

Open Grants



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Resilient Economy



Grants

Small Business Buddy Program



Funds small business wishes to help spark a new revenue stream or just make life a little easier.

All wishes need to be for an actual product or service eg fitness equipment, laser machine, SEO consulting etc – anything that would help your business.

Make your business wish in 250 words or less and complete the form.

All wishes must be for a tangible item or service to benefit your business.

Key Criteria:

- Your business has less than 20 employees
- Your business has a valid ABN.

For more information please visit: [Small Business Buddy](#)

NSW Regional Science Grant



Grants are available to science engagement initiatives that bring together at least three of the following types of individuals and organisations to create a NSW Regional Science Hub:

- Local scientists
- Local government (e.g. councils, National Parks and Wildlife services, youth and family services)
- Business associations and chambers of commerce
- Schools, universities and TAFE colleges
- Arts and community organisations
- Local clubs and societies.

Events and activities run by NSW Regional Science Hubs should have enduring benefits and must meet at least two of the following criteria:

- Inspiring young people to pursue an interest or aptitude in science
- Extending networks and partnership opportunities in the region
- Encouraging community participation and feedback
- Sharing science achievements and knowledge within the local community
- Sustaining science activity without significant future grant funding.

Funding Available: Up to \$10,000

Closing Date: 8th April 2015

For more information please visit: [University of Sydney](http://www.usyd.edu.au)

Package Assisting Small Exporters



Australian Government
Department of Agriculture

On 13 May 2014, the government announced a \$15 million package to assist small exporters, comprising three components – a rebate for eligible small exporters is available in 2014-15 to assist with export registration charges; a review of export fees and charges; and funding for projects that will help improve market access for small exporters.

Funding Available: 10 million over 3 financial years

Closing Date: Ongoing

For further information please visit: [Australian Government Department of Agriculture](#)

Entrepreneurs' Infrastructure Programme



The Programme uses quality facilitators and advisers, drawn from industry, to ensure businesses get the advice and support they need to improve their competitiveness and productivity. The primary focus is on providing access to the best advice and networks to solve their problems rather than focusing on financial assistance.

Funding Available: Undisclosed

Closing Date: 31 December 2015

For more information please visit: [Entrepreneurs' Infrastructure Programme](#)

Collaborative Solutions Fund



The Collaborative Solutions Program was developed by the NSW Government and is managed by NSW Trade & Investment.

The Program supports the development of innovative technology-enabled solutions that address an identified barrier to growth in a key sector. It focuses on opportunities, challenges and changing business models brought about by enabling technologies such as mobile, cloud, analytics, sensors, advanced materials and biosciences. Successful submissions receive incentive grants for the development and piloting of these new solutions.

A key outcome of the Program is the development and trial of new solutions to test technologies in the field, validate consumer assumptions and accelerate the shift to new business models.

Funding Available: \$100,000

Closing Date: Ongoing

For more information please visit: [Collaborative Solutions Grant](#)

Accelerating Commercialism



Accelerating Commercialisation helps Australian entrepreneurs, inventors, start-ups, commercialisation offices and small and medium businesses address the challenges associated with commercialising novel intellectual property.

It aims to:

- Accelerate the commercialisation of novel intellectual property in the form of new products, processes and services
- Create new businesses based on novel intellectual property with high growth potential; and
- Generate greater commercial and economic returns from both public and private sector research and facilitate investment to drive business growth and competitiveness.

Funding Available: \$250,000

Closing Date: Ongoing

For more information please visit: [Accelerating Commercialism](#)

Tech Vouchers



The program provides grants of up to \$15,000 for small to medium-sized enterprises to access technical research infrastructure and expertise such as testing, validation and feasibility studies in NSW public sector research organisations (PSROs) such as universities. TechVouchers priority will be given to:

- companies which have not engaged with universities and public sector research organisations in the past;
- companies which have not engaged with research organisations for more than two years; and
- companies with existing relationships with research organisation and can demonstrate that the allocation of a TechVoucher will drive transformative improvement in the existing collaboration.

Funding Available: \$15,000

Closing Date: Ongoing

For more information please visit: [Tech Vouchers](#)

Community Wellbeing



Grants

Australian Communities Foundation



Australian Communities Foundation supports a range of charitable organisations and projects each year.

The Foundation's grants are made locally, nationally and internationally through Australian registered charitable organisations. It's one way our foundation recognises the essential role the not-for-profit sector plays in supporting and building strong and resilient communities as well as assisting those most in need.

Grants are made to specific projects and/or to purposes that support the ongoing activities of organisations. With over 200 sub-funds, Australian Communities Foundation provides over 500 grants annually that:

- Fall broadly into the areas of arts & culture, community development & advocacy, community services & welfare, disability, education, training & employment, environment, health & medical research, overseas aid & development.
- Support specific target groups, including Indigenous communities and refugee/asylum seekers.

The Foundation is also proud to administer a number of specific Scholarships and Awards to promote educational achievement. The application process is undertaken by a range of charitable organisations in line with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) criteria.

Funding Available: \$10,000

Closing Date: Ongoing

For more information please visit: [Australian Communities Foundation](#)

Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation



The Foundation offers funding for a broad range of community needs and aims to fund projects that are focused on improving the lives of disadvantaged local people.

The Foundation will consider projects, initiatives and programs focused on health (including mental health, disability and community health initiatives), the arts and culture, the environment, youth development and community support initiatives. We provide grants to not-for-profit organisations that apply for funding and meet set eligibility criteria related to returning benefits to the broader community.

There is no set maximum or minimum grant limit. However, grants generally range from \$10,000 to \$500,000 for projects that make a meaningful contribution to the community and a significant difference to the lives of the disadvantaged within our community.

