



March 2025 Grants Update

Dear Friends,

Welcome to my March grants update.

This month, I want to spotlight round 2 of the Community Energy Upgrades Fund. The fund delivers energy upgrades and bill savings for community facilities, like replacing energy-intensive heating in local public swimming pools with heat pumps or installing energy efficient lighting and battery storage at sporting clubs and community centres. Funding grants of up to \$2 million are available for this program, providing critical assistance for organisations to transition to more energy efficient, low emissions and lower cost infrastructure.

In addition, enclosed are many other grants which may be of interest to you.

Please feel free to share this resource with your community networks, and if my office can assist, please be in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Josh Burns MP
Federal Member for Macnamara

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ARTS & EVENTS

Live Music Festivals Fund **NEW**

Funding Provider: Music Victoria

Amount: Up to \$50,000

Closes: 25 March 2025

Apply: [Victorian Government Funding Programs - Music Victoria](#)

Provides grants to established Victorian festival organisers to support them to stage new or existing events. In 2025, the LMFF will focus on a key activity area of Victoria: the small-to medium festival sector. In this round, these festivals are defined as those with 1000+ attendees.

Screenrights Cultural Fund **NEW**

Funding Provider: Documentary Australia

Amount: Up to \$50,000

Closes: 09 April 2025

Apply: [Screenrights Cultural Fund | Screenrights](#)

Cultural Fund initiatives will demonstrably contribute to a healthy local screen sector. Screenrights encourages submissions that increase diversity. The Cultural Fund supports a wide range of activities, from small individual projects through to large-scale initiatives.

The Cultural Fund is not a production or development fund, but rather supports projects that up-skill, increase diversity, innovate to reach new audiences, and more.

Documentary Australia Fiscal Sponsorship **NEW**

Funding Provider: Documentary Australia Foundation

Amount: Unspecified

Closes: 30 Apr 2025

Apply: [Fiscal Sponsorship | Documentary Australia](#)

Grants fiscal sponsorship to independent documentary filmmakers with a quality social impact project.

Fiscal sponsorship is a formal arrangement that the Foundation offers to projects that align with their social mission.

Australian Screen Festivals Fund

Funding Provider: Screen Australia

Amount: \$10,000-\$50,000

Closes: 27 Mar 2025

Apply: <https://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/funding-and-support/industry-development/audiences/australian-screen-festivals-fund>

Funds festivals which exhibit unique benefits to the Australian screen industry and to Australian audiences, with up to three years of funding.

Festivals must demonstrate an understanding of changes in audience engagement, and how they will have an impact on their audience or within their particular niche.

Artists' Benevolent Fund

Funding Provider: National Association for the Visual Arts

Amount: \$2,000

Closes: Always open

Apply: <https://visualarts.net.au/nava-grants/>

Makes funds available for visual arts practice recovery after disaster or emergency.

Australia Council for the Arts Grants

Funding Provider: The Australia Council for the Arts

Amount: Various

Closes: Various

Apply: <https://australiacouncil.gov.au/investment-and-development/>

A range of grants are on offer to support individuals and organisations in the arts sector.

VicScreen Funding & Support

Funding Provider: VicScreen

Amount: Various

Closes: Various

Apply: <https://vicscreen.vic.gov.au/funding>

VicScreen invests in the development and production of film, television, online, virtual reality and digital games projects and offers incentives for production, post-production, animation, visual effects and games to generate production activity and employment in Victoria.

Copland Foundation Grants - Acquisitions

Funding Provider: Copland Foundation

Amount: Up to \$50,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.coplandfoundation.com.au/grants>

Awards grants to assist galleries, museums and historic houses in the acquisition of objects that may come up at an auction.

Victorian Production Fund (VPF)

Funding Provider: VicScreen

Amount: Up to \$500,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://vicscreen.vic.gov.au/funding/victorian-production-fund>

Supports Victorian production companies, Victorian project originators and Victorian key creatives to produce high-quality, diverse and engaging film, television, online and virtual reality (VR) projects.

