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Grant name / closing date	Eligibility / amount / detail
Community, Health and Non-profit	
<p>Capacity Building Stream of Poverty and Disadvantage Program – Sidney Myer Fund & The Myer Foundation</p> <p>Expression of Interest close 15 January 2016</p>	<p>The Myer Foundation and Sidney Myer Fund Capacity Building Stream (CBS) seeks to resource community and non-profit organisations to increase their effectiveness and impact through activities that build capacity across strategic and operational domains.</p> <p>Not-for-profit and community organisations working with young people in out-of-home care may now apply through the Poverty and Disadvantage Program for grants between \$25,000 and \$100,000 to undertake organisational strengthening programs and activities. Grants may be paid in one or two instalments, depending on size, and may be expended over up to two years.</p> <p>Eligibility criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not-for-profit and community-based organisations located and headquartered in Australia are eligible to apply • Applicants MUST be working in this Program's single focus area • Applicants must have annual revenue of less than \$15 million • Applicants may be in current funding with The Myer Foundation and Sidney Myer Fund however this is not a requirement. Nor does it exclude applicants from eligibility. <p>Eligible activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy, governance and leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strategic and organisational planning ○ Development of strategic relationships ○ Leadership development, board development and succession planning • Management capacity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Financial management and systems ○ Staff development, human resource management ○ Strengthening volunteer programs ○ Deepening community connections ○ Compliance and legal issues. • Operational and resource development capacity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fundraising, income diversification ○ Communications and marketing ○ Information technology. • Programs and Impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Program design and development ○ Program analysis, outcomes measurement and evaluation. • Change management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strategic restructuring ○ Partnership development ○ Mergers <p>http://myerfoundation.org.au/grants/poverty-disadvantage/capacity-building/</p>
<p>Tackling Tough Times Together Round 6 - FRRR</p> <p>Applications close 27 January 2016</p>	<p>The Tackling Tough Times Together grant program helps communities access the resources they need to support one another through the ongoing effects of the drought impacting Queensland.</p> <p>Grants of up to \$20,000 are available across most of Queensland and selected shires in the New South Wales Northern Tablelands (see table below). A small number of grants valued at up to \$50,000 are also available for larger-scale projects that have a broader impact.</p> <p>Funding will support community-based activities that both help to relieve current stressors and symptoms, but most importantly, build capacity and resilience for the future.</p> <p>Funds could also support activities that engage people in being active, exploring options and creating something that will stand the test of tough times.</p> <p>Objectives are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance the mental health and wellbeing of drought-stressed rural and remote communities • Reduce social isolation by facilitating strong social cohesion and connection • Support and engage the community in leadership development and skills training <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities must be in a drought affected area (see below for full list)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups that are planning a project for broad community benefit – ‘charitable purpose’ Priority will be given to organisations run by and based in the regions over those delivering services to, but not based in the listed regions Projects led by local communities will also be given preference Groups with outstanding final reports are not eligible to apply unless a time extension has been granted They encourage groups to complete their final reports so that they can then apply Groups must be located in one of the 49 Queensland areas listed on the website. <p>Guidelines, the application and Tips Sheet are available on the website. http://www.frrr.org.au/grants/tackling_tough_times_together_-_round_6</p>
<p>Cycling Infrastructure Grants – Department of Transport and Main Roads</p> <p>Applications close 29 January 2016</p>	<p>The Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program helps local governments to deliver best practice, high quality and safe cycling infrastructure and facilities. Local governments that have formally endorsed their region’s Principal Cycle Network Plan are eligible to apply for a 50% grant for the design and/or construction of cycling infrastructure that contributes to the delivery of their regional cycle network.</p> <p>Eligible projects Projects eligible for this funding include the detailed design and/or construction of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> on-road bike lanes off-road bikeways/veloways off-road shared paths bridges and underpasses bicycle crossing provisions mid-trip and end-of-trip facilities directional and route signage. <p>http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/Cycling/Cycling-infrastructure-grants.aspx</p>
<p>Cultural Infrastructure Grants – Cairns Regional Council</p> <p>Applications close 29 January 2016</p>	<p>These grants provide financial assistance to cultural organisations that wish to pursue building or material enhancements for their premises. Specifically the purpose of the grants is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance the organisation’s capacity to provide ongoing services through improved building works; Improve the capacity and wellbeing of cultural groups; and Increase community participation in cultural activities. <p>For the purposes of this grant, cultural organisations means - an entity that controls and operates a building or premises in which it programs a wide range of arts and cultural events and activities for the purpose of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enabling Cairns residents and groups to present local community and cultural events; and Providing popular entertainment and culturally enriching events and experiences for residents and visitors to the region. <p>Assistance will be in the form of either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A cash payment to the organisation, or Advice on alternative means of securing appropriate funds. Council may be willing to provide a guarantee in line with Council’s Bank Guarantee Policy. The minimum amount per application is \$1,000; the maximum amount per application is \$50,000. Council will favour applicants that are offering matching funding. <p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be an entity that carries on activities for a public purpose; or another entity whose primary objective is not directed at making a profit Be of a cultural or performing arts nature, not a sporting or other community group Have security of tenure over their land, either freehold or with a long-term lease Provide Council with relevant Project Plan, financial statements, invoices, quotes as determined necessary by Council officers, based on the nature of the project to be funded Projects to be completed within 12 months of the approval date. <p>http://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/payments/grants</p>

