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This paper is organised under the following headings:

- Starting points
- Gateways to community grants
- Grants in selected subject areas
- Selected private sector/non government funding sources
- Selected local government funding sources
- List of useful links

It should be emphasised that this does not purport to be a comprehensive survey of the grants sector in Australia, an area which is as large as it is complex. The specific grants noted in the "Grants in key subject areas" are indicative only, as are those in the "Selected private sector/non government funding sources" and the "Selected local government funding sources" sections. It should also be emphasised that funding opportunities are subject to constant change and must therefore be checked for their current availability.

### 1. Starting points

The key to successful funding is a proper assessment of the project at hand and matching this with the appropriate public and/or private sector scheme. For example, you may be seeking a grant for what is primarily a sporting activity, but grants may also be available under other categories, such as youth, older people, indigenous people, health and well being.

A good starting point is the Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs [website](#), which sets out where help can be found with grant applications and lists the sources of funding on a State by State basis.

## 2. Gateways to community grants

### **(a) Australian Institute of Community Practice and Governance:**

One starting point may be the Australian Institute of Community Practice and Governance (AICPG) [website](#), a non-government social enterprise body. The AICPG provides accredited training, half-day workshops and conferences designed specifically for the staff, volunteers, board/committee members, and supporters of Australian community organisations. A [Grant Search database](#) is available to subscribers, organised around subject areas, such as arts and culture, health and well being, older people and youth. For a small fee (\$55 per year), an [Easy Grants newsletter](#) is available and you must subscribe to this if you want to access all the details on the [Grant Search database](#).

According to the AICPG website:

The [EasyGrants](#) newsletter and grants education service is Australia's only in-time grants information service which provides a monthly update on all the grants for your community group, school or local government. Grants are ideal if you have a project you wish to get funded.

### **(b) [Grants Gov Australia](#) (free phone 1800 733 437).**

This is another non-government central clearing house for a wide range of public and private sector grants, available to business and not for profit organisations. Various guides to grants are available, as follows:

- The full comprehensive Business Grants Guide is \$297.00 inc GST. Normally retails for \$497.00
- The New Start-Up Business Grants Guide is \$197.00 inc GST.
- The Not for profit Guide is emailed out at \$129.95 inc GST.

According to Grants Gov Australia:<sup>1</sup>

Our fully comprehensive guide gives you instant access to hundreds of little known federal and provincial assistance programs to help you make your business objectives come true. Currently there are over 900+ Australian Government funding programs and constantly being updated every month.

You will receive our monthly newsletter free for 3 months, then will be automatically charged \$20.00 a month to receive it until you cancel/opt-out. The newsletter has all the information on all new grants and loans that come available. Every program has the names listed of all the key contact people, their direct contact phone numbers, direct email addresses, links to any available case-studies, the appropriate government departments and their addresses and all the direct links to the grant application forms.

All our Grants are kept up to date, so you will be downloading all the latest information, which includes the link to the application forms, unlike our competitors. And we have fully comprehensive grants pages (3-7pages long) our competitors are only giving you a couple of paragraphs of each grant.

It is also said that:

- All grants have direct contact details (phone, fax & email) of the KEY people in control of giving out each grant
- All include direct links to all required APPLICATION FORMS
- All include links to previous successful candidates and / or case studies
- Guaranteed to be a MINIMUM of 5x more comprehensive than any other guide available
- Trusts and Philanthropy funding included

**(c) *Philanthropy Australia***

[Philanthropy Australia](#) is a third non-government organisation which provides a searchable database of grants and other funding opportunities available to community groups. An annual fee of \$99 is required for access to the database. A group can also gain associate membership of the organisation (approximately \$1,000).

**(d) *Community Builders NSW:***

Another useful starting point is [CommunityBuilders.NSW](#), a NSW Government initiative which describes itself as an:

electronic clearing house for everyone involved in community level social, economic and environmental renewal including community leaders, community & government workers, volunteers, program managers, academics, policy makers, youth and seniors.

This website again presents a gateway into the funding opportunities available to community groups. Funding sources can be searched by subject areas and by date. There is no cost involved.