Story Development

Funding Provider: Screen Australia

Amount: Up to \$100,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/funding-and-support/feature-films/development/premium>

Supports content creators to take advantage of existing and emerging opportunities to develop compelling drama stories.

Story Development - Generate

Funding Provider: Screen Australia

Amount: Up to \$50,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/funding-and-support/feature-films/development/generate>

Supports talent, quality, innovation and cultural value through programs that increase the ambitions, risk tolerance and diversity of Australian storytelling for local and international audiences.

BUSINESS AND INNOVATION

Distillery Support – Business Growth Fit-for-Purpose grants **NEW**

Funding Provider: Agriculture Victoria

Amount: Up to \$200,000

Closes: 25 March 2025

Apply: [C Distillery Support – Business Growth Fit-for-Purpose grants | Business Victoria](#)

Provides direct funding for tailored projects designed to help distillers take the next step in the development of their business.

Community Energy Upgrades Fund **NEW**

Funding Provider: Australian Department of Industry, Science and Resources

Amount: \$25,000-\$2 million

Closes: 13 June 2025

Apply: [Community Energy Upgrades Fund Round 2 | business.gov.au](#)

The Community Energy Upgrades Fund (CEUF) is helping local governments make their facilities more energy efficient, cut their emissions and reduce their energy bills.

The funding delivers energy upgrades and bill savings for community facilities, like replacing energy-intensive heating in local public swimming pools with heat pumps, or installing energy efficient lighting and battery storage at sporting clubs and community centres. This fund is open to local government bodies.

Funding for New Venture Capital Funds **NEW**

Funding Provider: LaunchVic

Amount: Up to \$300,000

Closes: 31 March 2025

Apply: [Startup Grants | Government Grants For Startup Businesses | LaunchVic](#)

Offers grants to support new Venture Capital (VC) funds to establish in Victoria. The objectives of this funding are to support new VC funds to establish in Victoria - by providing up to \$300,000 (exclusive of GST) over 2 years to cover establishment (including legal fees) and management costs.

Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities Scheme **NEW**

Funding Provider: Australian Research Council

Amount: From \$150,000

Closes: 09 April 2025

Apply: [Current Grant Opportunity View - GO7484: GrantConnect](#)

Provides funding for research infrastructure, equipment and facilities to eligible organisations. The scheme enables higher education researchers to participate in cooperative initiatives so that expensive infrastructure, equipment and facilities can be shared between higher education organisations and also with industry.

Victorian Digital Screen Rebate

Funding Provider: VicScreen
Amount: Unspecified
Closes: Always Open
Apply: [VicScreen — Incentives](#)

Offers grants to digital games, animation, post-production and visual effects (VFX) projects to be undertaken in Victoria.

Victorian Business Growth Fund

Funding Provider: Vic Department of Treasury and Finance
Amount: Unspecified
Closes: Always Open
Apply: [Victorian Business Growth Fund | Department of Treasury and Finance Victoria \(dtf.vic.gov.au\)](#)

Supports long-term growth opportunities for businesses and boost employment and economic development across the State.

Driving the Nation Program

Funding Provider: Australian Renewable Energy Agency
Amount: \$500,000
Closes: Ongoing
Apply: <https://arena.gov.au/funding/driving-the-nation-program/>

Invests in cheaper and cleaner transport, targeting support for business fleets, new technologies for heavy and long-distance vehicles, public charging and hydrogen refuelling stations and smart charging.

CSIRO Kick-Start

Funding Provider: CSIRO
Amount: \$10,000 to \$50,000
Closes: Always Open
Apply: <https://www.csiro.au/en/work-with-us/funding-programs/SME/CSIRO-Kick-Start/about>

Provides Australian start-ups and small to medium enterprises with matched funding to undertake research activities with CSIRO to grow and develop their business.