<p>St George Foundation Funding – Cairns Regional Council</p> <p>Applications close 29 January 2016</p>	<p>St.George Foundation focuses on helping smaller community organisations that work to provide a brighter future for socially, economically or physically disadvantaged children. The charities they fund attract little assistance from the government and are not able to generate significant fundraising income of their own. Grants up to \$50,000 are available.</p> <p>In order to help the little guys they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with the smaller community organisations who attract little funding from government and who aren't big enough to generate significant fundraising income of their own. • Invest in projects that will improve the lives of Australian children who are physically, socially or economically disadvantaged. <p>To be eligible for funding your organisation will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus your efforts on Australian children under the age of 18 years • Be located in NSW, ACT, QLD or WA • Have an annual gross revenue of less than \$3,000,000 • Receive less than 40% of your income from recurrent state, federal or local government funding (unless you have an income less than \$1million per annum, in which case your Government funding can exceed 40%) • Be endorsed as a deductible gift recipient (but not another ancillary fund). Deductible Gift Recipients must be listed with the Australian Taxation Office under Item 1 of the Table in Section 30–15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act, 1936. <p>What they fund - Children's projects in NSW, ACT, QLD, WA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early intervention services • Youth workers • Recreational and respite programs • Counselling and therapy • Educational equipment and assistance • Medical equipment <p>http://promos.stgeorge.com.au/stgeorgefoundation/#apply</p>
<p>ParentsNext – Australian Government</p> <p>Applications close 4 February 2016</p>	<p>The Australian Government is calling for organisations to apply for funding under a new projects-based programme, ParentsNext and put forward ideas on how to ensure parents don't fall into long-term unemployment.</p> <p>Commencing on 4 April 2016 across 10 Local Government Areas, ParentsNext will assist parents with young children in planning for future employment by arranging activities and connecting parents to local services to prepare them for work by the time their children are at school.</p> <p>ParentsNext projects will operate in the following Queensland Local Government Areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logan (Queensland) • Rockhampton (Queensland). <p>An information session will be held in Brisbane on the 14 January 2016. Limited other information available at the present time. You have to register to receive further information and to access reasonable information about the program.</p> <p>https://www.employment.gov.au/news/parentsnext-grant-applications-open http://www.employment.gov.au/employment-services-procurement-information</p>
<p>Honda Foundation Grants – The Honda Foundation</p> <p>Applications close 4 February 2016</p>	<p>The Honda Foundation support organisations who focus their activities on the disadvantaged, disabled or those suffering from long-term and life threatening illnesses. Please Note: Funding amounts are not listed on the website.</p> <p>The Honda Foundation will only provide financial assistance to Australian bodies who are approved by the commissioner of Taxation to accept tax deductible donations of \$2.00 or more, with funding remaining in Australia. In particular, The Honda Foundation provides financial assistance to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deserving charities; Approved bodies who focus their activities on the disadvantaged, disabled or those suffering from long-term, life threatening illnesses. • Approved humanitarian bodies. • Approved bodies who provide ad-hoc relief to victims of natural disasters. • Approved bodies who promote inventions and the development of new technology. • Approved bodies who promote the development and preservation of Australian culture.

	<p>The first step in applying for funding from The Honda Foundation is to determine whether your organisation or your project is eligible by reading the Funding Policy. Then download and complete an Application for Funding form and gather any supporting documentation as detailed on the Application Checklist. The application for funding form must be completed with documentation, as specified in the application checklist, must be supplied. Donations are made on the basis that they are to pay for material items or something tangible. Some of the pieces of equipment they have financed are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wheelchairs for use in hospitals and nursing homes. • Hospital beds, portable hoist and other medical equipment, including operating theatre machinery. • Ambulance/SES resuscitation machines, defibrillators and rescue equipment. • Purchase of equipment for use in scientific research units. • Sensory garden installation for handicapped people. • Purchase of resource kits for disabled children. • Furnish accommodation units for cancer patients. • Purchase computer equipment for running special needs programs. <p>http://www.hondafoundation.com.au/default.aspx</p>
<p>Partnering for Scale and Impact – SSE Australia</p> <p>Closing date extended to 5 February 2016</p>	<p>SSE Australia has brought Partnering for Scale & Impact (PSI) together to provide resources too often unavailable to those in start-up and scale-up mode in the social enterprise sector. PSI funding is generally going to be for those with Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. PSI Series 1 will award \$25,000-\$100,000 per annum, on this basis, for three years to a successful applicant/s (“PSI Ventures”) packaged with a network of support and opportunity.</p> <p><i>Subsequent PSI Series will seek to support non-DGR status entities, which are invited to express interest via an application now.</i></p> <p>A PSI Venture will benefit from the wisdom and knowledge of community leaders. This group of committed volunteers are known as PSI Advisors and will bolster the resources leaders of social start-ups have access to. Each PSI Venture will have three to five permanent advisors for their term of engagement with PSI. The specific construction of the group will depend on the type of help and knowledge the venture needs. It is fundamental to the design of PSI that PSI Advisors are welcomed and sought by applicants.</p> <p>A PSI Venture will be provided money from PSI based on an agreed business plan and capital allocation over the three years. PSI Advisors will play two key roles: they are to support to the startup leader and management team, and; will oversee, to ensure the PSI funds are allocated and spent according to an agreed business plan. A deviation from that pre-agreed plan is possible, but only with the agreement of the PSI Advisors.</p> <p>PSI is designed to decrease the risk of failure due to lack of financial resources, access to business acumen, networks, knowledge and experience. It facilitates a strong engagement between social entrepreneurs and leaders from business, philanthropic, industry, professional services and commercial sectors. PSI will reconnect communities to make them work better.</p> <p>Ventures must meet the following broad criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your venture tackles a clearly identifiable social problem with a scalable and disruptive business solution. 2. Your venture is ideally more than two to three years old with a turnover of no more than \$1.5 - \$2 million per annum. 3. You know what you’ll do with some money and have a plan to grow your business and scale your mission. 4. Your business plan and revenue model is for a business that trades in a marketplace. PSI will not fund programs. 5. You need to show evidence of performance to date, a thorough understanding of your marketplace and mission, have realistic and defensible key assumptions, commitment, management and leadership ability and a plan to grow. <p>http://www.psi.org.au/</p>
