Dear Yvette,

The first Grants Bulletin for 2015 is here.

This bulletin endeavours to provide individuals, groups and organisations with relevant funding opportunities spanning the interest areas of arts, culture, new business, employment, community and sport, environment, heritage and Indigenous affairs.

Feel free to forward this email to anyone you believe may benefit from the included grant opportunities.

Best of luck to those of you who apply.

If my office can do something to assist your application, contact me by phone 1300 301 959 or email senator.mclucas@aph.gov.au.

Yours sincerely
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Arts & Cultural

Australian Artists Grant

**Purpose:** Assistance for costs of public presentation  
**Amount:** $500-$1,000  
**Funding Provider:** National Association for the Visual Arts (NAVA)  
**Closing Date:** May 16 2015

This grant provides assistance towards the costs of public presentation for professional visual and media arts, craft and design practitioners who are Australian citizens or permanent residents. This includes, but is
not limited to: advertising; promotional printing; mail outs; media photographs; media releases; equipment rental; framing; freight; installation costs; insurance; opening costs; space rental; technical assistance; travel. Please be aware that this grant does not provide assistance towards the production of artwork (materials, studio rental etc).

More information is available from NAVA

**Performer’s Trust Foundation Grants**

**Purpose:** Grants to promote and encourage music and the performing arts  
**Amount:** Usually no more than $2,500 for individuals and $5,000 for groups  
**Funding Provider:** Phonographic Performance Company of Australia (PPCA)  
**Closing Date:** Ongoing

All applications for grants are reviewed by the trustees and must be for one or more of the following purposes:

- Performances at concerts at or for charitable institutions such as hospitals or homes for the aged;
- Scholarships for the promotion and encouragement of musical and theatrical education;
- The promotion and encouragement of the performing arts to the general public;
- The aid or assistance of any beneficiary who is unable to adequately maintain herself/himself by her/his own exertions and other income

**What can you use the grant for?**

A grant under the PPCA Performers’ Trust Foundation can be used for costs associated with the above, including:

- Tuition fees;
- Travel costs (hire, airfares, petrol);
- Accommodation;
- Venue hire/ PA hire

A grant cannot be used to cover wages, salaries, commissions etc.

More information available from the PPCA website

**Register of Cultural Organisations**

**Purpose:** Assists qualifying cultural bodies to attract private support by enabling donors the incentive of a tax deduction.  
**Amount:** N/A  
**Provider:** Ministry for the Arts  
**Closing Date:** Ongoing

Established in 1991, the Register of Cultural Organisations (the Register) assists qualifying cultural bodies to attract private support by enabling donors the incentive of a tax deduction.

The Register aims to strengthen private sector support for the arts and encourages Australians to contribute to the nation’s vibrant cultural life.

Cultural bodies listed on the Register are able to receive tax-deductible donations to fund a wide range of activities in arts and culture. This may include the creation of a new theatrical work, the publication of a literary magazine or the building of a community arts centre.
Business & Employment

The JobAccess Employment Assistance Fund

**Purpose:** Encourage and support employers to employ people with a disability  
**Amount:** Not disclosed  
**Funding Provider:** JobAccess  
**Closing Date:** Ongoing fund

The Employment Assistance Fund helps people with disability and mental health condition by providing financial assistance to purchase a range of work related modifications and services. Assistance is available for people who are about to start a job or who are currently working, as well as those who require assistance to find and prepare for work.

The Fund may reimburse the cost of work related modifications and services including, but not limited to:

- The cost of modifications to the physical work environment  
- Modifications to work vehicles  
- Adaptive equipment for the workplace  
- Information and communication devices  
- Auslan interpreting  
- Specialist services for employees with specific learning disorders and mental health conditions  
- Disability awareness training  
- Deafness awareness training, and  
- Mental health awareness training.

More information is available from JobAccess

New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS)

**Purpose:** Provide jobseekers with support to start and run small businesses  
**Amount:** Undisclosed  
**Funding Provider:** Department of Education  
**Closing Date:** Ongoing

If you are an eligible job seeker and are interested in starting and running a small business, you may be able to access assistance through the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS).