Games Production and Marketing - Games Release

Funding Provider: Film Victoria
Amount: Up to \$30,000
Closes: Always Open
Apply: <https://www.film.vic.gov.au/funding/games-funding/>

Supports newer and smaller Victorian games studios and developers to engage experienced consultants to assist them to deliver a well-planned and marketed release of their project

Assigned Production Investment, Games Program

Funding Provider: VicScreen

Amount: Up to \$300,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.film.vic.gov.au/funding/games-funding/>

This program supports the Victorian digital games development sector by assisting a broad range of companies and creators to produce and market a wide spectrum of digital games. Applicants can apply for up to \$80,000 towards a prototype, up to \$150,000 for a vertical slice, or up to \$300,000 for production work.

Innovations Connections Grant

Funding Provider: Australian Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources

Amount: Up to \$50,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.csiro.au/en/work-with-us/funding-programs/SME/Innovation-Connections/About-the-program>

Provides small and medium sized businesses with access to expert technology advice to address technology and knowledge gaps and collaborate with the research sector in developing new ideas with commercial potential.

COMMUNITY

Stronger Communities Programme

Funding Provider: Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Opens: 14 Feb 2025

Closes: 28 Mar 2025

Apply: joshburns.com.au

The Stronger Communities Programme (the program) supports the Australian Government's commitment to deliver social benefits in communities across Australia by funding projects in each of the 151 Federal electorates. The program provides grants for community projects to strengthen and benefit local communities and is part of the Government's 2024-25 budget initiatives.

We will assess invited applications against the program's eligibility and assessment criteria through a closed non-competitive process.

Emergency Sporting Equipment Grant Program

Funding Provider: Sport & Recreation Victoria

Amount: Up to \$1,000

Closes: 31 May 2025

Apply: [Emergency Sporting Equipment Grant Program | Sport and Recreation Victoria](#)

Provides funding for community sport and active recreation organisations across Victoria to replace essential sport or first aid equipment that has been lost or destroyed because of unpreventable incidents.

Access to this funding helps grassroots organisations replace or repair essential sport or first aid equipment that has been lost or destroyed because of unpreventable incidents, including bushfire, flood, significant storm, earthquake, theft, arson, or criminal damage.

Magistrates' Court Fund

Funding Provider: Magistrates' Court Victoria

Amount: Unspecified

Closes: Always Open

Apply: [Court Fund | Magistrates Court of Victoria \(mcf.vic.gov.au\)](https://mcf.vic.gov.au)

Offers funds for not-for-profit organisations which provide a charitable and/or community service for the benefit of Victorian citizens.

Community Sponsorship & Donations

Funding Provider: Canon

Amount: Unspecified

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.canon.com.au/about-canon/community/community-sponsorship-and-donations>

Supports charities and organisations across Australia and New Zealand. Applications must align with one of the four categories: Medical Research and Children's Health, Sustainability and environment, creative programs for young people or disadvantaged or Humanitarian Aid.

Helen MacPherson Smith Trust Grants

Funding Provider: Helen MacPherson Smith Trust

Amount: Unspecified

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://hmstrust.org.au/applying-for-a-grant/>

Funds Victorian-based charities seeking to build connection, capability and capacity in communities or address educational disadvantage through community-based partnerships

Connected Neighbourhood Small Grants

Funding Provider: City of Melbourne

Amount: Up to \$2000

Closes: When allocation is exhausted

Apply: <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/strong-communities/funding-grants/Pages/connected-neighbourhoods-small-grants.aspx>

Connected Neighbourhoods Small Grants allow the City of Melbourne to progress community development outcomes in the neighbourhoods that make up our municipality.

IMB Bank Sponsorship

Funding Provider: IMB Bank Community Foundation

Amount: Unspecified

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.imb.com.au/sponsorships-applying-for-sponsorship.html>

Provides sponsorship for events or activities that are beneficial to the local community.

Bank of Melbourne Foundation – Multi Year Grants

Funding Provider: Bank of Melbourne

Amount: Up to \$500,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <http://info.bankofmelbourne.com.au/foundation/>

Supports small organisations to create positive change and a sustainable impact on the community. It provides one organisation with up to \$500,000 over three years to support direct interventions that will improve the lives of children experiencing disadvantage in Victoria.