<p>NDIS Sector Development Fund: Specialist Disability Accommodation Initiative – Department of Social Services</p>	<p>The Australian Government is inviting organisations to apply for an open competitive process to deliver services under the National Disability Insurance Scheme – National Disability Insurance Scheme Transition – Sector Development Fund – Specialist Disability Accommodation Initiative outside the NDIS trial sites for the period April 2016 to 30 June 2017. Funding of up to \$10 million will be</p>

<p>Applications close on 11 February 2016</p>	<p>offered through grants of up to \$1 million to organisations as a result of this process.</p> <p>The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), of which the Sector Development Fund (SDF) is a Sub Activity, intends to ensure people with a disability are supported to participate in and contribute to social and economic life to the extent of their abilities. People with disability and their carers will have certainty that they will receive the individualised care and support they need over time.</p> <p>The Specialist Disability Accommodation Initiative (SDAI) is designed to help address immediate community need for specialist disability housing in areas outside NDIS trial sites, as determined by geographic location or age cohort, by providing 'top up' funding to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increase the availability of accommodation for people with a disability, who the applicant anticipates will be eligible for the NDIS, with a particular focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> those housed in inappropriate accommodation settings; and those with ageing carers who are in need of a long-term, sustainable arrangement. identify project initiatives with self-sustaining specialist disability housing models which could be scaled up in the future. <p>https://www.dss.gov.au/grants/grants/funding-open-for-application/specialist-disability-accommodation-initiative</p>
<p>Coles Nurture Fund</p> <p>Applications close on 12 February 2016</p>	<p>Coles has established the Coles Nurture Fund (CNF) to help small Australian food and grocery producers, farmers and manufacturers to innovate and grow their business. The Coles Nurture Fund will allocate \$50 million over five years in grants and interest-free loans to fund the development of new market-leading products, technologies, systems and processes.</p> <p>The maximum single grant of funds or loan under the CNF is \$500,000.</p> <p>Applicants are able to apply for a grant or interest-free loan. Grants and interest-free loans will be paid in instalments. Coles will tailor the payment terms for grants and interest-free loans to meet individual Applicant needs. These arrangements, along with repayment terms for loans, will be discussed with successful applicants.</p> <p>To be eligible for funding from the CNF Applicants must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Have a turnover that is less than \$25,000,000 per annum Employ no more than 50 full time employees (excluding casual seasonal labour) Have a registered Australian Business Number Be an incorporated Australian entity registered for GST Have been trading for more than two years Provide financial statements for a minimum of the previous two financial years Provide a funding declaration from an external accountant on the accountant's company letterhead confirming ability to fund applicant's share of project costs and solvency. <p>To be eligible to apply for the Coles Nurture Fund all of the above criteria must be met.</p> <p>The guidelines and application forms for the Fund are available at: http://www.coles.com.au/nurturefund</p>
<p>Safer Streets Programme: Stream 1 Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Initiatives – Australian Government</p> <p>Applications close on 17 February 2016</p>	<p>Funding is available for eligible organisations to fund projects to install security-related infrastructure or remove environmental characteristics (such as a lack of lighting or poor natural surveillance) that facilitate street crime in local retail, entertainment and commercial precincts or public parks that have been identified as experiencing problems with criminal or anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>The number of grants awarded in each stream will depend upon the number of eligible applications that satisfactorily address the selection criteria and the amount of funding sought. There is a limit of one application per organisation. No limit is mentioned in the guidelines, however Round Two of the Safer Streets Programme will provide up to \$29.4 million for projects that address the objectives of the programme.</p> <p>To be eligible for funding under stream 1, the applicant organisation must be either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a local government organisation; or a not for profit organisation as defined by the Australian Taxation Office* that is also incorporated in Australia.

	<p>To be eligible for funding, projects must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver the priorities and objectives of the program (refer Page 3 of the guidelines) and • Be delivered in a location which is either an entertainment, retail or commercial precinct, or a public park and is a specific location which is identified as experiencing problems with criminal and/or anti-social behaviour, as demonstrated by supporting material. <p>To apply under this stream please access the guidelines and the application package on the website. https://www.ag.gov.au/CrimeAndCorruption/CrimePrevention/Pages/ProceedsofCrimeAct.aspx</p>
<p>Gambling Community Benefit Fund</p> <p>Applications close on 28 February 2016</p>	<p>The fund allocates funding to not-for-profit community groups to enhance their capacity to provide services, leisure activities and opportunities for Queensland communities. Applications can be submitted for funding between \$500 and a maximum of \$35,000 (including GST). If the cost of any item is more than the approved amount, it is the organisation's responsibility to fund the difference.</p> <p>Eligibility: All organisations must: have not-for-profit objectives; be community based; and be registered (have a business partner number) with CBFU as a legal entity or sponsored organisation prior to submitting an application form.</p> <p>Organisations must be one of the following: 1. Incorporated or registered by an Act of Parliament (other than those listed below); 2. A sponsored organisation applying through an organisation Incorporated or registered by an Act of Parliament; 3. Local Ambulance Committee, Rural Fire Brigade or State Emergency Service Group applying as a sponsored organisation through the Department of Community Safety or relevant department as their legal entity. Full details are listed in the guidelines.</p> <p>http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/corporate/sponsorships-and-grants/grants/community-benefit-funding-programs</p>
