

## Grant and Funding Opportunities

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The following are funding programs that may be suitable for tourism projects. Specifications such as eligibility and closing dates vary enormously so ensure you investigate each opportunity.

### TOURISM SPECIFIC

Australian Tourism Development Program

Aims to assist in the development of a continuous tourism experience throughout Australia. Two categories, one aims to support businesses that are in tourism and wish to expand their tourism activities or existing businesses wishing to enter tourism. Category two is for large scale, multi-faceted activities that involve collaboration in the development or implementation of effective strategies for tourism market development.

<http://www.ausindustry.gov.au>

### auDA Foundation Grants

The auDA Foundation aims to enhance the utility of the Internet for all Australians. Grants of up to \$20,000 are available for not-for-profit organisations and research institutions that deliver education or research activities that will enhance the utility of the Internet. Priority is given to those proposals that will be completed within 12 months of the date of the grant. Eligible types of proposals include:

- Projects focusing on local, regional and national community groups and organisations
- Research activities that directly benefit the community

- Exploring technologies for improving access to the Internet for regional, rural and remote communities
- Improving access for disadvantaged groups
- Techniques for applying Internet technology to address social and environmental needs
- Scholarships for PhD students
- Research into Internet related technologies
- Research into the social impact of the Internet

For further information go to:

<http://www.audafoundation.org.au/>

### Business Victoria Tourism Grants

The Victorian Government established the Small Towns Development Fund (STDF) in 2003 to help small towns develop the economic and social infrastructure needed to generate new opportunities for growth. The Government is now extending the fund by a further \$25 million.

The Small Towns II program incorporates representatives from small towns with populations of less than 10,000. The New Small Towns Victoria program is being auspiced by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) to work with local councils, business groups and community organisations to develop projects in small towns, advise the Government on specific concerns affecting small towns and assist in marketing and promotion strategies to attract people and investment to small towns.

Community enterprises in small towns is where Councils can seek grants of up to \$25,000 from the Provincial Victoria Growth Fund to assist small towns establish community-managed enterprises to replace lost commercial services, provide new services or create new community uses for underused or empty commercial buildings.

[http://www.business.vic.gov.au/BUSVIC/STANDARD/1001/PC\\_61640.html](http://www.business.vic.gov.au/BUSVIC/STANDARD/1001/PC_61640.html)

A Provincial Victoria Sponsor Program also offers funding for key events and there is a commitment to deliver further arts programming to rural communities and grants to address skill shortages and provide mentoring programs.

[http://www.business.vic.gov.au/busvic/standard/1001/pc\\_61841.html](http://www.business.vic.gov.au/busvic/standard/1001/pc_61841.html)

**Other funding opportunities that you may be able to apply for include:**

### IMB Community Foundation Grants

To support projects that reflect its objectives, which include enhancing the economic self-sufficiency of communities, as well as generating economic, social, cultural, environmental, tourism and educational benefits for those communities.

[www.imb.com.au/AboutIMB/Foundation.asp](http://www.imb.com.au/AboutIMB/Foundation.asp)

### **The Myer Foundation G4 Fund (Small Grants)**

The current priority areas for the G4 Small Grants Program include but are not limited to: capacity building for youth organisations, environmental education targeting and involving young people aged 12-25 years, youth-driven events and activities and initiatives addressing the health and wellbeing needs of young people.

[www.myerfoundation.org.au/\\_110.asp](http://www.myerfoundation.org.au/_110.asp)

### **Centre for Leadership for Women Achievement Award**

To recognise women in the community who use their own initiative to create and implement projects for the benefit and with collaboration of the community.

<http://www.leadershipforwomen.com.au>

### **Farm Help**

Offers financial assistance to farmers and their families who are suffering financial hardship and have no capacity to borrow against their assets. Farm Help is part of the Australian Government's Agriculture - Advancing Australia package.

[http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/services/farm\\_help.htm](http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/services/farm_help.htm)

## **CULTURE AND RECREATION FUNDING**

### **Festivals Australia**

To assist festival organisers to present specific cultural projects which will add to the cultural program at the festival or enhance the local community's cultural image.

[http://www.arts.gov.au/arts/festivals\\_australia](http://www.arts.gov.au/arts/festivals_australia)

### **Playing Australia**

Provides grants to companies, producers, venues, presenters and tour organisers to tour performing arts where this is not currently commercially viable and there is demonstrated public demand.

[http://www.arts.gov.au/arts/playing\\_australia](http://www.arts.gov.au/arts/playing_australia)

## **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

### **Workplace English Language & Literacy Program (WELL)**

Designed to provide workers with the English language and literacy skills required to meet the demands of their current employment & any training requirements, particularly in regard to workplace reform. Applications for funding are ongoing.

<http://www.dest.gov.au/ty/well>

### **Holden Community Support Program**

The Company donates cash, goods & services in-kind to community groups, non-profit organisations & educational institutions across Australia. Various closing dates or always open.