Australia Scholarships Foundation

Funding Provider: Australian Scholarships Foundation

Amount: Unspecified

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://scholarships.org.au/>

Provides a wide range of annual scholarships in order to build capability for the not-for-profit sector to thrive.

Bakers Delight Sponsorship

Funding Provider: Bakers Delight

Amount: Unspecified

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.bakersdelight.com.au/company/community/>

Offers sponsorship to community groups, charities, teams and individuals for all kinds of events. From local schools to sporting clubs, from charities to communities, Bakers Delight are there to help when you "knead" it.

Awesome Foundation Grants – Melbourne Chapter

Funding Provider: The Awesome Foundation

Amount: \$1000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/melbourne>

Funds community projects that make Melbourne 'more awesome'. Applications are open to all awesome projects in the greater Melbourne area. We are an active chapter which awards a \$1,000 grant on the last Tuesday of each month (submissions close 12pm on the Sunday prior).

Nelson Alexander Charitable Funding

Funding Provider: Nelson Alexander Charitable Foundations

Amount: unspecified

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.nelsonalexander.com.au/charitable-foundation-application/>

Considers applications for any project or program within their business footprint that demonstrates a benefit to the local community, with a particular focus on youth, education and alleviating disadvantage.

Facility Hire Grants

Funding Provider: Glen Eira City Council

Amount: cost of hire

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/about-council/grants-and-recognition/grants-and-funding/facility-hire-grants>

This is available to assist community organisations/groups and schools to undertake projects and activities that contribute to the liveability, accessibility, health and safety of Glen Eira. Facility Hire grants are in kind grants where council covers the cost of the facility hire and are not cash grants. They are one off or occasional use grants.

Town Hall Hire Subsidy Scheme

Funding Provider: City of Port Phillip

Amount: various

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/people-and-community/funds-grants-and-subsidies/town-hall-hire-subsidy-scheme>

The aim of the Town Hall Hire Subsidy Scheme is to provide registered not-for-profit community organisations with affordable and accessible spaces within the Town Hall for activities and events that support: 1. programs and projects that increase social connection and participation, particularly for marginalised, vulnerable and disadvantaged cohorts. 2. Sustainability initiatives that maximise reuse

and recycling opportunities and supports the circular economy. 3. Creative, education and employment outcomes.

Community Resilience Grant

Funding Provider: Stay Afloat Australia

Amount: Up to \$2,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.stayafloat.com.au/grants/>

Supports events that encourage commercial seafood communities nationwide to come together in a supportive setting to raise awareness of mental health and the benefits of overall wellbeing.

Quick Response Grant

Funding Provider: City of Port Phillip

Amount: Individuals \$500, Community Organisation & Social Enterprise \$2,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/people-and-community/funds-grants-and-subsidies/quick-response-grant-program>

The Quick Response Grant Program is a small grants program with 2 categories available for eligible community organisations, social enterprises and individuals.

Category 1: To fund individual residents experiencing barriers to participate in elite and competitive local events or activities.

Category 2: To fund community organisations and social enterprises to deliver programs and projects with a community building or social connections focus, that support Council to achieve its strategic objectives.

Financial Capability Open Grants

Funding Provider: Ecstra Foundation

Amount: \$5,000 to \$100,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.ecstra.org.au/funding-principles-and-grant-guidelines>

Funds projects that equip Australians with the support and access to resources they need to make confident money decisions now, and for their financial future. Ecstra Foundation is a new not-for-profit organisation committed to building the financial capability of all Australians within a fair financial system.

Escaping Violence Payment Program

Funding Provider: UnitingCare

Amount: Up to \$1,500

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/services/family-services/family-violence-service>

Offers support for people 18+ who have recently experienced family violence, have a changed living situation and are experiencing financial stress.

Dyson Community Grants

Funding Provider: Dyson Group

Amount: Up to \$1,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <http://dysongroup.com.au/about/community-grants>

Provides support to a range of community-based organisations providing services to the community of Victoria.