<p>Social Scale-up Grants – Westpac Foundation</p> <p>Applications open 1 February and close on 28 February 2016</p>	<p>Westpac's Social Scale-up Grants are awarded to organisations that have a proven model for creating jobs and employment pathways for Australians experiencing disadvantage. Successful recipients will receive up to \$300,000 over three years, with the possibility of up to an additional \$300,000 for a further three years, together with non-financial support such as business mentoring to help improve the sustainability of their organisation.</p> <p>They aim to award Social Scale-up Grants to not-for-profit organisations that have a proven model for creating jobs and employment pathways for Australians experiencing disadvantage. In particular, they are seeking to support those organisations making a measurable difference to: Indigenous Australians; refugees; women at risk; youth at risk, people living with disability or homeless populations.</p> <p>How do you apply? If your organisation meets the eligibility criteria, you will be able to lodge an Expression of Interest for a Social Scale-up Grant between 1 - 28 February 2016.</p> <p>Visit the web page on 1 February 2016 where they will have full guidelines, FAQs and access to the Expression of Interest submission form or send them your contact details and they will email you when the Expression of Interest submission form open.</p> <p>To be eligible, your organisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has Deductible Gift Recipient status (DGR) Item 1 status (if you are unsure, enter your organisation's details in the ATO ABN lookup website), or is auspiced by an organisation that has it. • Provides jobs and / or employment pathways to one or more of the following groups experiencing disadvantage within Australia: Indigenous Australians, refugees, women at risk, youth at risk*, people living with disability or homeless populations. • Is registered and operating within Australia. <p>http://www.westpac.com.au/about-westpac/our-foundations/westpac-foundation/grants/early-social-enterprise-grants/</p>
<p>Community Grants – Westpac Foundation</p> <p>Applications open 1 February and close on 17 March 2016</p>	<p>Westpac Foundation Community Grants are funded through donations and fundraising by our Westpac branch employees, Westpac customers and the general public. The grants, which are up to \$10,000 each, are awarded to local, grassroots not-for-profit organisations with big and small ideas in providing either educational opportunities, employment pathways or improving the quality of life</p>

	<p>of disadvantaged Australians in our local communities.</p> <p>In addition to financial support, the Westpac Foundation is also committed in providing a range of non-financial support services to help maximise the impact and sustainability of our recipients. Based on the needs of individual recipients, we will seek to make connections between the organisations and local Westpac Ambassadors who will help open doors to a range of skilled volunteering, mentoring and networking opportunities across the Westpac Group.</p> <p>For your application to be considered for funding your organisation must meet ALL of the eligibility criteria noted below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your organisation must be endorsed as, or auspiced by, a Deductible Gift Recipient (but not another ancillary fund) listed with the Australian Taxation Office under Item 1 of the Table in Section 30-15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act, 1936; AN • Your organisation and its' parent company (if applicable) must both have an annual gross revenue of less than \$4 million in the 2014/2015 financial year; AND • Make sure your organisation's principle objective is focused on addressing social disadvantage in Australia in the following target groups: Indigenous Australians, refugees, women at risk, youth at risk*, people living with disability or homeless populations. Your organisation should be providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ educational opportunities, or ○ employment pathways, or ○ improving the quality of life for people in need. <p>http://www.westpac.com.au/about-westpac/our-foundations/westpac-foundation/grants/community-grants/</p>
<p>Aussie Farmers Foundation</p> <p>Expressions of Interest close on 28 February 2016</p>	<p>Aussie Farmers Foundation funds projects and programs delivered by eligible charities which offer support to Australian farming families and their communities. The Aussie Farmers Foundation will consider applications for funding of \$5,000 and over. For State based programs, grants are typically in the range of \$5,000 - \$30,000 per annum. National programs are in the range of \$20,000 - \$50,000 per annum.</p> <p>Grants are available to organisations working in rural and regional Australia on one or more of the nominated focus areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic wellbeing of farms and farming families • Disaster relief for farming communities including drought • Kids health & healthy eating including food provenance awareness • Food waste and food security • Mental health for farming communities. <p>The Foundation considers the following when assessing applications for rural and regional communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports groups that are collaborating in search of solutions to problems. These collaborations may be with agencies or groups within a particular field of work, or with agencies or groups that bring essential complementary skills to a project. • The Foundation considers the communication and dissemination of results to be important where such dissemination influences adoption of enhanced practices, stimulates new approaches, or signals that alternatives may be more useful. • Where projects are outside the scope of the allocated funding range, the Foundation welcomes partnership opportunities and encourages grantees to seek partnerships where there are shared values and aspirations across Australia. • Collaboration between groups who are searching to solve complex problems and issues particularly is encouraged and demonstration of need outlined, exhibited in research, would be sought. • The Foundation supports innovative solutions to solve issues. • It has some interest in funding post-project evaluation, and then usually only when projects have been initiated with the support of the Foundation. <p>http://www.aussiefarmersfoundation.org.au/grants/</p>
<p>Home Ground Advantage - Holden</p> <p>Applications close 28 February 2016</p>	<p>Holden have made a long term commitment to helping grassroots sport by giving local clubs the chance to upgrade their facilities with the Holden Home Ground Advantage project. You can apply for a grant for a project of \$100,000 or up to \$100,000 for your local sporting club. The number of successful applications from</p>

	<p>the 'up to \$100,000' grant pool will depend on the amounts requested. All of the \$250,000 available in this round will be allocated. A total pool of \$250,000 is available. Eligibility - any sporting club or community organisation which runs and supports sporting activities within Australia.</p> <p>You can apply for money through Home Ground Advantage for projects, or equipment, that make life easier for the members and supporters of your club. For example, you might want to make improvements to your clubrooms, install new hot showers, get a new scoreboard, or purchase new sporting equipment that will help your team perform on the field.</p> <p>The Home Ground Advantage application process is entirely online. Anyone wishing to apply for a grant on behalf of their sporting club should simply visit the website below and click on the 'Apply Now' button.</p> <p>Holden encourages clubs to provide images to support their applications as well as an accompanying video.</p> <p>http://www.holden.com.au/about/home-ground-advantage</p>