**(e) [Commonwealth Government Grants Link](#)**

This is a Commonwealth level initiative by the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport. Basically, it offers a comprehensive guide to federal grants, organised around key subject areas such as "economy and finance", "culture and heritage" and "health and safety". Links are provided to State grant sites and information provided on the latest grants available. Also provided is a [Regional Entry Point website](#), which breaks down grants on a regional basis. There is no cost involved.

**(f) *The [Grant Funding Directory](#)***

The [Grant Funding Directory](#) is a joint Commonwealth and NSW State Government initiative to provide a compilation of the programs and grants available to communities. A [Grants Links](#) page sets these out under relevant subject headings.

### 3. Grants in selected subject areas

For all these subject areas searches can be conducted on each of the "gateway" websites cited above.

#### (a) Disability grants

Grants available through the Commonwealth Government [Regional Development Australia](#) initiative can be found by searching [GrantsLINK](#).

The NSW Department of Education and Communities administers the [Intervention Support Program – Community Grants Program](#), the purpose of which is to improve the educational opportunities and personal development of children with disabilities. The [Program](#) consists of 4 components:

- Young Children with Disabilities (YCWD) - to support learning and educational development opportunities for children with disabilities who are below school age to prepare them for integration into regular preschools or schools.
- Children in Residential Care (CIRC) - to assist children / students with disabilities in residential care access out of school hours education programs.
- Non-School Organisations (NSO) - to assist in the provision of services which assist students with severe disabilities to access appropriate educational programs in government and catholic schools, eg itinerant programs, specialist support staff.
- Capital - to provide grants for capital projects (e.g. erection, alteration or extension of buildings or the purchase of specialised equipment) that are integral to programs designed to improve educational outcomes for children and students with disabilities.

To apply, organisations must be not-for profit, community-based, incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1984, or as a co-operative registered under the Cooperatives Act 1992, or as a company under Corporations (NSW) Act 1990, or established under Special Act of Parliament or a Local Council.

The [Perpetual Foundation](#) is one example of a non-government body that provides funding to community groups to aid and support people with disabilities (among other things). The funding that is available is between \$5,000 and \$50,000. Further information is available at <http://www.perpetual.com.au>

Another potential non-government source is the [IMB Community Foundation](#). Community groups in a region covering Wollongong and the Shoalhaven to Bega and the far south coast, inland to Canberra, Goulburn, the Southern Highlands, the Macarthur Region and into southern and western Sydney can apply. \$500,000 is available in total, most applications received by the IMB Community Foundation usually request between \$1,000 and \$25,000 for project funding. A list of the 2011 recipients can be found [here](#). Further information is available at <http://www.imb.com.au/community-community-foundation.html>

**(b) Rural and regional grants**

The [Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal](#) website provides a good introduction to a range of grants available to rural and regional NSW. The [General Grants page](#) states that the organisation provides a range of general grants, provided in partnership, to support rural, regional and remote communities across Australia. Projects are considered within specific programs rounds, through an application process and must be for a charitable purpose (benefit the broader community). Applications are open to community based, not for profit groups with an ABN or Incorporation certificate.

There is an [FAQ page](#) to assist with applications. The following current grants are cited.

<b>Small Grants for Small Rural Communities:</b>
This national program supported by many partners provides grants of up to \$5000 for small rural communities. The program is open twice a year, closing 31 March and 30 September. <a href="#">[More]</a>
<b>ANZ Seeds of Renewal:</b>
This national program is supported by ANZ and provides grants of up to \$15,000 to help rural communities thrive. <a href="#">[More]</a>
<b>The McEwen Foundation Grants Program:</b>
This program provides funding for charitable projects within the Goulburn Valley District of Victoria. Grants of up to \$15,000 are available. <a href="#">[More]</a>
<b>Culture, Arts, Tourism and Community Heritage (CATCH):</b>
This program provides grants of up to \$20,000 to not for profit community groups for Cultural, Arts, Public Tourism and History and Heritage projects in small rural communities. <a href="#">[More]</a>
<b>Caring for Ageing in Rural Australia (CARA) Program:</b>
This program provides grants of up to \$10,000 for community projects that address ageing and aged care issues in rural Australia. <a href="#">[More]</a>
<b>Gardiner Foundation Partnership Program:</b>
As a collaborative program, the Working in Dairying Communities program provides small grants up to \$5,000 for innovative, community driven projects that strengthen small Victorian dairying communities to help build their capacity to deal with local issues, and enhance community infrastructure. <a href="#">[More]</a>

