

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. 2011 Science & Innovation Awards

If you're aged between 18 and 35 and have a great idea for a project on an innovative or emerging scientific issue, including biophysical and social sciences, then start working on your application now! Projects will help contribute to the ongoing success and sustainability of Australia's agriculture, fisheries or forestry industries, including food and sustainable natural resource management.

There are eleven award categories open for applications: animal welfare, cotton, dairy, new and emerging rural industries, fisheries and aquaculture, forestry, grains, meat and livestock, pork, sugar, and viticulture and oenology. Each category includes a grant of up to \$22,000, while one grantee will also be awarded an additional \$33,000 as the winner of the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's Award.

Tips

- Understand what sponsors are looking for in an application
- Read the 2009 award winners booklet — it provides a great overview of the types of projects that have been funded previously
- Visit the relevant sponsor's website — you can find out about their current areas of research and determine the uniqueness of your ideas
- Write in plain English and avoid technical jargon — ask a non-scientist to read your application and check its clarity

For further information and to download an application form, please log onto www.abares.gov.au/scienceawards. Applications close **5:00pm AEDT Friday 7 January 2011**.

2. Bendigo Bank Scholarship Program

As part of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank's commitment to help build stronger communities, the Bank has established a scholarship fund.

Each year grants are awarded to outstanding, but disadvantaged students, usually from a rural area, that have been offered a full-time place at an Australian university or college campus for the first time.

The Scholarship aims to support first year students who, due to social or financial circumstances, would not have been able to further their education.

Criteria

To be eligible for consideration, the following criteria must be met:

- You are an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- You will be an undergraduate in 2011 (and this is your first attendance at an Australian university/college)
- You are a school leaver (or have taken a gap year)
- You can demonstrate the disadvantage that is preventing you from taking up the opportunity of this further study
- You are from a rural or regional area and you must move away from the family home
- You are an outstanding student and can demonstrate extensive community involvement

Applications close at **4pm (AEDST) on Friday 28 January 2011**. Applications received after 4pm on the 28 January 2011 will not be accepted. Applications can be made via email only using our Application Form. Postal applications will not be accepted.

For further information, please access the following website:-

http://www.bendigoadelaide.com.au/public/in_the_community/2011_scholarships.asp

3. ING Foundation Grants

The purpose is to provide grants to organisations that have a strong focus on supporting children in acute care (and/or their immediate families).

Applications must meet all of the following selection criteria to be considered for an ING Foundation Grant:-

- Provides services or resources that directly benefit individuals in need;
- Deals with welfare, disabled or the disadvantaged; and
- Assists children (and/or their immediate families).

There are limitations, grants will not be awarded for:

- International grant applications
- General administration or infrastructure
- Communication tools (e.g. brochures) or office equipment
- Bricks and mortar projects
- Sponsorship of individuals
- Assistance with fundraising projects
- Support for foundations that allocate funds to other charitable organisations.

Who can apply: All applicants must be registered with the Australian Taxation Office as an approved charity. Applications close **1 March 2011**.

For further information, please access the website <http://www.ingfoundation.com.au/>

4. Community Sharps Management Grants Program (NSW only)

The purpose of this grants program is to provide NSW Councils and other interested individuals and organisations with information about the safe management of needles, syringes and other “sharps” used by people with diabetes and other medical conditions requiring self-injection in the home, and syringes used by injecting drug users in the home or in public places.

The objective of the program is as follows:

- To support councils to develop a strategic approach to the management of community sharps;
- To encourage the development of partnerships between councils and other stakeholders, including Area Health Services, other government agencies, contractors, local businesses, and community organisations to improve the management of community sharps;
- To encourage a consistent state-wide approach to community sharps management by making innovative and practical examples of local solutions available to other councils;
- To highlight efficiencies and cost effectiveness in the management of community sharps.

The program provides funds for:

- Purchase and installation of community sharps disposal infrastructure (disposal bins);
- Disposal costs for each new community sharps bin purchased and installed; and each new pharmacy disposal service introduced (conditions apply);
- Trialling and implementation of community sharps management initiatives by councils in conjunction with other stakeholders/partners;
- Assistance with the development and production of resources promoting safe disposal practices (such as brochures, posters and stickers);
- Sponsorship of a community sharps management category in the Local Government Excellence in the Environment Awards;
- Training for council employees in the safe collection and disposal of community sharps (conditions apply).

Who can apply: Councils, or groups of councils may submit a funding application. If a group of councils chooses to submit a proposal, one council should be nominated as the lead organisation. The lead organisation will be responsible for administering any funding resulting from the submission.