<p>Sport and Recreation Community Grants Program – Toowoomba Regional Council</p> <p>Applications close 1 March 2016</p>	<p>They provide funding and/or in-kind assistance to help organisations develop sport and recreation facilities and programs of benefit to the community. Organisations may apply for a grant of up to 50% of the funding gap (total project cost less other grant sources) up to a maximum of \$150,000.</p> <p>Organisations seeking financial assistance from council to support its Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program (State Government) application must apply through their sport and recreation community grants program.</p> <p>To apply for the sport and recreation grant, please read the guidelines and complete a community grant application form and a sport and recreation grant supplement form. Sport and Recreation Development Officers can be contacted for assistance and advice.</p> <p>http://www.tr.qld.gov.au/community-business/grants-funding/apply-by-category/6414-sport-and-recreation-community-grants-program</p>
<p>Major Grants – Sunshine Coast Council</p> <p>Applications open 1 February and close 7 March 2016</p>	<p>Eligible Major Grant applicants can apply for project funding over \$2000 and up to \$30,000. Applicants requesting over \$7,500 will require co-funding from the applicant. Please see Co-funding for more information.</p> <p>Major grant applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their project with a council grants officer.</p> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications over \$15,000 must be for infrastructure projects (for example, building a permanent structure or creating/upgrading a sports playing surface). Applicants are required to discuss their application with a council grants officer prior to submission. • Infrastructure projects will require approval for the project from the property/land owner. • Quotes are required for all items over \$500. <p>Co-funding</p> <p>Council is not able to be the sole funder for every project. Depending on the amount requested, gathering funds from other sources may be required. These could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • applicant contribution • grants from other funding bodies • sponsorship • in-kind support. <p>https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Living-and-Community/Grants-and-Funding/Community-Grants-Program/Major-and-Minor-Grants</p>
<p>National Stronger Regional Fund – Australian Government</p> <p>Applications open 15 January and close 15 March 2016</p>	<p>This programme will provide funding of \$1 billion over 5 years, commencing in 2015 - 2016, to fund priority infrastructure in regional communities. Grants must be between \$20,000 and \$10 million.</p> <p>Local government and incorporated not-for-profit organisations are eligible to apply.</p> <p>Grant funding must be matched in cash on at least a dollar for dollar basis. For Round Three, applicants classified as remote and very remote must contribute at least one dollar for every three dollars of NSRF funding sought.</p> <p>All partner funding must be confirmed.</p> <p>NSRF funding will be provided for capital projects which involve the construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade or an extension of existing infrastructure.</p>

	<p>The project must deliver an economic benefit to the region beyond the period of construction. Projects should support disadvantaged regions or areas of disadvantage within a region.</p> <p>The NSRF funded component of the project must be completed on or before 31 December 2019.</p> <p>Round Three open on 15 January 2016. The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development will hold information sessions for potential applicants and RDA Committees around Australia in January 2016: Brisbane on 18 January; Cairns on 20 January; Rockhampton on 19 January.</p> <p>Attendance is encouraged for those interested in receiving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information on key aspects of Round Three—including changes from Round Two • a summary of Round Two outcomes • general advice on the assessment process and how to prepare a competitive application. <p>There will be an opportunity to ask questions of Departmental officers following each Information Session.</p> <p>Follow the link in the table on the website to register for an Information Session. Places are limited, so please book early.</p> <p>Teleconference sessions are available for those unable to attend an information session in person. You can register for one of the six teleconference sessions on the website.</p> <p>Guidelines, FAQs, Summary of Changes to the programme for Round Three are all available on the website.</p> <p>http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/NSRF/</p>
<p>Council Grants Program - Maranoa Regional Council</p> <p>Applications open 1 February and close 31 March 2016</p>	<p>Council invites community organisations to submit applications for funding of community based projects under its grants program. Two different grants are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major grants - \$15,001 to \$50,000 • Community Grants - \$101 to \$15,000 <p>Applications must be submitted on the approved application form relevant to the funding type.</p> <p>http://www.maranoa.qld.gov.au/council-grants-program</p>
<p>Youngcare Home Soon Grants</p> <p>Applications close 1 June 2016</p>	<p>Youngcare, alongside our fantastic Foundation Partner Suncorp Insurance, are pleased to announce the opening of our second Home Soon Grants program.</p> <p>Home Soon Grants are available for individuals aged between 18 and 65 who are currently living in residential aged care, hospital or a rehabilitation centre and who wish to return home or to supported accommodation.</p> <p>The Youngcare Home Soon Grants provide funding between \$5,000 - \$20,000 (up to \$50,000 in exceptional circumstances) for funding of eligible equipment, home modifications and services such as respite or in-home care.</p> <p>Ideally, Youngcare's Home Soon grants are intended to supplement an existing plan for a young person to exit residential aged care to ensure there is a smooth transition back into the community for both individuals and their carers.</p> <p>To apply, download the Home Soon Application Form and Information Guide. Applications must be submitted using the editable PDF form provided.</p> <p>Applicants will be notified of an outcome within 35 days after receipt of an application.</p> <p>If you would like any more information, please contact Youngcare Connect on 1800 844 727 or email youngcareconnect@youngcare.com.au.</p> <p>http://www.youngcare.com.au/our-work/home-soon-grants/</p>
<p>Indigenous Enterprise Development Funding – Australian Government</p> <p>Grant proposals are currently being accepted</p>	<p>Indigenous Enterprise Development (IED) funding will support the establishment of sustainable Indigenous enterprises. Grants will typically be between \$5,000 and \$500,000. Under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS), the Australian Government will provide \$30 million a year to support the establishment or expansion of Indigenous enterprises across Australia.</p> <p>This includes a \$25 million commitment for enterprises in remote Australia as part of its reforms to remote employment services under the Community Development Programme. IED funding aims to address the barriers faced by Indigenous businesses and to encourage commercially sustainable businesses to start up or expand. Growing Indigenous businesses will increase Indigenous wealth and employment, and promote economic development, especially in remote Australia.</p>