Funding Available: \$10,000 - \$500,000

Closing Date: 17th April 2015

For more information please visit: [Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation](#)

Community Heritage Grants



The Community Heritage Grants (CHG) program provides grants of up to \$15,000 to community organisations such as libraries, archives, museums, genealogical and historical societies, multicultural and Indigenous groups. The grants are provided to assist with the preservation of locally owned, but nationally significant collections of materials that are publicly accessible including artefacts, letters, diaries, maps, photographs, and audio visual material.

Since 1994, \$5.3 million has been awarded to community organisations throughout Australia.

The types of projects supported include significance assessments of collections; preservation needs assessments of collections; conservation activities and collection management; and training workshops

Funding Available: \$15,000

Closing Date: 1 May 2015

For more information please visit: [National Library of Australia](http://www.nla.gov.au)

National Science Week School Grant



Helps Australian schools (preschool through to senior secondary) organise and run science activities or events during National Science Week.

Funding Available: \$500

Closing Date: 24th April 2015

For more information please visit: [National Science Week](#)

Fellowship Program

Museums & Galleries of NSW

This professional development program provides museum and gallery staff with an opportunity to extend their knowledge, enrich their skills and cultivate their networks through access to the expertise and resources of international cultural organisations.

The Fellowship Program is open to paid staff from public museums and galleries throughout NSW. This competitive fellowship program is appropriate for senior museum and gallery professionals with considerable professional experience. M&G NSW has arranged placements in several leading international organisations (details below) and is interested in strengthening relationships in Asia.

Applicants are encouraged to apply to one of these placements or can select their own host organisation/s. M&G NSW can provide advice if you choose your own host/s. and can make contact with relevant organisations your behalf.

Amount: \$6000

Closes: Wednesday 1st April 2015

For more information please visit: [Mentorship, Fellowship & Volunteer Placement Program](#)

Volunteer Placement Program

Museums & Galleries of NSW

Would you like to learn new skills or develop a deeper understanding of a museum practice that meets a need or gap within your museum? Then you should consider applying for a Volunteer Placement.

The aim of this program is to provide museum volunteers with access to the expertise of larger or specialised cultural organisations. It is expected that the skills you gain will be shared with your colleagues and applied to the work you do in your museum.

The Volunteer Placement Program is open to volunteer staff from volunteer managed and small museums, Aboriginal cultural centres and keeping places in NSW.

M&G NSW has arranged several placements with organisations across NSW and ACT. These are outlined at the end of this document. Applicants can apply for a placement with one of these organisations or select their own host. M&G NSW can provide advice if you choose your own host/s and can make contact with relevant organisations on your behalf.

Amount: \$2000

Closes: Wednesday 1st April 2015

For more information please visit: [Volunteer Placement Program](#)

Places for People



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Sport & Recreation Disability Grant - Facility & Technology



Aims to reduce physical access barriers to sport and recreation through capital works at facilities that are used for sport and recreational activities.

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Increases the use of assistive and innovative technologies to support participation in sport and recreation by people with disability.

Applications are invited from sport, recreation and disability organisations working in the sport and recreation sector for sport and recreation projects that improve access for Scheme participants and other people with disability to sport and active recreational activities.

It is a requirement that the applicant contributes to the project costs. This can include voluntary labour, donated materials and/or equipment or other resources. The applicant organisation's administration costs are to be covered by the applicant and should not be included in the project budget.

Amount: \$75,000

Closes: 2st April 2015

For more information please visit: [Sport & Recreation](#)

Sport & Recreation Disability Grant - People & Equipment



Aims to provide improved opportunities for people with disability to participate in sport, recreational activities or be otherwise involved in the sport and recreation sector and build their skills, knowledge and confidence.

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- Builds the capacity of sport and recreation organisations to support and encourage people with disability to participate
- Grows community and cultural awareness and reduce attitudinal barriers to disability access
- Provides opportunities for people to develop skills and knowledge so that they can assist people with disability access sport and recreation.

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Amount: \$35,000

Closes: 2st April 2015

For more information please visit: [Sport & Recreation](#)

Living Environment



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Environment & Conservation Large Grants



Supports research and programs that promote sustainable approaches to agriculture, opportunities within the carbon economy and land management practices that encompass a landscape-scale approach to protecting areas of high conservation value.

Objectives:

- To assist communities, especially agricultural regions, in protecting and maintaining areas of high conservation value, particularly through the promotion of sustainable agriculture and management practices on a landscape scale
- To support high quality research and programs that help communities develop partnerships with enterprises and institutions to reduce carbon emissions and better adapt to an increasing carbon environment.

These grants are considered via a two-stage Expression of Interest process.

Round 2 Opens: 30 Mar 2015 **Closes:** 11 May 2015

For further information please visit: [Ian Potter Foundation](http://ianpotterfoundation.org)

NRMA Environment Grant



Initiatives considered will be projects that involve essential revegetation work to protect communities against storm and flood and those that directly engage communities in on-ground activities to address local conservation and biodiversity issues.

Initiatives considered will be projects that directly engage communities in on-ground activities to address local environmental issues.

Examples of such projects may include:

- Essential re-vegetation work to protect communities against storm and flood
Educate community members on ways to reduce waste, water and carbon emissions
- Promote sustainable approaches to rural and urban living
- Engage communities in activities that address local conservation and biodiversity issues that support a safer community.

Amount \$500 - \$5,000

Round 1 Opens: 01 Mar 2015 **Closes:** 31 Mar 2015

Co-contribution Required? Unclear

For further information please visit: [NRMA Community Grants Program](#)