IGA Community Chest

Funding Provider: Independent Grocers Australia (IGA)

Amount: case by case basis

Closes: Always Open

Apply here: <https://www.iga.com.au/community-chest/>

These grants support local communities, charities and other worthwhile causes. If you are looking for funding for a local project or equipment for your organisation, consider applying.

DISABILITY

Disability Employment Centre of Excellence

Funding Provider: Australian Department of Social Services

Amount: Unspecified

Closes: Always Open

Apply: forms.business.gov.au/smartforms/servlet/SmartForm.html?formCode=PRD00-CGHV2&FRID=4-JVJK2JA&RegID=4-JVNM1AP

The Australian Government is inviting organisations or a consortium of organisations to establish the Disability Employment Centre of Excellence via an open competitive process.

The Frankie Foundation Grants

Funding Provider: The Frankie Foundation

Amount: \$200 - \$2,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://thefrankiefoundation.org/apply-for-a-grant/>

Helps support kids continue or start therapy if their NDIS plan budget has run out or a therapy or service is not covered by their current NDIS plan.

Rehabilitation Appliance Program

Funding Provider: Department of Veterans' Affairs

Amount: undisclosed

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.dva.gov.au/health-and-treatment/care-home-or-aged-care/equipment-and-modifications-you-and-your-home>

If you are a Gold or White Card holder (with assessed need due to an accepted disability), you can access aids or appliances to help you maintain independence in your home through the Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP). Items can include diabetic supplies, mobility aids, home medical oxygen, etc.

The Arthur Marsden Whiting Sympathy Fund

Funding Provider: Equity Trustee Limited for Will of Arthur Marsden Whiting

Amount: \$3,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.eqt.com.au/philanthropy/grant-funding/folder-medical-grants/arthur-marsden-whiting-sympathy-fund>

The Arthur Marsden Whiting's Sympathy Fund was established to provide assistance to people with a physical disability who are in need of financial support

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Addressing Critical Psychology Shortages – Postgraduate Psychology Incentive Program **NEW**

Funding Provider: Department of Health and Aged Care

Amount: Unspecified

Closes: 11 March 2025

Apply: [Current Grant Opportunity View - GO7321: GrantConnect](#)

Aims to support higher education providers who have created additional postgraduate psychology places in courses which lead to general registration and can lead to relevant areas of practice endorsement.

Safer Motorcycling Grants Program **NEW**

Funding Provider: VIC Department of Transport and Planning

Amount: Up to \$300,000

Closes: 14 March 2025

Apply: [Current Grant Opportunity View - GO7321: GrantConnect](#)

The program invites research organisations and industry to apply for funding to help support the delivery of projects in Technology and Intelligent Transport Solutions (ITS), Education and research, and Motorcycle Policy and Law.

Early Childhood Provisionally Registered Teacher (PRT) Grants Program **NEW**

Funding Provider: VIC Department of Education

Amount: Up to \$2,872

Closes: 14 March 2025

Apply: [Early Childhood Provisionally Registered Teacher \(PRT\) Grants Program | vic.gov.au](#)

Supports provisionally registered early childhood teachers (PRTs) to move from provisional to full registration.

Sporting Schools Grants

Funding Provider: Australian Sports Commission

Amount: Up to \$4,150

Opens: 12 May 2025

Closes: 30 May 2025

Apply: https://www.sportaus.gov.au/schools/schools/funding#secondary_school_grant

Support the delivery of sport-based programs to help students build the confidence and capability to be active for life.

Safe Tree Program

Funding Provider: Department of Education

Amount: unspecified

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/buildings-grounds-maintenance/guidance/safe-tree-program>

Government schools can apply for assistance to assess, manage or remove high-risk trees.

CCCF Special Circumstances Grant

Funding Provider: Department of Education, Skills and Employment

Amount: assessed on case-by-case basis

Closes: Always Open

Apply here: <https://www.education.gov.au/cccf-special-circs>

The CCCF Special Circumstances Grant Opportunity is designed to support continuity of child care, in particular in disadvantaged or vulnerable communities.