	<p>They will accept Applications from entrepreneurs and enterprises at all stages of development, from start-up to expansion. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurs with a great business idea who need support to develop their ideas into a business proposal • Entrepreneurs who have done a lot of ground-work and are looking for seed/start-up capital and/or business advice to start a business • Established enterprises that have identified an opportunity to expand and require finance and/or business support; and • Established enterprises that need business support services or mentoring to solve a specific problem or issue. <p>Funding is available through a non-competitive open grant process. There is no closing date for IED funding. If all the funding is allocated before the end of the financial year (30 June 2016), we may close the grant until the next financial year begins, when more funding will become available. If the grant is closed, you will be given fair warning of at least 2 weeks via the IAS website.</p> <p>http://www.dpmc.gov.au/indigenous-affairs/about/jobs-land-and-economy-programme/indigenous-enterprise-development-funding</p>
<p>Real Needs</p> <p>Run on a monthly basis – submission open on the first Monday of the month and close at midnight on the last Sunday</p>	<p>Real Needs encourages not-for-profit organisations working with children to apply for charitable funding, which will enable them to further aid youth in need. Real Needs aims to make a positive difference by providing charities with grants that assist them to manage programs that help children in need across Australia, and make a real difference to the community by addressing the growing issues faced by Australia's youth.</p> <p>Programs or events must benefit disadvantaged, vulnerable or underprivileged Australian children and youth up to 18 years of age. Amounts: include \$20,000 + 'staff choice' award, where one shortlisted applicant will be selected by staff at Real Insurance to receive a one-off \$5,000 bonus grant</p> <p>Applicants must be based in Australia, supporting local youth. Other eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not-for-profit (must specifically support children under 18) • Registered charities + DGR status • Schools P&C (not the administration) • Community groups and services • Sporting clubs • Hospital community programs (not the hospital admin) <p>Examples of projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child sporting initiatives • Education programs / schools (such as reading lessons in aboriginal communities) • Play / weekend away programs • Domestic violence retreats for children • Behavioural issues treatment • Mental Health issues management • Trauma intervention centres • Agricultural training programs • Drama centres / the arts for children who have trouble with social interaction. • Charities that focus on children welfare, health, disabilities • Outback / Indigenous community centres • Family services agencies • Homeless shelters for children <p>http://realneeds.realinsurance.com.au/</p>
<p>NAB Impact Investment Readiness Fund</p> <p>No specific grant rounds Applications opened on 10 March and will continue until the funds have been fully allocated</p>	<p>The fund aims to bridge the gap in the Australian market that exists between mission-driven organisations in need of funding and investors actively seeking impact investment opportunities.</p> <p>The NAB IIRF will offer grants up to \$100k to purchase specialised capacity building support from providers (this can include advisory, intermediary, financial or legal services). It will also potentially cover the enterprises costs of putting the investment plan in place.</p> <p>Like traditional businesses, a mission driven organisation must demonstrate a commercially viable business model. It must also have a trading history and be led by accountable and capable management.</p> <p>What differentiates them from traditional businesses is the social or environmental mission at the core of the business model.</p> <p>The NAB IIRF aims to support enterprises that are high growth, can deliver positive</p>

	<p>social outcomes and have the potential to secure capital investment.</p> <p>A broad range of organisations can apply (including registered charities, social enterprises, community and voluntary organisations, social businesses, charities, mutuals, co-operatives and businesses delivering social value).</p> <p>https://www.nab.com.au/about-us/corporate-responsibility/our-programs-and-initiatives/social-and-financial-inclusion/impact-investment</p>
<p>Coopers Brewery Foundation</p> <p>Considered quarterly – Funding rounds have a set quota of applications to be considered.</p>	<p>Maximum funding is \$30,000 per application. Supports charities that aim to improve and protect the quality of life of Australians in the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical research and health care • Educational development for the young • Aged care • Promotion of family and community support based on Christian values. <p>The Foundation can only accept funding applications from Australian charities that have Deductible Gift Recipient status from the Australian Taxation Office. Consideration will be based on how the project fits the Foundation's focus, philosophy and availability of funds. If you would like to apply for funding, please read the Foundation Guidelines and contact the Foundation office by email foundation@coopers.com.au or by phoning 1300 664 344 to request an application form or fill in the online application form below. When your application is received, it is allocated into the first available funding round. You will be notified when it will be considered in your application receipt email. A waiting period of 6 months or more may apply.</p> <p>http://www.coopers.com.au/#/community-news-events/the-coopers-foundation/applying-for-funding/</p>
<p>Brighter Futures – Arrow Energy</p> <p>Applications for larger scale funding are accepted throughout the year</p>	<p>Brighter Futures is a community investment program, which supports the sustainable development of communities in their operational footprint. These communities of interest include: Bowen Basin; Surat Basin and the Gladstone region. In addition to this, applicants must be: incorporated and be not-for-profit. Their program supports three areas of community interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and safety: Improving the safety, healthy lifestyles and liveability of the community • Education: building sustainable learning and employment opportunities • Environment: Increasing awareness of the environment around us. <p>The program also places significant importance on the inclusion of Indigenous projects and initiatives. No specific amounts are mentioned. There are three types of funding:</p> <p>Community funding grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • small scale investments to meet community needs • assists local organisations with one-off events or projects • assessed by Arrow Community Benefit Committees in our operating regions <p>Sponsorships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • moderate scale investments supporting community projects and events • builds relationships through supporting community initiatives • creates one-off and short-term shared value opportunities <p>Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • large scale investments to support community development • mitigates Arrow's social impacts and builds capacity in the regions • creates long-term shared value opportunities <p>http://www.arrowenergy.com.au/community/brighter-futures</p>