The **NSW Department of Primary Industries** [website](#) is another useful website for accessing rural and regional grants in this State. Some of the programs cited currently are as follows:

- Rural medical infrastructure find Website: [www.regionalpartnerships.gov.au/infrastructure.aspx](http://www.regionalpartnerships.gov.au/infrastructure.aspx)
- Global fund for women: Website: [www.globalfundforwomen.org](http://www.globalfundforwomen.org)
- Leg-Up Grants for Volunteer-Run Museums: Ph: 1800 114 311 or 02 9358 1760
- Namoi Catchment Management Authority grants: Website: [www.namoi.cma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.namoi.cma.nsw.gov.au)

### **(c) Regional Infrastructure**

#### ***Commonwealth Regional Development grants:***

The Commonwealth's [Funding Grants Australia](#) or Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) is a national program to support Australia's regions and enhance the economic development and livability of their communities. The [Funding Grants Australia](#) is administered by the Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government (the Department). It is designed to ensure that new investments are targeted to reflect the characteristics, and to address the opportunities and challenges, of Australia's diverse regions.

The emphasis under this program is on more large scale projects, including infrastructure developments. It is said that:

The objective of **Funding Grants Australia** is to fund projects that support the infrastructure needs and economic and community growth of Australia's regions. The [Grants in Australia](#) funds will maximize outcomes through effective partnerships across all levels of government, and the business and non-profit sectors. The government grant will build synergies and increase the scale of investment by ensuring that projects have a broad regional impact and support communities within those regions.

The [website](#) states in relation to funding that:

Funding of between \$500,000 and \$25 million per project will be available. Partner funding will be expected from sources other than the Australian Government for all project grants, except where extenuating circumstances prevent co-funding. Government grant over \$5 million will be required to be matched on at least a dollar for dollar basis (excluding funding from other Australian Government sources). The Department will assess [Funding Grants Australia](#) applications for projects for compliance with the eligibility criteria, and to determine value for money and the risk associated with the project. The Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government will make decisions on the projects to be funded, based on the recommendations of the RDAF Advisory Panel.

The [website](#) also states that the following organizations are eligible to apply for the Funding Grants Australia:

- local government bodies; and
- incorporated not-for-profit organisations.

The Commonwealth Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport sponsors the [Community Infrastructure Grants Program](#). As at February 2012, it was not open for new applications

### **(d) Sport and recreation**

#### **[NSW Office of Communities, Sport and Recreation](#)**

Financial assistance and grants are available to sport and recreation organisations through a number of sources, including the Sport and Recreation grant programs.

### Sport and Recreation Participation Program

The primary focus of the program is on increasing regular and on-going participation opportunities. Grant amounts are from \$500 to \$10,000.

### International Sporting Events Program

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.

### Sport and Athlete Development Program

The primary focus of the Sport and Athlete Development Program is to invest in the industry to provide increased opportunities for participation in sport and recreation. Grants from \$1,000 - \$15,000.

### Sport and Recreation Facility Grant Program

To assist with the funding for the development of local and regional level sport and recreation facilities in NSW. Grants are available from \$500 - \$200,000.

### Sports Development Program

The Sports Development Program (SDP) is designed to assist eligible State sporting organisations and peak industry bodies to work in partnership with the State Government to develop their sport and recreation activities at all levels in NSW.

The practical questions of how to apply, who can and cannot apply, and how much or how little can be applied for are answered on the Frequently asked questions page [here](#). For example,

#### ***Who can apply?***

- Generally applicants must be an incorporated, not for profit organisation or a local government authority. For each program there is a list of organisation types that are eligible to apply and this can be found in section 5 of the relevant Grant Program Guidelines.
- Applicants must have Public Liability Insurance cover of at least \$5m.

#### ***Commonwealth grants for sport***

A number of grants are available from the Commonwealth Government, as set out under the "Community and Society" subject heading on the [Commonwealth Government Grants Link](#) website. One example is the [Australian Sports Foundation Ltd](#), established to assist community organisations raise funds for the development of Australian sport. Another example is the [Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation Program \(ISARP\)](#), administered by the Office for Sport (Office for Sport).