NEIS can provide you with accredited small business training, business advice and mentoring, as well as ongoing income support for up to 52 weeks.

More information available here

Community & Sport
Active in Parks – Take it outside Small Grants

**Purpose:** Encourage community members to get active in outdoor, natural spaces  
**Amount:** $500 - $1,500  
**Funding Provider:** People and Parks Foundation  
**Closing Date:** March 15 2015

Active in Parks supports Australian communities to get active in outdoor, natural spaces. Take it Outside grants give you the opportunity to take your programs and activities outside by supporting you to buy equipment or resources that will support this move.

Grants of $500-$1500 are available to purchase resources or equipment that will support you to take your programs and activities outdoors. We encourage you to consider sustainable changes that will promote the objectives of the Active in Parks Program and support your community to get active outdoors.

Some examples of successful applications include:

- Wet weather gear to support a Bush Kinder program
- Sporting equipment to support a youth service to run outdoor activities

More information is available from the People and Parks Foundation

Active in Parks – Local Champions Grants

**Purpose:** Encourage community organisations to get active outdoors in their communities  
**Amount:** $7,500 - $15,000  
**Funding Provider:** People and Parks Foundation  
**Closing Date:** Ongoing Fund

Local Champions’ grants support organisations to champion the messaging and philosophy of Active in Parks within their state or territory.

What does being a Local Champion involve?

- Promoting Active in Parks across your State or Territory through a range of networks to engage the whole of community.
- Supporting your community to make sustainable moves to getting active outdoors
- Supporting organisations or groups in your community to take their existing programs into outdoor settings
- Holding your own Active in Parks events
- Working with Active in Parks staff to hold yearly forums in your state or territory to engage with interested organisations and community members
- Using Active in Parks branding and merchandise to support brand awareness in your community within your networks

Grant applications between $7,500 and $15,000 will be considered year round, and funds must be acquitted within 12 months of receipt.

More information is available from the People and Parks Foundation

Hesta Community Sector Awards
Purpose: Recognise the outstanding work of individuals and organisations in the community sector
Amount: Not disclosed
Funding Provider: HESTA
Closing Date: March 31 2015

The HESTA Community Sector Awards are presented by HESTA — the leading industry super fund for health and community services — and the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS).

The total prize pool of $30,000 is generously provided by ME Bank, proud supporter of the awards. The ongoing care of members of the community in need requires the dedicated efforts of many individuals and organisations nationally.

The awards recognise outstanding service provision, advocacy and leadership in improving the lives of people who rely on access to the services of this sector. It is an opportunity to publicly recognise the inspirational work individuals and organisations provide to the broader community, supporting those who need it most.

The awards are also intended to raise community awareness of the need for all members of our community to share the responsibility of working towards a more inclusive, compassionate and effective society.

More information is available here

Sisters of Charity Foundation Grants

Purpose: Financial assistance for programs that benefit poor and marginalised people
Amount: Up to $10,000
Funding Provider: Sisters of Charity Foundation
Closing Date: March 31 2015

The Mission of the Sisters of Charity Foundation is to provide support for and financial assistance to community initiatives that will benefit poor and marginalised people.

The Sisters of Charity Foundation favours programs that:

- "fall between the cracks" of other funding sources
- are not associated with well established organisations with significant reserves and or are capable of raising their own funds
- are not eligible for funding from government or other sources.

More information is available from the Sisters of Charity Foundation

Coopers Brewery Foundation Grants

Purpose: Assist Charitable organisations
Amount: Up to $30,000
Funding Provider: Coopers Brewery Foundation
Closing Date: Ongoing fund

The Foundation aims to improve and protect the quality of life of Australians by providing support to charitable organisations with recognised strengths in medical research and health care, in youth education,
and aged care, and in fostering family and community support, based on Christian values.

More information is available [here.](#)

**Google Ad Grants**

**Purpose:** Assist charitable groups by providing free advertising to help promote their initiatives  
**Amount:** Not Disclosed  
**Funding Provider:** Google  
**Closing Date:** Ongoing fund

Google Ad Grants is the nonprofit edition of AdWords, Google’s online advertising tool. Google Ad Grants empowers nonprofit organizations, through $10,000 per month in in-kind AdWords™ advertising, to promote their missions and initiatives on Google search result pages.

