




Grants – A World of possibilities



With over \$80 bn worth of grants available in Australia, the opportunities for a grant are extensive. Below is a summary of what might be available for your area of interest:

	<h3>Ageing/Seniors</h3> <p>Grants for ageing/seniors come in all sorts of guises. Council, State and Federal grants focus on health and wellbeing of seniors. The Community Visiting Scheme is an example of a grant for volunteers to visit older people either in aged care centres or in their homes. Some philanthropics also have a focus on older people, very much about alleviating poverty and fostering community inclusion.</p>
<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Victorian Multicultural Commission – Seniors grants - https://www.vic.gov.au/site-4/grants-support-multicultural-communities• Dept of Social Services – Community Visiting Scheme• Good Things Foundation – Be Connected https://www.beconnectednetwork.org.au/grant-program	
	<h3>Arts</h3> <p>All forms of art are funded by governments at all levels as well as philanthropic organisation. There is a dedicated body in every state as well as Arts Australia. Local, regional and national projects are encouraged, including internships and international fellowships, Arts grants are competitive, and applications scrutinised by arts peers. In addition to the art forms, grants are also available for film and TV production.</p>
<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creative Victoria – Calendar (https://creative.vic.gov.au/grants-and-support/funding-calendar)• Australian Arts Council - https://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/funding/• Regional Arts Victoria (non-Metropolitan) - http://www.rav.net.au/funding-opportunities/• Besen Family Foundation - http://besenfoundation.org.au/areas-of-interest.php	
	<h3>Business</h3> <p>Grants are available for business growth, projects that lead to local employment, increased tourism and export opportunities. Infrastructure grants, research and development grants, business mentoring and export marketing grants also increase opportunities for businesses to grow.</p>

Examples:

- Entrepreneurs Program - <https://business.gov.au/Grants-and-Programs/Entrepreneurs-Programme>
- Export Market Development grants - <https://www.austrade.gov.au/australian/export/export-grants>
- R&D Tax Incentive - <https://www.ato.gov.au/Business/Research-and-development-tax-incentive/>



Capacity Building

Looking for funding for a strategic or business plan? Want to grow? Need to train your staff? What about your systems – are they in need of updating? Are your policies and procedures current? Are you wanting to develop new partnerships? From time to time, grants become available for not-for-profits to build their internal capacity whilst business in growth mode are also given assistance with their business plans.

Examples:

- Victorian Multicultural Commission - <https://www.vic.gov.au/capacity-building-and-participation-program>
- Helen McPherson Smith Trust - <https://hmstrust.org.au/grantseekers/>
- Building Better Regions Fund - <https://business.gov.au/Grants-and-Programs/Building-Better-Regions-Fund-Infrastructure-Projects-Stream>

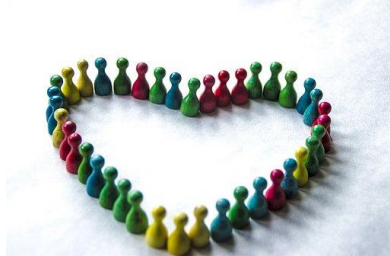


Capital Infrastructure

Occasionally funding becomes available for capital infrastructure projects for community, sports and education facilities. In most cases, funding will not extend to purchase of land and buildings. Proof of tenure for at least five years and application for permits is required. Projects must be ready to go.

Examples:

- Victorian Multicultural Commission - <https://www.vic.gov.au/multicultural-community-infrastructure-fund>
- Dept of Education Capital Grants for Non-Government Schools - <https://www.dese.gov.au/payments-and-grants-schools/capital-grants-non-government-schools>
- Victorian Non-Government Schools Capital Fund - <https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/Pages/Non-Government-Schools-Grants-Program.aspx>
- Vic Government Early Childhood Facilities Grants - <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/providers/funding/Pages/capitalprogram.aspx>



Cultural Diversity

Cultural diversity grants are available to create harmony and social cohesion, as well as to celebrate and share cultural traditions. The underlying focus is to deliver projects and events that open up cultural groups to the wider community. Grants are also available to prevent radicalisation and extremist behaviours that do not reflect Australian values.

Examples:

- Victorian Multicultural Commission - <https://www.multiculturalcommission.vic.gov.au/multicultural-grants>
- Dept of Home Affairs - <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about-us/our-portfolios/multicultural-affairs/programs>



Education

Education grants are available through Federal, State and Independent School sources. Local government also has grants for early childhood programs. Education grants extend into health and wellbeing and innovation, areas that philanthropic trusts also support.