#### **(e) The Arts**

A number of agencies and organisations operate in this area, at all levels of government. A good starting point is the Regional Arts NSW [website](#), which not only details its own funding opportunities, but also provides links to other programs from such bodies as the [Australia Council for the Arts](#), [Office for the Arts](#) and [Arts NSW](#).

[Regional Arts NSW](#) has two funding streams, one for small grants (up to \$3,000) called the Country Art Support Program (CASP), the other more large scale and

called the Regional Arts Fund. The former is a State Government and the latter a Commonwealth Government initiative.

To assist community groups and others with making applications, a network of regional boards supports the funding structure. According to [Arts NSW](#):

There are now 14 Regional Arts Development Boards in NSW (with the 14th formed in 2010), each providing strategic direction for sustainable arts and cultural development in their region. Arts NSW contributes over \$1 million annually to support the Regional Arts board network. Boards include representatives from local government, tourism, education, arts councils and other community arts organisations and community members. Each employs a Regional Arts Development Officer (RADO) and, in most instances, other staff who co-ordinate a cultural development program across the contributing local government areas in their region.

Further information and contact details for the regional arts network can be found [here](#).

For [Arts NSW](#), details of its arts funding programs, with guidelines and information on "how to apply" can be found [here](#). At the time of preparing this paper, future funding programs were in the process of completion.

In NSW there is also an Aboriginal Regional Arts Fund. The details are set out on the NSW Department of Trade & Investment, Arts NSW [website](#). In 2011, grants were available for individual performers (up to \$3,000) and organisation (up to \$15,000) Applications forms are available [here](#). Reference is also made to the [NSW Aboriginal Regional Arts Fund Guidelines](#).

#### **(f) Culture**

The [NSW Community Relations Commission](#) provides funding assistance to organisations to support the objectives of the Commission as set out in the Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Act 2000.

The Community Relations Commission invites applications from not-for-profit incorporated organisations for grants towards initiatives that encourage participation and partnership in the community. This includes projects that address the needs of new and emerging communities, intercultural and interfaith projects, community mentoring programs and significant events. Funding is for 12 months.

The Commission will consider projects that address one or more of the priority areas for funding and projects that include more than one cultural group:

- Newly-arrived, small and emerging communities
- Communities that are geographically or socially isolated
- Promotion of community harmony and mutual understanding within and between communities of different cultural, language or faith backgrounds
- Development of community networks and structures
- Addresses critical community inclusion or participation issues at a local level

- Provides sponsorship, support or mentoring opportunities to less established organisations and groups

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

An organisation (not including local government) must be a non-profit sharing community organisation that is one of the following:

- Incorporated under the NSW Associations Incorporations Act 2009
- Company limited by guarantee under the Corporations Act 2001
- Cooperative registered under Co-operatives Act 1992
- Incorporated by an Act of Parliament
- Corporate trustee of a trust that has deductible gift recipient status under the Commonwealth Taxation laws

### **(g) Environment**

The NSW Department of Environment and Heritage is one source of funding for community groups in this area. These are set out on the Grants Programs [website](#), which includes reference to:

- The Riverina red gum regional employment and community development fund supports initiatives that maximise economic and social development opportunities and will be of broad benefit to the community of the NSW Riverina.
- The urban sustainability program funds projects carried out by local councils in partnership with the community that protect and restore the urban environment.
- The lead environmental community groups program provides administrative funds for environmental organisations that work with their communities to conserve the environment.
- The environmental restoration and rehabilitation program funds projects that restore or rehabilitate degraded areas, or protect important ecosystems and habitats, prevent or minimise future environmental damage and enhance the quality of specific environmental resources.
- The environmental restoration and rehabilitation community bush regeneration large project stream funds projects that restore or rehabilitate degraded areas; or protect important ecosystems and habitats; prevent or minimise future environmental damage and enhance the quality of specific environmental resources. These projects are run by community groups and are to be sustained over a six year period.
- The environmental education program supports projects that increase commitment to protecting the environment and promoting sustainable behaviour.
- The environmental research program funds projects managed by educational institutions and government agencies that research local solutions to environmental problems and ways of operating that are less harmful to the environment.
- The eco schools program funds schools so they can involve their students and the community in developing and implementing environmental management projects.
- The protecting our places program supports projects that restore or rehabilitate Aboriginal land or land that is culturally significant to Aboriginal people, or that educate Aboriginal and other communities about the environment.