<p>Santos in the Community – Major Sponsorships</p> <p>Applications can be submitted at any time and are reviewed three times a year - next review date is March 2016</p>	<p>Major Sponsorships (over \$2,000 with no set upper limit) are available with Santos that apply to the regions in which they operate: Brisbane, Eastern Queensland, Gladstone and Southwest Queensland. The website includes ineligible activities and organisations, policy and application form. They list three focus areas on their website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting our natural environment - supporting initiatives that protect and enhance our land, water and air. • Developing futures for young people and regional communities - providing a range of training and employment opportunities for young people and regional communities. • Investing in vibrant communities - helping our cities and towns become healthier and more vibrant, enriching the lives of those who live there. <p>https://www.santos.com/community-investment/apply-for-funding/</p>

<p>Cairns Regional Council Economic grants</p> <p>Economic Diversification Fund Industry Development Fund</p> <p>Applications open all year to extent of available funds</p>	<p>The Economic Diversification Fund provides cash or in-kind funding to a maximum of \$30,000 for projects that promote development and delivery of projects that will result in demonstrated economic benefit to the Cairns region.</p> <p>The Industry Development Fund matches dollar-for-dollar to a maximum of \$10,000 for projects that promote development and delivery of industry development projects that will result in a demonstrated economic benefit to the Cairns region. More information is available on their website.</p> <p>http://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/community-information/community-grants</p>
<p>The Courier Mail Children's Fund</p> <p>Written applications can be submitted any time</p>	<p>The Courier-Mail Children's Fund provides financial support to charitable organisations throughout Queensland to help them meet the needs of children with special needs. No specific amounts are listed, but monies granted to recipients range from \$1,000 to \$110,000.</p> <p>To be eligible to apply for funding, an organisation must be a registered Australian charity endorsed as a deductible gift recipient (but not another ancillary fund). Deductible Gift Recipients must be listed with the Australian Taxation Office under Item 1 of the Table in Section 30.15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act, 1936. Supporting a range of charitable organisations, the Fund has provided financial assistance for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobility and learning aids • Educational equipment and assistance • Recreational and respite programs • New technologies • Medical equipment. <p>Each application is considered carefully to ensure the request fulfils the Aim and Objectives of <i>The Courier-Mail Children's Fund</i>. The Grants Committee meets on a regular basis to consider applications for financial assistance.</p> <p>http://www.couriermail.com.au/extras/children/index.html</p>
<p>BMA Local Buying Community Foundation</p> <p>Expressions of interest can be submitted any time online</p>	<p>This program aims to enhance the economic sustainability of communities within BMA's operational footprint and the broader Bowen Basin region via small grants (typically less than \$25,000) and partnerships (typically greater than \$25,000).</p> <p>Priorities include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'Building Sustainable Futures' – focusing on wider business economic and community development including business grants (new, growth, innovation), employment programs, scholarships, regional promotion and awareness. 2. 'Building Sustainable Business Communities' – focusing on local business training and development including industry training, regional economic analysis and education and skills development for businesses. <p>For small grant applications, preference will be given to organisations registered or operating (as primary place of business) in one of BMA's communities of interest (Blackwater, Dysart, Emerald or Moranbah) or the broader Bowen Basin region, including Mackay, Sarina, Rockhampton and Gladstone.</p> <p>https://c-res.com.au/Community</p>
<p>The Rockefeller Foundation</p> <p>Various funds</p>	<p>The Rockefeller Foundation works to spread the benefits of globalization to more people in more places around the world. The foundation's grants are numerous and cover a range of areas. Browse the site and see what it has to offer. Incoming requests must clearly fit within the Foundation's funding strategy. There are three factors the Foundation takes into consideration when evaluating a project.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Does the project fit within one of the Foundation's initiatives? Your project should commit to nurturing innovation, pioneering new fields, expanding access to and distribution of resources, and, ultimately, generating sustainable impact on individuals, institutions, and communities within the context of our active initiatives. b) Does your request clearly address one or more of our core issue areas? Our interconnected issue areas are selected because they are critical global challenges that the Foundation is distinctively positioned to address. Learn about our. c) Does your work affect people in one or more of the geographic areas in which the Foundation works? The Foundation works in regions where it can leverage assets, experience, and expertise to help realise smart globalisation. <p>https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/</p>
<p>Australian Communities Foundation</p>	<p>Grants (average between \$5,000 and \$10,000, but you can apply for larger amounts) are made locally and Australia wide through Australian registered charitable organisations. These fall broadly into the areas of arts & culture,</p>

Requests can be submitted at any time	<p>community development & advocacy, community services & welfare, disability, education, training & employment, environment, health & medical research, overseas aid & development.</p> <p>Specific target groups are also supported, including Indigenous communities and refugee/asylum seekers. Australian Communities Foundation primarily makes grants to the community in two ways: through requests from our donors on the basis of their areas of interest and through Australian Communities Foundation's identified strategic initiatives, such as <i>Youth at Risk</i>, and <i>Indigenous Education and Capacity Building</i>. The Foundation makes grants to organisations with the following tax ATO endorsements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax Concession Charity • Deductible Gift Recipient Item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (ITAA) • Organisations listed on the Register of Cultural Organisations • Organisations listed on the Register of Environmental Organisations • Organisations with DGR Special Listing in the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. <p>Each request is checked to ensure it meets eligibility requirements and is then made available for donors to view online. Organisations will only be contacted if there is interest from a donor in providing a grant and more information is required.</p> <p>http://www.communityfoundation.org.au/grants/grant-seekers/</p>