Important information: For a printed copy of the guidelines, or for further information on project proposals, the application form, or conditions of funding, please contact the Senior Community Sharps Project Officer (David Baker) on 02 4924 6256 (Monday to Wednesday) or email david.baker@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

The program is ongoing.

5. RAS Foundation \$25,000 Question

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Foundation is again offering young people in rural and regional NSW the opportunity to secure \$25,000 to deliver a new and innovative community project. Applications for the \$25,000 question are now open. To enter, simply tell the RAS Foundation how you would use \$25,000 to address a need in your local community.

For the first time, the 2011 grant will be open to **all young people under 35 years**. As an applicant, you must identify a need in your local rural or regional community, come up with an idea to address this need, and partner with a community organisation to create a project plan.

To apply access the RAS website www.rasf.org.au. Any questions should be directed to the RAS Foundation on 02 9704 1234 or email foundation@rasf.org.au

Applications close 14 January 2011.

6. Indigenous Women's Program

This program is a grants program which provides funding for activities that respond to the particular needs and circumstances of local Indigenous women.

The program aims to:

- Support more women to undertake leadership, representative and management roles;
- Increase Indigenous women's awareness of, access to, and role in local priority setting and Government funding activities;
- Address issues identified by Indigenous women as priorities in their communities;
- Strengthen women's networks and organisations; and
- Support Indigenous women's cultural traditions.

For further information and to download the guidelines and application forms please access http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/progserv/leadership/Pages/indigenous_womens_program.aspx

Applications close 25 February 2011.

7. Indigenous Justice Program

The Attorney-General's Department provides funding through the Indigenous Justice Program to help respond to the urgent challenge of the accelerating rate of Indigenous offending and incarceration, and to support the realisation of safer communities.

The objective of the Program is to facilitate the development and implementation of effective, culturally relevant projects, especially where youth (both female and male) are at risk. It aims to support and reduce the number of Indigenous Australians coming into adverse contact with the criminal justice system.

The program complements the Department's other Indigenous law and just programs and seeks to fund projects that will lessen the need for legal aid. It encourages early resolution of disputes, including through restorative justice practices that contribute to prevention and to building safer family and community environments.

How to apply for funding – The Department's mail call for funding submissions under the program occurs each year through the cross agency electronic submission (eSub) process. Applications for 2011-12 funding can be submitted anytime to close of business **25 February 2011**. Further information on the process is available at <https://www.indigenous.gov.au/esub/>. Submissions for funding may also be made at other times, but are contingent upon the funds available under the eSub process has concluded.

For further information and to download the guidelines please access http://www.ag.gov.au/www/agd/agd.nsf/Page/Indigenoulawandnativetitle_Indigenoulawprograms_Thepreventi on,diversionandrehabilitationprogram

7. Indigenous Sport & Recreation Program

This is an Australian Government program that provides funding to community groups, organisations and the Australian Sports Commission to increase and encourage the active participation of Indigenous Australians in sport and physical recreation activities.

The program supports projects that:

- Encourage wide community involvement and active participation in group sport and physical recreation activities;
- Are designed to build the skills of community members to participate in, organise and promote community sport and physical recreation activities over the long term; and
- Promote health living, drug free participation and respect for players, officials and spectators.

Who can apply for funding – Any person or body may apply for funding in accordance with the program guidelines

for the purpose of furthering the economic, social or cultural development of Indigenous people). .

For further information and to download the guidelines please access

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/sport-howtoapply>

Applications close by close of business 25 February 2011.

8. Public Awareness Program

The Public Awareness Program (PAP) funds initiatives that raise public awareness in the wider community of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues and culture. The program has two elements:

- Public Awareness grants
- Funding for NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) activities.

Public Awareness

Public Awareness grants are made to selected activities that are capable of reaching a significant audience of non-Indigenous people. The program provides supplementary funding, and is not intended to finance the whole project. Its broad aims are:

- to promote to the wider community an understanding of, and respect for, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures
- to encourage in the wider community the development of positive attitudes towards Indigenous Australians
- to inform the wider community about contemporary issues that affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and communities.

NAIDOC

NAIDOC celebrations are held annually (usually in the first full week in July). Funds are available (in whole or part) to community-based organisations or other bodies to assist with the cost of their NAIDOC activities. More information about NAIDOC, including National NAIDOC activities, is available at <http://www.naidoc.org.au/>

For further information and the funding guidelines, please access

http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/progserv/engagement/Pages/public_awareness_program.aspx

Further Information:

Please contact Julie Lawrence (RDA Murray) on 02 6058 0600 if you require further information in relation to these grants or other grants that may be available.