

+ GRANTS BULLETIN

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It is one of those months where my head is a little achy. Not from hay fever, but from State and Federal governments offering grants of almost identical names and features. Open through the month of September is the State Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund and the Community Building Partnership Fund.

This is a fantastic opportunity for community groups, sporting clubs, artistic groups etc to put their projects forward for funding, and I have been talking with many individuals and committees about potential projects with the wish lists including improvements to sporting facilities and recreational areas.

The **Stronger Country Communities Fund** will deliver crucial local infrastructure and programs to improve the quality of life of people living in regional NSW. Projects must seek funding of \$50,000 or more. Half of the projects funded will be youth focused and it's worth reading through the Guidelines because the eligibility of projects is extensive.

If your project is on a smaller scale the **Community Building Partnership Fund** might be a good fit. This grant invests in infrastructure projects that deliver positive social, environmental and recreational outcomes, while promoting community participation, inclusion and cohesion. The minimum grant amount is \$2500 with the average grant awarded around \$20,000. Projects with contributions from their own or other sources are considered favourably. Another interesting grant that is currently open is the **Mazda Foundation Grant** as they are focusing on supporting primary producers in this round. This grant is only open to charities (you must have Deductible Gift Recipient status). With the rain still nowhere in sight this might be the perfect opportunity to put forward a project that supports our farmers.

Jacqui

Topic of the month—Working with online applications?

All grants come with Guidelines and their own application processes. Most use on-line application systems like 'Smarty Grants' or their own web page links. Most of us like to play with an application (including me) before we start submitting information online (even though you can save as you go).

























Usually you can 'preview' application forms and most allow you to print a preview out. Some do not. If I can't print from the web page I usually copy/paste (per page) into a word doc—then save and print from there. This way you can write all over it, make notes, get feedback etc before you start your online application process.

Another process that works well for me is to prepare my responses (to a particular question) in a word doc, then copy/paste into the online application. Online systems usually won't do your grammar/spellcheck for you and often don't do your word count either. By preparing responses in word and then transferring I feel more confident that I've got it right.

Save, and save often! I've often lost data because I've had an application open and been distracted by a phone call or event, and by the time I'm back to the grant the system has timed out and I've lost my work.

Never leave yourself short of time. Most online systems won't allow you to submit if you've missed information or even used symbols etc that aren't recognised. A common one I find is auto sums not calculating correctly. You don't want to have five mins until the grant closes and be frantically trying to find why your application is still red (red is never good)! I always hope to submit a grant a minimum of 24 hours before it's due.

Some online grant systems (like Smarty Grants) require you to subscribe to use. If you rarely use Smarty Grants you may not get value from a subscription, so please contact me to discuss submitting on your behalf.