Examples:

- Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation - <https://www.lmcf.org.au/apply-grant/innovation>
- Pierce Armstrong Foundation Health and Education grants - <http://piercearmstrong.org.au/application-form/>
- Helen McPherson Smith - <https://hmstrust.org.au/programs/education/>
- R E Ross Trust - <https://rosstrust.org.au/apply-for-a-grant/educational-equity>

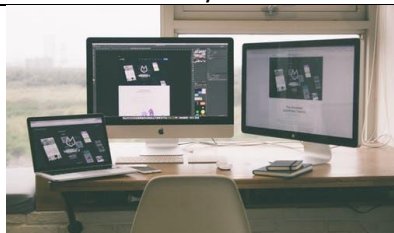


Environment and sustainability

Green issues are covered at all levels of government and in philanthropic grants. There are grants for Landcare, environmental, rivers and waterways, coastal, flora and fauna, research and development. Funding is also available for bushfire and flood affected areas as well as the impact of drought and climate change.

Examples:

- Ian Potter Foundation Environment & Conservation Funding - <https://www.ianpotter.org.au/what-we-support/environment-and-conservation/>
- National Landcare Program - <https://business.gov.au/Grants-and-Programs/National-Landcare-Program-Environment-Small-Grants>
- Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation - <https://www.lmcf.org.au/apply-grant/innovation>



Equipment

Purchase of equipment gets two bites at the cherry. There are dedicated grants for equipment and technology resources, but also equipment is normally counted as eligible expenditure for projects. Dedicated equipment grants may cover areas such as sport, business innovation, volunteering, security and more. Some funders will consider equipment such as mobile kitchens.

Examples:

- Stronger Communities Program - <https://www.business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/stronger-communities-programme>
- Community and Small Business CCTV Fund - <https://www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au/cctvfund>



Families/young people

Funding is available for projects that support families and young people experiencing poverty and social exclusion. Areas include family violence, youth, homelessness and financial literacy. A good starting point for applying for any grant is to look up Council health and wellbeing plans for ideas of local needs.

Examples:

- Dept of Social Services Financial Wellbeing and Capability - <https://www.dss.gov.au/communities-and-vulnerable-people/programmes-services/financial-wellbeing-and-capability>
- Youth Central Engage! - <https://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/get-involved/youth-programs-and-events/engage>
- Wm Buckland Foundation Vulnerable Victorians Program - <https://williambucklandfoundation.org.au/vulnerable-victorians/>
- IOOF Foundation - <http://www.ioof.com.au/about-us/ioof-foundation>



Festivals and Events

Council, State and Federal governments contribute to funding festivals and events throughout the year. These can be to celebrate cultural days, historic events, diversity, art, business expos and tourism, to name but a few examples. Applications must be able to demonstrate how these events create an outcome such as cohesion, address social issues or lead to business/tourism growth. Be aware that funding granted for community events may not be as much as applied for.

Examples:

- Victorian Multicultural Commission - <https://www.vic.gov.au/multicultural-festivals-and-events-program>



Health and Wellbeing

Council have health and wellbeing plans that identify priority needs within communities. Health and wellbeing grants are available at all levels of government and philanthropics, including funders just focusing on this area. Health and wellbeing covers a multitude of everyday experiences such as diet, physical fitness, alcohol consumption and mental health.

Examples:

- nib Foundation Health Smart grants - <https://www.nib.com.au/foundation/health-smart-grants>
 Bennelong Foundation - <https://www.bennelongfoundation.com/fundingareas>
 Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation - <https://www.lmcf.org.au/our-impact>



Sport and Recreation

Just about every sport is represented by grants, whether they specific to the sporting activity or state-wide support. Grants available including capital infrastructure, uniforms, equipment, travel costs, strategic planning and build the skills of committees and volunteers.

Examples:

- Sport and Recreation Victoria - <https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants>
- Vic Health - <https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/funding/active-club-grants>
- Sport Australia - https://www.sportaus.gov.au/grants_and_funding



Training for employment

Grants are available from states and federal government to assist with transitioning people into jobs. A primary focus is on young people, especially those 15-25 years who have disengaged from school. Funds are available to assist with the cost of training. In addition funding is available to teach people English and employment skills for recent arrivals to find employment in Australia.

Examples:

- Bennelong Foundation Grants - <https://www.bennelongfoundation.com/fundingareas>
- Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation - <https://www.lmcf.org.au/apply-grant/innovation>



Volunteering

Volunteers are valued contributors to society. The federal government acknowledges volunteers through its annual volunteers grant which provides support to organisations that directly benefits the volunteers within e.g. training, resources and travel costs. Other grants acknowledge volunteers and their role in community inclusion e.g. the Community Visitors Scheme.

- Department of Social Services - <https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/communities-and-vulnerable-people/programmes-services/volunteer-grants>

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