

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. Festivals Australia

The Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet (Office for the Arts) is providing funds for Australian regional and community festivals to assist them to present quality cultural projects.

Funds are available to present exciting new projects which will add to the cultural program of a regular, ongoing festival or a significant one-off community celebration. Funds are not available for projects such as competitions, capital works (e.g. the construction of buildings, or the purchase of equipment) or the ongoing costs of running the festival. Assistance is provided in the form of direct funding, subject to a formal Funding Agreement.

You cannot receive funding from Festivals Australia, the Regional Arts Fund or the Indigenous Cultural Support Program for the same project or the same event at a festival.

Who can apply: Applications must be made by organizations that manage regular festivals. Eligible organizations include local governments and councils, cultural organizations and regional arts councils that manage festivals.

Applications close 15 July 2011. For further information, please access the website http://www.arts.gov.au/arts/festivals_australia

2. Community Halls Renewal Fund (NSW only)

The purpose of this fund is to help small communities in country NSW to renovate, extend or do upgrades on community halls.

Grants will be provided to community based organizations for materials and equipment on a non-recurrent basis that demonstrate a clearly community benefit by repairing or upgrading the hall. Funds of up to \$50,000 per community will be provided to not for profit organizations in communities of 10,000 or less population. Funding for projects is to be matched on a 2 for 1 basis for every \$2 provided by government; the community must contribute \$1 either in kind or as a financial contribution. Projects are to be supported by government.

Infrastructure costs only such as materials, equipment, building and repair costs will be funded.

Please access the website for further information about the program <http://www.business.nsw.gov.au/assistance-and-supports/grants/regional-communities/building-the-country#CountryHallsRenewalPackage>

This is an ongoing program.

3. RPH Program Grants

The purpose of these grants is to assist with the maintenance and development of RPH community broadcasting throughout Australia for the benefit of people with a print disability; by providing seeding grants to support community radio stations commence daily or weekly Radio for the Print Handicapped (RPH) programs.

Programs must:

- Be produced locally. RPH programs originating elsewhere for local rebroadcast are not eligible.
- Be at least 60 minutes long, with a minimum of 90% (54 minutes per hour) RPH material.
- Conform to RPH Australia's Protocol for RPH broadcasting.
- Not consist of reading printed material available to people with a print disability throughout other means, such as talking books or a dedicated RPH station.

Priority will be given to programs that:

- Provide the most comprehensive access to printed information
- Have a local rather than regional/national focus
- Compliment local readings with the National Press Hour
- Are established

Grants are not available for stations broadcasting under a narrowcast licence. There are other criteria for what the grants are not available for.

For further information, please access the following website –

http://cbf.com.au/Content/templates/grants_rph_program.asp?articleid=72&zoneid=37

Applications close 4 July 2011.

4. School Sports Foundation Grants (NSW only)

The grants aim to encourage and promote active and healthy lifestyles for students through school based programs. There are two categories to the program.

- 1) Category – *open to secondary public schools only.*
 - **Active Youth Program** – grass roots participation program that targets Years 7-10 students who are not normally involved in sport and physical activity on a regular basis. This category includes young people from a culturally and linguistically diverse background who may face specific barriers (or maybe require additional encouragement) to participate in physical activity.
- 2) Category – *open to all public schools*
 - **Access Sports – for students with disabilities program** – supports sporting activities for primary and secondary students with disabilities.
 - **General Programs** – any sporting or healthy lifestyle initiatives that target areas of particular need that are supplementary to curriculum requirements.
 - **Promoting consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables** – support for initiatives that promote the long term consumption for fresh fruit and vegetables and also physical activity. Programs should assist students to understand the benefits of a nutritious and healthy diet for active lifestyles.

Program closes 10 June 2011.

For further information: please access the website

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/events/sponsoropp/sportfoundation/grantapplication.php>

5. Optus Connecting Communities Grants Program

Funding will be awarded to projects aimed at building social inclusion and supporting disengaged youth.

Overview

1) Building social inclusion:

- By providing access to communications – ensuring that Optus can provide access to communications to individuals or groups that are currently excluded is one way that Optus can make a significant contribution to society and help improve lives.
- By connecting disengaged communities – support services, networks and groups across Australia to help build local capacity and develop solutions to improve community issues and concerns.

2) Supporting disengaged youth:

- Helping disadvantaged young people improve their education, life skills and knowledge is key to change their future and helping them to reach their full potential in life. Improving disadvantaged youth with their education will also help in providing more employment opportunities which also benefit the local community.

The grants are aimed at assisting communities and therefore individuals and for-profit organisations are not eligible to apply for grants through this program.

For further information, please access the website

<http://www.optus.om.au/portal/site/aboutoptus/menuitem.cfa0247099a6f722d0b61a108c8ac7a0/?vgnextoid=ce3897ce70973210VgnVCM10000002cd780aRCRD>

Applications close 13 July 2011.

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