Child care services who are approved for Child Care Subsidy (CCS) are eligible to apply for funding where there is a financial need in order to continue to provide child care in the community.

ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

Environmental Grants **NEW**

Funding Provider: Patagonia

Amount: \$5,000 - \$20,000

Closes: 30 Jun 2025

Apply: [How we fund - Patagonia Australia](#)

Patagonia supports innovative work that addresses the root causes of the environmental crisis and seeks to protect both the environment and affected communities.

Eligible applicants are non-profit organisations doing environmental work that focuses on grants for grassroots campaigns to protect threatened wilderness and biodiversity.

Driving the Nation Program

Funding Provider: Australian Renewable Energy Agency

Amount: Up to \$400,000

Closes: Ongoing

Apply: <https://arena.gov.au/funding/driving-the-nation-program/>

Invests in cheaper and cleaner transport, targeting support for business fleets, new technologies for heavy and long-distance vehicles, public charging and hydrogen refuelling stations and smart charging.

HEALTH, WELLBEING & AGED CARE

Addressing Critical Psychology Shortages – Postgraduate Psychology Incentive Program **NEW**

Funding Provider: Department of Health and Aged Care

Amount: Unspecified

Opens: 20 Nov 2024

Closes: 11 Mar 2025

Apply: <https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=e9f97e7b-dacf-47c5-a36a-05a4b6a831a1>

Aims to support higher education providers who have created additional postgraduate psychology places in courses which lead to general registration and can lead to relevant areas of practice endorsement.

The Tye Recreation Fund

Funding Provider: Deaf Children Australia

Amount: Unspecified

Closes: Always open

Apply: [https://www.deafchildreناustralia.org.au/scholarships-and-grants/](https://www.deafchildreनाustralia.org.au/scholarships-and-grants/)

Provides financial assistance to organisations and individuals towards the cost of holidays and recreation opportunities for Victorian children who are deaf.

Movember Funding Opportunities

Funding Provider: The Movember Foundation

Amount: Unspecified

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://au.movember.com/about/funding>

Funds a significant number of programs through their men's health partners and will notify interested parties when funding opportunities are available in your region.

Arcare Grants Program

Funding Provider: Arcare Family Foundation

Amount: Unspecified

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.arcarefamilyfoundation.org.au/grants>

Encourages and supports innovations that give all Australians the opportunity to age well, envisioning a community where older people are valued, supported, and thriving.

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

Street Smart

Funding Provider: StreetSmart Australia

Amount: \$500 - \$15,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://streetsmartaustralia.org/howehelp/>

Supports applications with an outcomes focused approach on helping people exit homelessness and maintain housing. Applications for innovative project ideas as well as more mundane priority needs (or wish list items) are considered.

Escaping Violence Payment Program

Funding Provider: UnitingCare

Amount: Up to \$1,500

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/services/family-services/family-violence-service>

Offers support for people 18+ who have recently experienced family violence, have a changed living situation and are experiencing financial stress.

Victorian Property Fund

Funding Provider: Consumer Affairs Victoria

Amount: Up to \$20,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/clubs-and-fundraising/funded-services-and-grants/victorian-property-fund-grants/victorian-property-fund-grant-application-guide>

Supports housing development projects that will increase the supply of affordable accommodation for low income and disadvantaged Victorians.

Victorian Homebuyers Fund

Funding Provider: State Revenue Office Victoria

Amount: Unspecified

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.sro.vic.gov.au/homebuyer>

Supports eligible homebuyers with a Government contribution of up to 25% towards the purchase price of their property. The Victorian Homebuyer Fund is a shared equity scheme, meaning that the State's financial contribution is made in exchange for a share, or proportional interest in the property.

Peter & Lyndy White Foundation Grants

Funding Provider: Peter & Lyndy White Foundation

Amount: Unspecified

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.plwf.org.au/grants/>

Supports Victorian charitable organisations that work with homeless and disadvantaged individuals in breaking the cycle of disadvantage and achieving a better quality of life. Organisations can make an initial enquiry at any time via email. Following a successful preliminary email enquiry, some organisations may be requested to complete a more in-depth written grant application.

INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS

The Balnaves Foundation Grants

Funding Provider: The Balnaves Foundation

Amount: Unspecified

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://balnavesfoundation.com/>

Supports organisations that aim to create a better Australia through education, medicine and the arts with a focus on young people, the disadvantaged and Indigenous Australia.

CAGES Foundation – Strategic Partnerships

Funding Provider: CAGES Foundation

Amount: Unspecified

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://cagesfoundation.org/our-focus/#strategicCriteria>

Supports organisations that work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (pre-natal to 5), and who are located on the east coast and have a national reach.

National Endowment for Indigenous Visual Arts (NEIVA) Funding

Funding Provider: National Endowment for Indigenous Visual Arts (NEIVA)

Amount: Unspecified

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://neiva.org.au/>

Enables commercial gallerists and the art market to meaningfully contribute to the social, cultural and economic empowerment of Indigenous Australians.

KWT Grants

Funding provider: Koondee-Woonga-gat Toor-rong Fund

Amount: Up to \$10,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.kwtfund.org.au/grants>

Supports First Nations peoples and organisations that have resided or have been based in Victoria for twelve months or more, by providing seed or start-up funding for innovative projects and proposals that benefit individuals and communities, respond to challenges or support opportunities for change-making

Capacity Building Funding for Native Title Corporations

Funding Provider: National Indigenous Australians Agency

Amount: \$50,000 - \$750,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.niaa.gov.au/indigenous-affairs/grants-and-funding/capacity-building-native-title-corporations>

The Department is inviting eligible applicants to apply for Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBCs) capacity building grant funding under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy. There are three elements to this

funding include 1 Increase Capacity, 2 Support for Training and 3 Support for Native Title Agreement-making.

Applications will be accepted from individual PBCs, groups of PBCs, or third parties authorised to administer funds on behalf of PBCs. Applicants must meet other eligibility criteria outlined in the IAS Grant Guidelines and undergo financial viability checks and a risk assessment.

SPORT AND RECREATION

Compensation Grant Program **NEW**

Funding Provider: Sport Australia

Amount: Unspecified

Closes: 18 March 2025

Apply: [Compensation Grant Program | Australian Sports Commission](#)

Provides financial support to Paralympians whose Disability Support Pension (DSP) payments have been affected due to travelling outside Australia for training and/or competitions exceeding the general travel allowance of 28 days in a financial year.

Sporting Club Grants Program - Category 4: Competitors **NEW**

Funding Provider: Sport & Recreation Victoria

Amount: Up to \$750

Closes: 27 March 2025

Apply: [Sporting Club Grants Program | Sport and Recreation Victoria](#)

Contributes towards the costs of travel, accommodation and event registration fees for individual athletes selected to attend representative competition, selection trials or training camps.

Significant Sporting Events Program

Funding Provider: Sport & Recreation Victoria

Amount: Up to \$150,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: [Significant Sporting Events Program | Sport and Recreation Victoria](#)

Offers grants to event organisers seeking funding support to assist with general operational costs associated with hosting sporting events.

The Significant Sporting Events Program is available to sporting events that are national or international in focus, or have regional significance, and are recognised by a relevant sporting body.

Sporting Schools

Funding Provider: Australian Sports Commission

Amount: Between \$1,000 and \$3,600

Closes: Always Open

Apply: https://www.sportaus.gov.au/schools/schools/funding#secondary_school_grant

Support the delivery of sport-based programs to help students build the confidence and capability to be active for life.

Inclusive Sport and Recreation Grants

Funding Provider: City of Melbourne

Amount: Up to \$500

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/sports-recreation/individual-athlete-grants/Pages/inclusive-grants.aspx>

Through the Community Grants and Partnerships Framework, City of Melbourne provides funding, expertise and support to socially-oriented organisations that address key social issues and ensure our communities thrive.

