

# 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. Local Community Campaigns to Promote Better Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

Local Community Campaigns is about community organizations throughout Australia developing and implementing ideas for local initiatives and programs to promote messages around chronic disease prevention and healthy lifestyle choices and the benefits of accessing primary healthcare. These local projects will be supported and driven by the community to raise awareness of the relevant issues, promote overarching messages and direct Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples to more information and/or support. If appropriate and available, these activities and programs will also be supported by Indigenous media organizations or other relevant organizations.

The Australian Government is providing up to \$17 million in funding for Local Community Campaigns from 2011 – 2013.

**Who is eligible?** Applications are encouraged from a wide range of community organizations. Applicants do not have to have a prior funding relationship established with the Department of Health and Ageing. Organizations wishing to apply must be incorporated to be eligible for funding. Some examples of eligible organizations include (but are not limited to):

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island incorporated organizations;
- Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organizations;
- Universities, schools, art/youth centres etc.
- Not for profit organizations
- Non government health care providers; and
- Local government councils and shires.

Organizations are encouraged to partner with community groups and/or other organizations as required or as necessary to meet the selection criteria and needs of the specific community. In instances of a partnership arrangement, a lead organization needs to be nominated to be responsible for the grant.

For more information about this program, go to <http://livelonger.health.gov.au/grant-funding/grant-guidelines.html>. Applications close **5:00pm 30 September 2011**.

## 2. Regional Relocation Grant (NSW only)

The Regional Relocation Grant is operating for four years and commenced on 1 July 2011. The scheme provides applicants with a one-off payment of \$7,000 to assist them with the cost of relocating from their metropolitan home to a regional home. The metropolitan area means the local government areas of the Sydney metropolitan area, Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury, Gosford, Wyong, Wollondilly, Wollongong and Newcastle. Regional areas are participating local government areas which are located outside of the metropolitan area.

**To be eligible** for the \$7,000 Regional Relocation Grant, the following criteria apply:

- all applicants must be natural persons and must not purchase the regional home in his or her capacity as trustee.
- At least one applicant must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident as at the completion date of the regional home purchase.

- All applicants must have entered into an agreement to purchase a home within a regional area, on or after 1 July 2011 and on or before 30 June 2015.
- All applicants must have owned and occupied the metropolitan home as their principal place of residence within 12 months before the commencement date (contract exchange date) of the regional home purchase.
- The consideration for the purchase or the unencumbered value of the regional home must not exceed \$600,000.
- All applicants must sell the metropolitan home either before or within 12 months after the completion date of the regional home purchase.
- All applicants must occupy the regional home as their principal place of residence for at least 12 continuous months commencing within 12 months after the completion date of the regional home purchase.
- An applicant must not have received an earlier grant under the *Regional Relocation (Home Buyers Grant) Act 2011*.

For further information, please go to [http://www.osr.nsw.gov.au/lib/doc/factsheets/fs\\_rrg1.pdf](http://www.osr.nsw.gov.au/lib/doc/factsheets/fs_rrg1.pdf).

### 3. Local Sporting Champions (Round 3)

Young people find it difficult to meet the ongoing and significant costs associated with participation at sporting competitions, particularly those from regional areas.

The Local Sporting Champions program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12-18 towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state or national sporting championships or a School Sport Australia national championships.

#### Who is eligible?

The Local Sporting Champions program is designed to support young people participating in state and national level sporting championships as either an athlete, coach, umpire or referee.

To be eligible for a Local Sporting Champions grant, young people must meet the following criteria:

- Be between 12 and 18 years of age (inclusive) at the time of the nominated sporting championship.
- Be participating as an athlete, coach, umpire or referee in:
  - an official state championships endorsed by the relevant Australian Sports Commission (ASC) recognised national sporting organisation (NSO), or
  - an official national championships endorsed by the relevant Australian Sports Commission (ASC) recognised national sporting organisation (NSO), or
  - a national school sport championships endorsed by School Sport Australia.
- Applications must be completed and submitted to the ASC prior to the championship commencing (Please note, saved applications must be submitted before the competition commences).
- Travel greater than 250km return to participate in the championship.
- Be an Australian citizen.
- Must not have received a Local Sporting Champions grant for an event held during the current financial year, whether as an individual or a member of a team.
- Must not have received funding from another funding program administered by the ASC for the nominated championship.
- The nominated championship must not be a professional competition that involves prize money greater than \$500.

