

# 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. Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Research Fellowship

The Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Research Fellowships provide financial support for postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows from Australia to undertake short term research (4 to 6 months), in any field of study, in participating Asian countries.

While the Cheung Kong Group has a history of supporting education through international scholarships, the Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Scholarship Program represents a unique partnership with the Australian Government to support both undergraduate and postgraduate students from Australia and Asia to study in each other's home environments.

The top five incoming (international) and the top five outgoing (Australian) Endeavour Research Fellowship recipients coming from and/or going to a participating Cheung Kong participating country will be offered the Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Research Fellowship.

**Applications close 30 June 2011.** For further information, please access the website <http://www.deewr.gov.au/International/EndeavourAwards/AusApp/Pages/CheungKong.aspx>

## 2. Eco Schools Grants Program (NSW only)

The purpose of this program is to provide grants to schools to give them the opportunity to involve their students and community in developing and implementing environmental management projects.

The overall objective of the program is to support schools to develop best practice in environmental education and innovative solutions to environmental issues. The program will fund school environmental management projects aimed at one or more of the objectives below:

### Students

- To promote the development of students' knowledge, values and behavior that supports environmental sustainability
- To promote participation in some or all students in identifying, designing, implementing and monitoring solutions that improves the quality of the school and local environments.

### Teachers

- To assist teachers to integrate school environmental management projects into school programs and therefore maximize student learning
- To enable project related professional learning for teachers to gain practical and pedagogical skills and knowledge about the environment.

### School development and management

- To encourage a whole of school approach to sustainable management of school operations
- To fund schools to utilize the natural and built environment to facilitate student learning

- To encourage schools to like with the local community (including other schools) to undertake activities which address local environmental issues

#### Environment

- To promote more efficient resource use and improve the quality of the local environment
- To enable schools to address community and government environmental concerns and priorities

The ultimate goal of the program is the development of ecologically sustainable schools.

**Preschools are not eligible to apply.**

#### **Who can apply:**

- The applicant must be a registered NSW school
- The applicant's school must not have been funded in the previous year
- The project must be a new project or a separate and additional stage of a previous project, not simply ongoing work
- The project must be aligned with one or more of the program objectives
- Your school must be registered on the Sustainable Schools NSW website [www.sustainableschools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.sustainableschools.nsw.edu.au)
- You must complete all relevant parts of the application form clearly and legibly
- Your application must be received by the closing date. Late applications will not be accepted and will be returned.

**Please access the website for further information about the program**

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/schools.htm>

**Applications close 20 May 2011.**

### **3. Community Development Grants Program – General Grants (NSW only)**

The purpose of the program is to encourage the participation of people from culturally diverse communities in all aspects of life in NSW.

The general grants are for projects that promote cultural expressions, enhance community development, or for minimum capital purchases. Funding under this category is for twelve months duration, commencing from the payment of the grant. The Community Relations Commission for a Multicultural NSW will only consider funding projects which are no longer than twelve months.

**Expressions of Interest are due 27 May 2011.**

**For further information, please access the following website –**

<http://www.crc.nsw.gov.au/services/grants>.

### **4. Connected Seniors Grant Program**

The purpose of the program is to help older Australians learn about new technologies to enable them to confidently use mobile phones and Internet to keep in contact with family, friends and the world around them.

Grants from Telstra Connected Seniors are available to community organisations with a membership base comprised primarily of seniors. Eligible organisations can include sports clubs, seniors' social groups or community organisations like Rotary.

The program allows organisations to run training courses for their members, introducing them to new technology in ways

which are fun, hands on and solve everyday problems. In practical terms, this could be as simple as arranging a bridge game via SMA messaging, or emailing family photos.

Grants are comprised of cash to assist with purchasing equipment and covering running costs. Training materials are also freely available to assist organisers and trainers run successful courses. As part of the grant application, club members running courses can elect to be paid for their time or donate that money to their organisation.

To give a range of eligible community organisations the opportunity to participate, Telstra Connected Seniors provides grants at three levels:

1. **Local Community Grants - \$1,000 to \$5,000** - for eligible local organisations, grants are available to hold courses in your community.
2. **State and Territory Based Grants - \$5,000 to \$50,000** – Eligible State and Territory based community organisations may apply for larger grants to support educational activities at multiple locations. All activities must be run within the one State or Territory.
3. **National Partnership – Over \$50,000** – Eligible national community or not-for-profit organisations may apply for larger grants to develop longer term partnerships with Telstra. Please email Telstra at [telstraseniors@team.telstra.com](mailto:telstraseniors@team.telstra.com) to apply for a National Partnership Grant.

Organisations are only eligible to receive one grant within a 12 month period. Grants are not available for the following applicants:

- Individuals
- “For profit” bodies
- Government bodies
- Political parties or their candidates
- Organisations based outside Australia
- Organisations which have received a Telstra Connected Seniors Grant within the past 12 months

**Who can apply:** Not for profit community organisations with a member base of people primarily aged 60 or over are eligible to apply where the following criteria are met:

- The applicant is a legal entity with legal status such as an incorporated body, cooperative or association; and
- The application has an Australian Business Number (ABN) and/or provides written advice from the Australian Tax Office that no withholding tax is required from the grant payment.

Non-incorporated organisation may partner with and apply for a grant through another organisation which meets the above criteria.

**For further information:** please access the website <http://www.telstraseniors.com.au/apply.aspx>

## 5. Youth Off the Streets Scholarship Program

This program celebrates the gifts and strengths of young people from the Australian community who exhibit determination and potential, but who lack the personal support networks and resources that will allow them to fulfil that potential by providing scholarships to pursue further education, training or development.

Nominees must be between the ages of 14 and 21 years and can apply for one scholarship per year.

Nominations for the Youth Off the Streets Scholarship Program are not restricted to a specific study or training path. Nominations are invited from young people with genuine talent, ability and determination in any field, including (but not limited to): education and training; visual or performing arts; sport; trade skills; and music.

The wide-ranging goals pursued by the scholarship recipients will encourage other disadvantaged young people to follow their dreams.

Youth Off the Streets will match each scholarship recipient with a mentor. This relationship will provide ongoing guidance

and support for the duration of their scholarship, encouraging adults from a wide variety of backgrounds to become engaged and take responsibility for young people in Australia. Those recipients from locations outside of Sydney will be matched with an 'e-mentor'. This innovative program matches young people with a mentor who they are in contact with online through a secure and monitored chat room. For those young people living in rural or remote locations, or those who lack traditional support networks, this mentoring involvement offers them additional support and encouragement for their scholarship period.

**Criteria for nomination:**

- Nominations for the 2011 Scholarship Program are being taken from all states within Australia.
- Nominees must be between the ages of 14 and 21 on 6 May 2011.
- Nominees must be citizens or permanent residents of Australia.
- Nominations may be made on behalf of a young person or by a young person themselves.
- A young person may only be nominated for one scholarship per year.
- The young person nominated must have a clear need for financial assistance.
- Scholarship recipients will be required to identify a Pathway Plan, which clearly shows how the scholarship money would be used.
- All nominations must include at least one reliable, independent referee letter, confirming the personal circumstances and talent or skill of the young person nominated.

**For further information, please access the website**

<http://www.youthoffthstreets.com.au/scholarship-program/w1/i1001894/>

**Applications close 6 May 2011.**

**Information about Scams**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission have a fantastic website that provides loads of information about scams and how to protect yourself. The website is <http://www.scamwatch.gov.au>