The Decathlon Foundation

Funding Provider: The Decathlon Foundation

Amount: Unspecified

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.fondationdecathlon.com/our-conviction/?lang=en>

The Foundation's reason for existing: to enable willing teammates to be involved in a solidarity project and offer as many people as possible the chance to thrive thanks to sport and its values. By financing sustainable investment expenses (renovating a sports ground, converting a room, sports equipment, training for sports careers, etc.), their ambition is to make a big, real and measurable impact.

Opportunity Knocks Subsidy Program

Funding Provider: Australian Tennis Foundation

Amount: Up to \$500

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://tennis.smartygrants.com.au/CommunityEvents2023>

Offers young people aged 5 - 17 facing disadvantage or adversity the opportunity to continue their tennis journey with subsidised coaching by a qualified tennis coach.

Jean Cowan Bequest

Funding Provider: Netball Victoria

Amount: Unspecified

Closes: Always open

Apply: <https://vic.netball.com.au/scholarships>

Offers funds for an individual to enable their participation in netball within Victoria. This includes assistance with the purchasing of netball uniforms, membership fees, netball equipment and other similar or relevant expenses.

Recreational Fishing Grants Program, Small Grants

Funding Provider: VIC Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning

Amount: Up to \$5,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/recreational-fishing-grants-program/small-grants-program>

Funds small projects such installation of solar lighting above fishing platforms, fish cleaning tables, directional and educational signage and infrastructure to improve access to public fishing locations.

Recreational Fishing Grants Program, Intermediate Grants

Funding Provider: VIC Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning

Amount: \$5,000 - \$50,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/recreational-fishing-grants-program/intermediate-grants-program>

This program is open year-round to applications from angling clubs and associations, and not-for-profit community groups. Funds projects such as minor boat ramps, launches, access path and jetties.

YOUTH

The Frankie Foundation Grants

Funding Provider: The Frankie Foundation

Amount: \$200 - \$2,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://thefrankiefoundation.org/apply-for-a-grant/>

Helps support kids continue or start therapy if their NDIS plan budget has run out or a therapy or service is not covered by their current NDIS plan.

Amaroo Foundation Grants

Funding Provider: Amaroo Foundation

Amount: Up to \$25,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.aetlimited.com.au/philanthropic-services/for-charities/amaroo-foundation>

Enables disadvantaged children to reach their potential in life through access and engagement in positive education and learning.

Skills Firth Youth Access Initiative

Funding provider: Department of Education

Amount: NA

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.vic.gov.au/skills-first-youth-access-initiative>

Supports at risk young people by providing access to vocational education and training opportunities, tuition fee waivers and pathways to employment.

Youth Excellence Program

Funding provider: Glen Eira Council

Amount: various

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/about-council/grants-and-recognition/grants-and-funding/youth-excellence-grant>

The Foundation for Youth Excellence program recognises young people from Glen Eira for excellence in creative and performing arts, education, leadership or sport.

Transition to Independent Living Allowance

Funding Provider: Department of Social Services

Amount: \$1,500

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/families-and-children/benefits-payments/transition-to-independent-living-allowance-tila>

Young people aged between 15 to 25 years who are leaving or have already left formal out-of-home care may be eligible for this payment. It is also for young people who continue to live with their foster carers after their care order expires. The payment can be used to buy items such as a fridge or couch, pay for counselling, education and training courses, medical expenses, a driver's licence or any other items or services agreed between the young person and their case worker.

Matana Foundation for Young People

Funding Provider: Matana Foundation

Amount: Up to \$10,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <http://matanafoundation.org.au/faqs>

Funding available for organisations that focus on youth programs that assist with school retention and increased education, employment skills as well as social and community connectedness.

WOMEN

The Alice Anderson Fund

Funding Provider: LaunchVic

Amount: \$50,000 - \$300,000

Closes: Always Open

Apply: <https://launchvic.org/investment/the-alice-anderson-fund/>

Co-invests in women-led startups with private sector investors.

The Alice Anderson Fund will provide between \$50,000 - \$300,000 to 40-60 women-led startups by 2024. The \$10 million angel sidecar fund is managed by LaunchVic.