Round 3 will close **31 October 2011**. For further information, go to the Australian Sports Commissions website: [http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools\\_and\\_juniors/get\\_involved/local\\_sporting\\_champions](http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools_and_juniors/get_involved/local_sporting_champions)

## 4. Stormwater harvesting and reuse projects (3rd competitive grants round)

The Australian Government is calling for applications for funding to support eligible stormwater harvesting and reuse projects under the *National Urban Water and Desalination Plan: stormwater harvesting and reuse grants round*. Projects are sought that capture, treat and use stormwater to ease the pressure on drinking water supplies and deliver improved water quality to our urban waterways.

The objective of this grants round is to provide support for urban stormwater harvesting and reuse projects, in cities and towns that contribute to:

- improving the security of water supplies in Australia, without adding to greenhouse gas emissions
- reducing the demand for potable water supplies
- helping to reduce the impact of urban runoff on the ecological condition of receiving waters by protecting or improving water quality and the hydrological regime (e.g. protecting low flows and reducing the impact of high flows).

Funding available for individual projects - Project funding is capped at 50 per cent of eligible capital costs, with a minimum project size of \$2 million (eligible for funding of \$1 million). While there is no maximum project size, funding from the Australian Government is capped at \$20 million (GST exclusive) per project. Project work must be completed by **30 June 2016**.

This is a competitive grants round and meeting eligibility criteria does not guarantee funding.

**Applications are due by Wednesday, 7 December 2011 (5pm AEDT). Late applications may not be considered.**

**Who is eligible to apply?** State, territory and local government, public water utilities and private companies are eligible to apply.

### What projects are eligible for funding?

- This grant round will support stormwater harvesting and reuse projects that use urban stormwater to reduce demand on potable water supplies and deliver improved water quality to our urban waterway.
- Urban stormwater is defined as "rainwater that runs off urban impervious surfaces such as roofs, pavements, car parks and roads". Information on eligible projects can be found in the funding and implementation guidelines.
- Projects under this round must include stormwater harvesting and reuse; however projects that have multiple benefits will be highly regarded (such as including a component to assist in the management of localised flooding).
- Projects which are not eligible for funding can be found in Section 3 Project Requirements of the *Stormwater Harvesting and Reuse Projects Implementation and Funding Guidelines June 2011*.

Further information can be found at

<http://www.environment.gov.au/water/programs/urban/stormwater-harvesting.html>

## 5. Regional Arts Fund – Quick Response Grants (NSW only)

The Regional Arts Fund is an Australian Government initiative supporting the arts in regional and remote Australia. Made available under the Regional Arts Fund allocation for NSW, Quick Response Grants ('Quicks') offer 'urgent' funding of up to \$1,500 for local arts and cultural projects in regional and rural NSW. Preference is given to projects from smaller and remote communities. Other priorities for funding include:

- Professional development opportunities - to assist individuals or groups involved in delivering community programs or projects to increase their knowledge, skills and experiences, where the benefits are ultimately returned to the community and
- Project development opportunities - where the local or regional community requires the services of specialist arts and cultural workers to develop and extend project or program concepts (this can include cultural mapping

and cultural planning activities).

'Quicks' are offered on a quarterly basis. **There is no deadline for applications**, which may be made as required, although applications are processed on a 'first come, first served' basis. Decisions will be advised within 5 working days of receipt.

For more information and to download the application pack, go to <http://www.regionalartsnsw.com.au/grants/qtg.html>.

## **Current Scam**

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