## 4. Selected Private Sector Funding Sources

### (a) The Telstra Foundation

According to the Telstra Foundation [website](#):

Established in 2002, the Telstra Foundation supports community organisations that share our vision of making a positive and lasting difference to the lives of Australia's children and young people. The Telstra Foundation is the cornerstone of Telstra's corporate Community Investment strategy. The Telstra Foundation offers support to a significant number of life-changing projects across Australia through its two main programs:- *Telstra's Kids Fund* - *Telstra Foundation Community Development Fund* Each fund has its own guidelines to support a diverse cross section of the community.

The [Telstra Foundation Community Development Fund](#) supports projects that help connect young people to their communities through the program areas of Social Innovation grants, Indigenous Community Development and a Spotlight on Cyber Citizenship. It particularly focuses on children and young people in remote and regional Australia.

The *Telstra's Kids Fund* provides one-off grants of \$1,200 to not-for-profit organisations involving the children of Telstra employees and its wholly owned and controlled subsidiaries. A broad range of initiatives and projects including education, sports and recreation, arts and culture, environment, social issues and disability programs are supported.

Details about who can apply and how to apply for a grant are available on the website. To be eligible for the [Telstra Foundation Community Development Fund](#) a grant applicant must be endorsed by the Australian Tax office as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) and Tax Concession Charity (TCC). Grants from the Telstra's Kids Fund on the other hand can only be applied for by a Telstra Group employee on behalf of a [not-for profit organisation](#), which is defined as follows:

An organisation is not-for-profit when their constituent or governing documents prevent them from distributing profits or assets for the benefit of particular persons, both while they are operating and on winding up. A not-for-profit organisation can still make a profit, however any profits it makes must be used to carry out its purposes and not distributed to owners, members or other private persons. Organisations do NOT require DGR or TCC endorsement to be eligible.

### (b) OPTUS Connecting Community Grants Program

The relevant [website](#) states that

The Optus Connecting Communities Grants Program funding will be awarded to projects aimed at supporting disengaged youth and/or activities that build social inclusion.

In respect to eligibility, it is said that:

Optus will only accept applications for the Optus Connecting Communities Grants Program from or on behalf of Australian incorporated organisations that have been endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as Tax Concession Charities (TCC) and Deductible Gift Recipients (DGR).

OPTUS employees may apply on behalf of not for profit organisations or such organisation can apply directly on their own behalf. As to the grant amount:

The Optus Connecting Communities Grants will be for a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$5,000 (including GST). The granted amount may vary from original requests due to the number of grants in a funding round.

There is also the [‘yes’ Optus Regional Community Grants Program](#), which is part of OPTUS's commitment to support local initiatives by connecting regional communities to possibilities. The [website](#) sets out the 2010 Grant recipients.

### (c) BUPA Health Foundation

This is one example of where a major provider of private health care provides grants for health related projects. The [website](#) states:

The Foundation is currently partnering a number of initiatives nationally with a combined investment to date of around \$17 million across our five focus areas:

- Wellbeing
- Healthy ageing
- Promoting affordable healthcare
- Empowering people about their health
- Chronic disease

There is a [FAQs](#) section which sets out the application process. It also includes the following information:

**My organisation is a not for profit/charity. Can I still submit an application to be considered?** The Bupa Health Foundation funding is open to all organisations.

**Is the Foundation interested in local community initiatives?** The Foundation wants to get involved in projects with a potential for national or state level significance in order to help as many Australians as possible.

**How much funding is available?** In the past the Foundation has given up to a total of \$3 million each year to various initiatives, both targeted and those awarded through the Expression of Interest (EOI) process.

The current and completed initiatives can be found [here](#).<sup>ii</sup> Recipients seem mainly to be major institutions, such as the Children's Hospital at Westmead and the Powerhouse Museum. In 2007 a project by the Queensland Association of School Tuckshops was sponsored.