More information is available from [Google](#)

**Commbank Cricket Club Sponsorship**

**Purpose:** Provide support to local cricket clubs  
**Amount:** Up to $2,000  
**Funding Provider:** Commonwealth Bank of Australia  
**Closing Date:** August 9 2015

We believe it’s important to support cricket at all levels, which is why we’re not only supporting the Australian Men’s and Women’s Teams, we’re also continuing to support local cricket clubs.

This year, we’re offering local cricket clubs the chance to apply for one of our Club Sponsorships. Each consists of a two-year, $2,000 financial commitment each year, as well as cricket gear. You’ll also get CommBank cricket merchandise, such as Commonwealth Bank marquees, to use on game days.

More information is available from [Commbank](#)

**Veteran and Community Grants**

**Purpose:** Assist the wellbeing of Veterans in the community  
**Amount:** Up to $2,000 - $50,000  
**Funding Provider:** Department of Veterans’ Affairs  
**Closing Date:** Ongoing fund

The Department of Veterans’ Affairs, on behalf of the Australian Government, administers the Veteran and Community Grants (V&CG) Program. These grants aim to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life of members of the veteran community by providing financial assistance for activities, services and projects that sustain and/or enhance well being.

V&CG funding rounds occur on an ongoing, rolling basis. When sufficient applications are received or a two month period has elapsed, a funding round will be processed for the Minister’s decision.
Matana Foundation for Young People

**Purpose:** Give every young person equal opportunity to access skills  
**Amount:** $1,000 - $10,000  
**Funding Provider:** Matana Foundation for Young People  
**Closing Date:** Ongoing fund

To create a more just society by giving every young person in Australia an equal opportunity to access the skills to negotiate life's journey.

To provide assistance to disadvantaged young people in Australia in order to give them the opportunity to reach their full educational and social potential. To do this by funding projects that address the causes and consequences of youth disadvantage, and by so doing, assist them to gain access to the information, education, skills and resources that enable them to achieve social connectedness, personal significance and social and emotional wellbeing.

More information is available from [The Matana Foundation](#).

Inger Rice Foundation Grants

**Purpose:** This program fosters activities and programs concerned with improving parent and child relationships in Australia  
**Amount:** Up to $5,000  
**Funding Provider:** Inger Rice Foundation  
**Closing Date:** Ongoing

This program fosters activities and programs concerned with improving parent and child relationships in Australia, in particular with younger children from birth to pre-birth up to primary school age (0-5 years).

It aims to offer financial support for training, research and provision of material and equipment to persons and groups through approved organisations.

Eligible activities include:
- Fares and living expenses of attending conferences and seminars.  
- Fees for specific programs  
- Grants for research projects, training courses and development programs.

More information is available [here](#).

Australian Communities Foundation Funding

**Purpose:** Recognise the essential role of NFP’s in supporting communities  
**Amount:** Undisclosed  
**Funding Provider:** Australian Communities Foundation  
**Closing Date:** Ongoing

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 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.

Specific target groups are also supported, including Indigenous communities and refugee/asylum seekers.

More information is available [here](#).

**Sunsuper’s Dreams for a Better World Program**

**Purpose:** Assist communities in a meaningful way by helping realise a dream for a better world  
**Amount:** Up to $5,000  
**Funding Provider:** Sunsuper  
**Closing Date:** Ongoing

To qualify, your dream project must:

- Be based in Australia  
- Be able to be undertaken in the next six months  
- Do something good for a charity, community group or not-for-profit organisation.

Each month we'll be awarding a $5,000 grant to the nominated recipient of the dream voted most popular on the website.

More information is available from [Sunsuper](#).

**Sidney Myer Fund – Education Program**

**Purpose:** Fund NFP projects that assist disadvantaged people’s education attainment  
**Amount:** Up to $10,000  
**Funding Provider:** Sidney Myer Fund  
**Closing Date:** Ongoing

Investment in education results in improvements in knowledge and competencies, and in economic and cultural development, for both the individual and for society.