<http://www.holden.com.au/www-holden/jsp/environmentcommunity/environmentcommunity.jsp?link=community-support&heading=overview>

### **Mercy Foundation Grants**

Provides practical support for people working together to eliminate poverty and create a more just social order. Currently funding is available for major grants and environmental grants for schools.

[http://www.mercyfoundation.com.au/pf\\_grants.htm](http://www.mercyfoundation.com.au/pf_grants.htm)

### **Danks Trust & Annie Danks Trust**

Funding for projects/programs that fit the categories of religion, education or the relief of poverty, can be disbursed to any charitable cause. No formal application forms. Apply in writing including overall admin of organisation and purpose and outcomes of project and sum sought.

Phone: (03) 9264 5000 Fax: (03) 9587 1719.

## **INDIGENOUS FUNDING**

### **Indigenous Governance Awards**

These awards have been established to encourage, reward and promote best practice in Indigenous Governance. The Two National Award winners will each receive \$10,000 and there will be two Highly Commended awards of \$5,000 each. The award money will be used to further the development of the winning organisations. These awards are a partnership project between Reconciliation Australia and BHP Billiton.

<http://www.reconciliationaustralia.org>

### **Indigenous Small Business Fund**

Funding for Indigenous community based organisations to assist indigenous people to learn about business, develop business skills & expand their business. Various closing dates or always open.

<http://www.workplace.gov.au/workplace/Individual/IndigenousAustralians/IndigenousSmallBusinessFund>

### **Fellowships**

Provides financial support for 2 years for artists to enable them to undertake a major creative project or program in their art form.

<http://www.ozco.gov.au/grantFinder.aspx>

### **Presentation & Promotion**

Supports projects that promote Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander artists and their work regionally and internationally.

<http://www.ozco.gov.au/grantFinder.aspx>

### **Program for Indigenous Artworker**

Support for 1 year towards the costs of an organisation wishing to employ an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander arts worker.

<http://www.ozco.gov.au/grantFinder.aspx>

## ENVIRONMENTAL & HERITAGE FUNDING

### Program of Grants to Voluntary Environment & Heritage Organisations

To help eligible and community based environment & heritage organisations to value, conserve and protect the natural environment & cultural heritage by assisting these organisations with their administrative costs.

<http://www.deh.gov.au/programs/gveh/index.html>

### Environmental Management Systems Incentive Programs

Provides primary producers with a taxable cash reimbursement of up to 50% of the costs of developing & implementing an environmental management system.

<http://www.daff.gov.au/ems>

### Australia's Open Garden Scheme

Provides funding for garden related community projects. The Scheme is a self-funding, not for profit organisation that promotes the development of garden related projects.

<http://www.opengarden.org.au/grants.htm>

### Heritage Grant Program & Funding

Supports groups that are taking on-ground action in their own backyards. Various closing dates, always open.

<http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/programs/index.html>

### Ian Potter Foundation

Grants available for charitable purposes. Areas of interest are the arts, education, the environment & conservation health and social welfare. Various closing dates, always open.

<http://www.ianpotter.org.au/>

### Macquarie Bank Foundation Program

Benefits the communities in which Macquarie has a presence, in the areas of education, the arts, health care and research, welfare and the environment. Various closing dates, always open.

<http://www.macquarie.com/foundation/flash.htm>

## COMMUNITY FUNDING

### Local Answers

Funds are designed to support community organisations develop and implement projects that have helped disadvantaged communities to build skills & capacity to identify opportunities. Being funded 2004-2009.

<http://www.facs.gov.au/sfcs>

### Living in Harmony Community Grants Program

Primarily a community based education program. The objectives of the program are to develop more harmonious community relations, to improve communication & understanding between people from diverse ethnic, religious & indigenous backgrounds and the wider community.

<http://www.harmony.gov.au>

### Community Water Grants

One of the national programs in the Australian Government Water Fund, is providing a total of \$200 million over five years to help communities play a positive role in managing Australia's water. Community Water Grants are open to most community-based organisations that want to take action by implementing practical, on-the-ground projects to help solve local water problems.

[www.australia.gov.au/communitywater-grants](http://www.australia.gov.au/communitywater-grants)

## BUSINESS FUNDING

### Foundation for Rural Renewal (FRRR)

Provides a mechanism for the private sector to work with communities in Regional Australia through grants for community capacity building, project facilitation and seeding grants for community & economic development initiatives.

<http://www.frrr.org.au>

### Seeds of Renewal

Small grants program for rural and regional not-for-profit organisations that have projects and activities that aid growth in the community.

<http://www.anz.com/australia/rural/CommunityCommitment/seeds.asp>

### Pooled Development Fund

Designed to increase the supply of equity capital for growing small and medium enterprises. Applications always open.

<http://www.ausindustry.gov.au>

### Building Entrepreneurship in Small Business

To support a new culture of entrepreneurship by providing competitive, merit-based grants to improve small business operating skills.

<http://www.ausindustry.gov.au>

To continue your search for funding and grant opportunities visit:

<http://www.tourism.vic.gov.au/industry-resources/industry-resources/funding-programs/> and

<http://www.grantslink.gov.au/>