### (d) ANZ

The ANZ Trustees manage a range of funding opportunities, which fall into three broad categories:

- Grants by invitation
- Small grants
- Major grants

According to the [website](#), which sets out contact and application details, the ANZ Trustees manage a wide range of small grant programs typically allocating up to \$50,000 for discrete projects to be completed within 12 months. The [major grants](#) are generally larger than \$50,000 per annum and may be allocated for up to 3-5 years. It is further [stated](#) that:

Annually the charitable funds managed by ANZ Trustees generate around \$70 million for charitable distribution and make grants to over 1600 Australian charities and not-for-profit organisations. The size of grants can range from \$1,000 to \$5.7 million, and each grant program has its own guidelines and closing date for applications. A range of grant programs are available from educational, medical to indigenous and more. We prefer to help charities that approach social problems in smart, contemporary and creative ways.

The website also states that "ANZ Trustees has been assisting charities and other not-for-profit organisations realise their philanthropic goals for over 120 years. Through ANZ Trustees not-for-profit organisations can access philanthropic funding and information about grants, investments and management". Applications can be lodged [here](#).

**(e) [Commonwealth Bank Community Grants](#)**

The purpose of these grants, which are funded and administered by Commonwealth bank employees, is to assist children's charities. The website states that:

Since the Community Grants program commenced in 2007, Commonwealth Bank staff have awarded nearly 500 grants, totalling over \$3.6 million to youth organisations.

As with other schemes, a [FAQ](#) section is included which answers questions about levels of funding and eligibility. Grants are for amounts up to \$10,000. The eligibility criteria are as follows:

- (a) To be eligible to apply for a Community Grant your organisation must:
  - (i) run, manage, conduct or implement programs that support children and youth up to the age of twenty years old in Australia;
  - (ii) be endorsed with Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status by the Australian Tax Office; and
  - (iii) hold a current bank account in Australia in the name of the organisation applying for the Community Grant,

A full list, divided by State, of successful 2011 recipients is provided [here](#).

**(f) Other private sector/non-government funding sources include:**

- Coles – [Our Local Community Support Program](#)
- Coles - [Junior Landscape School Garden Grant](#)

Bunnings – [Funding and Grant Opportunities](#)  
Woolworths – [Community Grants](#)  
Myer – [The Myer Foundation and Sidney Myer Fund](#)  
NAB – [Community Grants](#)  
[Westpac Foundation](#)  
[Sisters of Charity Foundation](#)  
[The IMB Community Foundation](#)

## 5. Selected Local Government funding sources

### (a) City of Sydney – [Local Community Grants Program](#)

The **Local Community Grants Program** provides **funding of up to \$5,000** per project to support work done by local community organisations based in, or providing events or services for, the City of Sydney Local Government Area.

### (b) City of Wagga Wagga – [Annual Grants Program](#)

**Over \$200000 available to Community organisations, groups & individuals:** Council invites community organisations, groups and individuals in the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area to make an application for Council's Annual Grants Program under the following funding areas:

- Community Health and Wellbeing
- Connected Rural and Urban Communities
- Arts, Culture and Heritage
- Tourism Event Attraction and Marketing
- Sustainable Environments
- Developing Personal Excellence

Applications open on Monday 19 March 2012 and close at 5.00 pm Friday 1 June 2012.

### (c) City of Newcastle – [Community Funding](#)

The City of Newcastle encourages community leadership and collaboration to address local issues.

[Community Assistance Program](#) - Offered once annually to non-profit organisations for projects with a community benefit.

[Council Subsidies](#) - Council services, including venue and mobile stage hire, are available to community groups.

[Community Place Makers Small Grant Program](#) - A quick turnaround program to kick start place making with amounts up to \$1,000.

[Sports Partnership Program](#) - Helps provide facilities to sporting groups to promote the development of sport.