The Education Program has been re-endorsed as a foundational program and its principal objective, to improve educational outcomes for 0-25 year olds, has been affirmed.

To achieve these outcomes, our grant making over the coming years will be focussed on enhancing teacher quality and effectiveness. Indeed, this now articulates the singular focus area of the program.

More information available from the [Sidney Myer Fund](#).

**Environmental & Science**

**Coles Junior Landcare Garden Grants**
**Purpose:** Grants to schools and youth groups to help create gardens  
**Amount:** Up to $1,000  
**Funding Provider:** Landcare Australia  
**Closing Date:** March 27 2015

The Coles Junior Landcare Garden Grants program provides grants of up to $1,000 to schools and youth groups to help create gardens in their grounds or community, such as bush tucker gardens, water wise gardens or veggie gardens.

These programs encourage students to learn about the environment through “outdoor learning” and interaction in developing their own school gardens.

All schools, kindergartens, daycare centres, and youth groups (e.g. Scouts) are eligible to apply for a Coles Junior Landcare Garden grant.

More information is available from Landcare

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**Heritage**

**Saluting Their Service Commemorations Grants Program**

**Purpose:** Preserve wartime heritage  
**Amount:** Up to $4,000  
**Funding Provider:** Department of Veterans’ Affairs  
**Closing Date:** Ongoing fund

The Saluting Their Service commemorations grants program supports projects and activities which directly commemorate Australia’s servicemen and women who served in wars, conflicts and peace operations. The grants also promote appreciation and understanding of the role those who have served have played in shaping the nation.

The program is designed to preserve our wartime heritage and to involve people throughout the nation in a wide range of activities and projects. Modest grants are available for projects which meet the aims and objectives of Saluting Their Service.

More information is available from the Department of Veterans’ Affairs

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**Indigenous**

**Elite Indigenous Travel and Accommodation Assistance Program**

**Purpose:** Provide financial assistance to elite Indigenous sportspeople  
**Amount:** Up to $3,000  
**Funding Provider:** Australia Sports Commission  
**Closing Date:** Ongoing
The Elite Indigenous Travel and Accommodation Assistance Program (EITAAP) is an initiative that is jointly managed by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and Australian Government Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C).

Funding is available for athletes, coaches, managers or officials to assist with out-of-pocket travel and accommodation expenses when attending eligible national championships or international competitions.

More information is available from The Australia Sports Commission

The Indigenous Social Enterprise Fund

**Purpose:** Provide investment and business support to Indigenous social enterprises.

**Amount:** Undisclosed

**Funding Provider:** Social Ventures Australia

**Closing Date:** Ongoing

All investments will be made with a view to develop and nurture Indigenous social enterprises with a commercial focus so that they can successfully access further investment (such as the SVA Social Impact Fund funds or mainstream finance in the future).

Recognising the importance of Indigenous owned and led initiatives; SVA intends to transfer the Fund to an Indigenous-led organisation after the two year pilot period.

More information is available from Social Ventures Australia

Aboriginal Benefits Foundation Grants

**Purpose:** The Foundation provides grants to assist Aboriginal communities and individuals by providing funds to support projects that advance the aims of the Foundation

**Amount:** $500 - $5,000

**Funding Provider:** Aboriginal Benefits Foundation

**Closing Date:** Ongoing

The current focus of the Foundation is on supporting art, health and cultural projects with a connection to Aboriginal art and/or artists.

In view of the limited resources available to the Foundation, priority for funding is being given to the following categories:

1. Seeding grants:
   - to research the relevance and value of new projects with a connection to Aboriginal art and/or artists that may be ineligible for support from existing agencies
   - to facilitate schemes or projects with a connection to Aboriginal art and/or artists which are of benefit to Aboriginal health, welfare or education which have potential for wider application.

2. One-off grants in support of:
   - health and well being of artists and their families
   - education through art projects which will benefit health and wellbeing
   - individuals and communities, with a connection to Aboriginal art and/or artists, to meet special needs
More information from the Aboriginal Benefits Foundation