	Closing Date	Grantee	Grant	Amount	Summary	Eligible	Link
	11/09/2019	Youngcare	At Home Care Grants	Up to \$10k	Modifications & support to keep high care needs young people at home	Individual or group	https://www.youngcare.com.au/what-we-do/grants/home-care-grants/
	15/09/2019	Museums & Galleries NSW	Project Development Grants	Up to \$7500	Strategic and innovative projects with mid to long term outcomes	Arts/Culture/Events	https://mgnsw.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2019-Project-Development-Guidelines.pdf
	15/09/2019	Museums & Galleries NSW	Small Grants Round 2	Up to \$2k	Short term collection based requirements	Arts/Culture/Events	https://mgnsw.org.au/sector/funding/grants-we-administer/volunteer-museum-grants/small-grants/
	15/09/2019	NSW Govt	Road Safety Grant	Up to \$30k	Projects that increase road safety awareness	Community Services	https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/downloads/grants-guidelines.pdf
	20/09/2019	NSW Govt	Cultural Diversity Grants	Up to \$10k	For events that showcase the benefits of cultural diversity	Community Services	https://multicultural.nsw.gov.au/grants/
	23/09/2019	Australian Sports Commission	Women Leaders in Sport	Up to \$20k	For course fees, presenter fees, travel for development training	Sporting	https://www.sportaus.gov.au/grants_and_funding/women_leaders_in_sport/organisations
	27/09/2019	State Government	Stronger Country Communities	Up to \$807,000	Programs & infrastructure. 50% youth projects.	Community Services	https://www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/regional-nsw/regional-growth-fund/stronger-country-communities/
	27/09/2019	State Government	Community Building Partnership	Up to \$330k	Community infrastructure projects (average 20k grant)	Community Services	https://www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/projects-and-initiatives/community-building-partnership/2019-community-building-
	30/09/2019	Camera Pro	Explorers Grant	Up to \$25k	For photographer or film maker with an impact on rural communities	Arts/Culture/Events	https://www.camerapro.com.au/explorersgrant
	30/09/2019	Australian Department of Education	Local Schools Community Fund	Up to \$20k	Funding for small scale projects and their associated costs	Education	https://www.education.gov.au/local-schools-community-fund
	30/09/2019	Sisters of Charity Foundation	Charity Grant	Up to \$15k	Funding for clever ways to fight poverty, loneliness, suffering and oppression	Charity	https://www.sistersofcharityfoundation.com.au/applying-for-grants/
	30/09/2019	Woolworths	You Grow Girl	Up to \$20k	Invites netball clubs and associations to apply for funds	Sporting	https://yougrowgirl.netball.com.au/grants/
	30/09/2018	Mazda Foundation	Mazda Foundation Grants	Undisclosed	DGR with projects supporting primary producers facing hardship	Charity	http://mazdafoundation.org.au/obtaining-funding/funding-request-primary-producer/
	30/09/2019	Copyright Agency	Grants for Organisations	Undisclosed	Projects that deliver opportunities for authors, journalists, artists	Arts/Culture/Events	https://www.copyright.com.au/culturalfund/grants-for-organisations/
	11/11/2019	Veterans Affairs	Community War Memorials Fund	Up to \$10k	Protect, conserve and repair war memorials	Community Services	https://veteranssw.smartygrants.com.au/
	11/11/2019	Veterans Affairs	Anzac Community Grants Project	Up to \$2k	Recognise Australia's military service, education and support	Community Services	https://veteranssw.smartygrants.com.au/
	15/11/2019	Copland Foundation	Conservation Grants	Up to \$50k	The study, management, conservation, acquisition and interpretation of collections	Charity	https://www.coplandfoundation.com.au/grants
	30/09/2019	Camera Pro	Explorers Grant	Up to \$25k	For photographer or film maker with an impact on rural communities	Arts/Culture/Events	https://www.camerapro.com.au/explorersgrant
	30/09/2019	Australian Department of Education & Training	Local Schools Community Fund	Up to \$20k	Funding for small scale projects and their associated costs	Education	https://www.education.gov.au/local-schools-community-fund
	30/09/2019	Woolworths	You Grow Girl	Up to \$20k	Invites netball clubs and associations to apply for funds	Sporting	https://yougrowgirl.netball.com.au/grants/
	27/10/2019	Australia Council for the Arts	Leg Up Grants	Up to \$500	Funds for museum volunteers to attend professional development	Arts/Culture/Events	https://mgnsw.org.au/sector/funding/grants-we-administer/volunteer-museum-grants/leg-up/
	OPEN	Glencore	Community Fund	Up to \$3k	Community initiatives that will make a positive impact	Community Services	https://www.fundingcentre.com.au/grant/G08447
	OPEN	Local Land Services (NSW)	Community Small Grants	Up to \$2k	Projects that build skills and knowledge in land management practices and community participation	Community Services	https://hunter.lis.nsw.gov.au/our-region/grants-funding-scholarships
	OPEN	Sport Australia	Sporting Schools - Programme Delivery Grants	Up to \$3,100	Funded per term to deliver sport based activities before, during or after school hours	Sporting	https://www.sportingschools.gov.au/funding
	OPEN	Matana Foundation for Young People	Matana Foundation	Up to \$10k	Funds NFP that improve the lives and opportunities of disadvantaged young people	Charity	http://matanafoundation.org.au/
	OPEN	Titan Institute of Technology	Website Grant	Up to \$200k	Best practice website development for charitable organisation	Charity	https://www.titan.org.au/website-grant
	OPEN	Bengalla	Community Grants	Unfixed	building community capacity, address development challenges	Community Services	http://www.bengalla.com.au/community-partnerships/
	OPEN	Wettenhall Environmental Trust	Small Environmental Grant Scheme	\$up to \$10k	projects that make a different to the environment	Community Services	https://wettenhall.org.au/
	OPEN	Regional Arts NSW	Quick Response Grants	Up to \$1500	Regional artists, organisations and communities who need funds quickly	Arts/Culture/Events	http://regionalartsnsw.com.au/grants/qrg/
	OPEN	Hunter Bird Observers Club	Wilma Barden Memorial Grant	Up to \$2k	for research projects promoting the protection of birds	Individual	https://www.hboc.org.au/field-studies/wilma-barden-grants/
	OPEN	Aboriginal Benefits Foundation	ABF Grant	Up to \$5k	Seeding grants & one off grants to support aboriginal	Indigenous	https://aboriginal.org.au/grants/

	OPEN	Department of Employment	NEIS	Income Support	Assistance for job seekers to build own business	Individual	https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/new-business-assistance-with-neis
	OPEN	Department of Veterans' Affairs	Veteran & Community Grants	Up to \$4k	projects and activities that commemorate Australia's involvement in wars	Community Services	https://www.dva.gov.au/sites/default/files/files/consultation%20and%20grants/sts/STS_Program_Guidelines.pdf
	OPEN	IOOF Foundation	Grants for Organisations	Up to \$60k	NFP working with disadvantaged families, children, youth & aged care	Charity	http://www.iooffoundation.org.au/grant_application
	Varied	Harcourts Foundation	Harcourts Foundation Grants	Up to \$10k	Funds projects and activities with a wide community impact	Charity	http://harcourtsfoundation.org/apply/