### (d) Wollongong City Council – [Grants and Sponsorships](#)

The City's Financial Assistance Policy includes the following programs:

- [Wollongong Heritage Fund](#)
- [Small Cultural Grants](#)
- [Small Grants NAIDOC Week Event](#)
- [Sponsorship of Community Events](#)
- [Minor Donations](#)
- [Activities with Economic Benefit](#)

(e) Tamworth Regional Council – [Annual Donations Program](#)

The Annual Donations Program objectives are:

- support charities and community projects, events and activities which occur within the Tamworth Regional Council local government area, and are of benefit to the local community
- foster or support new services, initiatives and resources which address the needs of the Tamworth regional community
- improve awareness and use of community services and resources within the Tamworth Regional Council area
- encourage increased participation in local community activities within the Tamworth Regional Council area

Examples of applications which have been supported, either in part or full, in the past include:

- purchase of specific office equipment and furniture
- funding for local activities, such as assistance with advertising, printing etc
- reimbursement of expenditure of Council fees, such as DA's, rates (excluding service charges), hire fees for use of Council facilities, including halls, parks and public buildings, banner fees
- hire of transport services, such as buses, for community activities
- purchase of resources for use in community training programs

(f) Port Macquarie- Hastings Council – [Community Grants Program](#)

More than \$190,000 to community groups and local organisations has been confirmed with Port Macquarie-Hastings Council's allocation of the 2011/12 Community Grants Program.

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The Grant Program is a Council initiative that has a significant and positive social impact for the community. Through this sizeable grant program Council can ensure that general rate funds are distributed directly to Non-profit community groups and organisations.

The Community Grants Program has been improved in recent years and is now administered through an online grants management system called 'Smartygrants' which has greatly improved the review and acquittals process.

70 applications in total were received for 2011 with everything from Landcare, community Christmas events, youth services and a forum on social media run by Lifeline represented in the recommended allocations.

**6 List of Useful links (extract from the Grants and Funding Institute website - <http://www.thegfi.com.au/community-links/>)**

GrantsLink – government portal that regularly updates information and links for available funding and grants.

[www.grantslink.gov.au](http://www.grantslink.gov.au)

Community Builders NSW – government site linking those involved in the community sector	<a href="http://www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/funding.html">www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/funding.html</a>
Our Community	<a href="http://www.ourcommunity.com.au">www.ourcommunity.com.au</a>
Philanthropy Australia	<a href="http://www.philanthropy.org.au">www.philanthropy.org.au</a>
Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations	<a href="http://www.deewr.gov.au">www.deewr.gov.au</a>
Grantsearch – fee for service	<a href="http://www.grantsearch.com.au">www.grantsearch.com.au</a>
Regional Arts NSW – peak body for arts activity in NSW	<a href="http://www.regionalartsnsw.com.au">www.regionalartsnsw.com.au</a>
The Grants and Funding Institute	<a href="http://www.thegfi.com.au">www.thegfi.com.au</a>
Not-for-Profit Network	<a href="http://www.nfpn.com.au">www.nfpn.com.au</a>
IMB Community Foundation	<a href="http://www.imb.com.au/community-community-foundation.html">www.imb.com.au/community-community-foundation.html</a>
Grant Guru – Community	<a href="http://community.grantready.com.au">community.grantready.com.au</a>
Community Broadcasting Foundation - an independent non-profit agency providing funds for the maintenance and development of community broadcasting in Australia	<a href="http://www.cbf.com.au/cbf_home.asp">www.cbf.com.au/cbf_home.asp</a>

### Selected NSW Departmental/Agency websites

Department of Education and Communities	<a href="https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eas/isp/index.htm">https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eas/isp/index.htm</a>
Department of Family and Community Services	<a href="http://www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/sp/funding_and_grants">http://www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/sp/funding_and_grants</a>
Department of Environment and Heritage	<a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/grantsintro.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/grantsintro.htm</a>
Office of Communities, Sport and Recreation	<a href="http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/grants/">http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/grants/</a>
Department of Primary Industries	<a href="http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/rwn/funding">http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/rwn/funding</a>
Department of Trade & Investment, Arts NSW	<a href="http://www.arts.nsw.gov.au/index.php/funding-and-support/how-to-apply/before-you-start/">http://www.arts.nsw.gov.au/index.php/funding-and-support/how-to-apply/before-you-start/</a>

NSW Community Relations Commission	<a href="http://www.crc.nsw.gov.au/services/grants">http://www.crc.nsw.gov.au/services/grants</a>
Regional Arts NSW	<a href="http://www.regionalartsnsw.com.au/index.html">http://www.regionalartsnsw.com.au/index.html</a>

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<sup>i</sup> Information provided in an email to the authors.

<sup>ii</sup> <http://www.bupa.com.au/about-us/bupa-health-foundation/our-initiatives>