that maximise economic and social development opportunities and will be of broad benefit to the communities of the NSW Riverina and Murray. The program is designed to benefit residents, businesses and workers in the local government areas of Balranald, Deniliquin, Murray, Conargo, Wakool, Berrigan and Murrumbidgee. This \$12 million program is part of the Government's \$97 million support package for timber industry workers and regional communities affected by the establishment of the River Red Gum protected areas in the Riverina/Murray. For further information on the overall support package visit <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/2011RiverRedGum.htm>

Objectives - The Objectives of the RRGRECDF are to:

- generate substantial and sustained local employment
- improve access to and availability of workforce development and training
- build community resilience and capacity to participate in the regional workforce
- help offset the cost of business and sectoral expansion in the region
- support the retention of jobs in the region.

Funding for 2011/2012

Around \$2.5 million is available for allocation under Round 2 of the RRGRECDF. Grants from \$1,000 to \$200,000 will be available for individual projects. Round 2 will be a one stage application process with applications being accepted until

Wednesday 11 January 2012.

Eligibility - Round 2 of the RRGRECDF is restricted to small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs). For the purposes of the RRGRECDF, SMEs are those with a maximum of 20 employees. All proposals will be considered, provided they are from SMEs, they meet the objectives of the RRGRECDF and are within the local government areas of Murray, Conargo, Deniliquin, Wakool, Balranald, Berrigan or Murrumbidgee.

Closing date is **11 January 2012**.

4. The Mary Reibey Grant

The Westpac Foundation is excited to announce the first of our new grants, The Mary Reibey Grant. The Mary Reibey Grant of \$50,000 will be awarded an organisation with a woman founder, or women chief executive officer of a not for profit founded by a woman, on International Women's Day, 8 March 2012.

To be eligible to apply, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Your organisation was founded by a woman and its current CEO is a woman.
- Your organisation is a social enterprise or a not for profit with a social enterprise project.
- Your organisation is relatively new (established less than 15 years ago).
- Your social enterprise initiative reflects one or more of the following areas: social inclusion, indigenous, education or the disabled.
- Your organisation has deductible gift recipient (DGR) status or is auspiced by a DGR.
- Your enterprise operates/trades in Australia.

Please ensure your organisation meets these criteria before downloading a copy of the funding guidelines. Applications follow a two stage process.

- **Stage 1- Letter of Interest** - Submit your Stage 1 - Letters of Interest in the required format (refer to the Westpac) to westpacfoundation@westpac.com.au by **1 December 2011**.
- **Stage 2 – Full Funding Submission** – Full funding submissions are by invitation only and are due by 1 February 2012.

For more information about this grant, please go to [http://www.westpac.com.au/about-westpac/sustainability-and-community/westpac-foundation/application-process/#0 the mary reibey grant](http://www.westpac.com.au/about-westpac/sustainability-and-community/westpac-foundation/application-process/#0_the_mary_reibey_grant)

5. International Sporting Events Program (NSW only)

The program will assist in attracting and supporting international sporting events in NSW.

Overview: This program is designed to assist in attracting and supporting international sporting events in NSW in an effort to provide high level competition opportunities for NSW athletes, coaches and officials. There is **no closing date** however applications must be received at least 3 months before the scheduled commencement date of the event.

Who can apply:

- National and State sporting organisations
- Not for profit sporting and recreational organisations
- Other not for profit organisations
- Event organisers that have a contractual arrangement with a national or state sporting organisation

For further information, please go to <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/grants/isep.asp>.

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SCAMwatch and Australia Post are warning of scam callers pretending to be from Australia Post and requesting payment to redeliver an undelivered parcel.

How the scam works

- You receive a call out of the blue from someone claiming to be an Australia Post employee or a staff member from an Australia Post retail outlet.
- The scam caller claims that Australia Post has been unsuccessful in delivering a parcel to you and that redelivery can be arranged after you make a payment.
- The scammer will provide a reason as to why the initial delivery failed, such as the parcel being too large.
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Protect yourself

- Australia Post will never call you to request payment for an undeliverable mail item. If you receive a call that matches this description hang up!
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- If you think you have provided your banking or credit card details to a scammer contact your bank or financial institution immediately.

For more information about this scam and others, please go to www.scamwatch.gov.au.

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