<p>Indigenous Social Enterprise Fund</p> <p>Grants open</p>	<p>The ISEF will provide investment and business support to Indigenous social enterprises with a commercial focus so that they can successfully access further investment. A two-year pilot of the ISEF has commenced with \$1M available. There is an on-line application process and a fact sheet can be downloaded for more information.</p> <p>Eligibility: The ISEF is open to social enterprises that are: Indigenous owned; social mission: must be either a non-profit organisation or owned by a non-profit organisation; At start-up or growth stages; Have a board and management in place with the right qualifications, skills, experience and reputational standing to manage the business; financially self-sustaining.</p> <p>http://socialventures.com.au/work/isef/</p>
<p>English Family Foundation – Global Giving</p> <p>Expressions of interest at any time – considered on a quarterly basis</p>	<p>Under this program, they are seeking to partner with organisations that are delivering grassroots, community-driven, people-focused programs in tandem with one or more local partner agencies. Applications for up to \$100,000 will be accepted from Australia-based organisations with Item 1 DGR and TCC endorsement and inclusion on the Overseas Aid Gift Deduction Scheme.</p> <p>The EFF is specifically interested in organisations working in the Asia Pacific, South Asia or Africa, which are attempting to address inequities and gaps in the following areas: human rights; preventable disease and health issues; poverty alleviation; basic water and sanitation; education. They will consider any demonstrable need, including operational or infrastructure support, where it is clear that the EFF's funding will make a tangible and measureable difference to the quality of life and welfare of the individuals and communities involved.</p> <p>http://www.englishfoundation.org.au/apply-for-a-grant</p>
<p>English Family Foundation – Social Innovation Fund</p> <p>Expressions of interest at any time – considered on a quarterly basis</p>	<p>This grant program seeks to support social entrepreneurs who are finding new and innovative solutions to tackle the most pressing issues within our communities. Up to five organisations will be awarded up to \$40,000 for development of, or investment in, a new or recently established social enterprise in Queensland.</p> <p>This entity may be working in any community sector/space at all – including those areas which are outside the English Family Foundation's core priorities – and will be eligible for consideration for funding by the English Family Foundation on the proviso that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it holds TCC and Item 1 DGR status • an EFF advisory board member has had personal contact with the organisation and is prepared to advocate on its behalf • there is some element of social experimentation, innovation or risk, as well as evidence of comprehensive business planning • the organisation is led by individuals who have a clear vision for change and are seeking support for the practical implementation of this vision. <p>http://www.englishfoundation.org.au/apply-for-a-grant</p>

<p>Tim Fairfax Family Foundation</p> <p>Applications accepted any time with submissions considered at quarterly Trustees Meetings</p>	<p>The foundation supports charitable organisations within Australia and gives preference to organisations and programs which support the particular needs of communities in rural, remote and regional areas, especially those within Qld and the NT.</p> <p>The foundation considers applications for \$10,000 plus and especially those that involve the following themes: Arts, Education and Community.</p> <p>Eligibility: Deductible Gift Recipients and which are also charitable; and those that hold tax concession endorsements from the Australian Tax Office (ATO).</p> <p>Exclusions: political projects, parties or lobby groups; sporting related events; cost of fundraising for an event or organisation; travel and accommodation (except where they directly relate to the provision of services to regional, rural and remote communities; medical research; buses/vehicles; endowment funds.</p> <p>http://tfff.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1&Itemid=5</p>
<p>Veteran and Community Grants</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>These grants (grants over \$10,000 are mentioned on the site) 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 wellbeing.</p> <p>Grants assist projects that will become sustainable and financially viable, or one-off projects that have an ongoing health benefit for the veteran community.</p> <p>Eligibility: an applicant must be an ESO, veteran representative group, community-based organisation or private organisation that can demonstrate the ability to contribute to the welfare of members of the veteran community through the proposed project.</p> <p>http://www.dva.gov.au/consultation-and-grants/grants/grant-and-bursary-programs/veteran-and-community-grants</p>
<p>Social Enterprise Development and Investment Funds (SEDIF) - Department of Employment</p> <p>Applications can be made now</p>	<p>The Social Enterprise Development and Investment Funds (SEDIF) improves access to finance and support for social enterprises to help them grow their business and increase the impact of their work in their communities.</p> <p>Three SEDIF fund managers have been selected to offer social enterprises finance, such as loans, and support. The SEDIF fund managers are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foresters Community Finance • Social Enterprise Finance Australia • Social Ventures Australia. <p>Social enterprises can contact the SEDIF fund managers directly to discuss their financing needs.</p> <p>https://www.employment.gov.au/social-enterprise-development-and-investment-funds</p>
<p>Grants that are \$10,000 and less are now included in <i>Small Grant Snippets</i>. For just \$75 (plus GST) for one year's subscription, you will receive the list of all the smaller national and Queensland grants each month. It will save you many hours searching for grants! The list contains more than 45 grants along with all the details.</p>	
<p>General Business, IT, Communication, Export and Trade</p>	
<p>Creative Entrepreneurship Program –Queensland Government and YouTube</p> <p>Applications open in early 2016</p>	<p>Funding, production resources and expert support will be available to support current and aspiring YouTubers to develop high-quality digital content and reach new global audiences via YouTube.</p> <p>Applications for the program awards will open in early 2016.</p> <p>Subscribe for Advance Queensland updates to find out when the award applications open.</p> <p>PROGRAM COMPONENTS</p> <p>Creator originals</p> <p>A number of awards will be granted to support aspiring and established YouTube creators develop and enhance the quality of their digital content and expand their global presence. This program will also give recipients access to support from Griffith University and QUT, as well as first-hand experience at the YouTube Space in Los Angeles.</p> <p>Creator days</p> <p>These days will bring together YouTube experts, entrepreneurs, producers, content creators, universities and industry partners, to collaborate through interactive sessions and panel discussions. These events will run three times a year and be hosted by Griffith University and QUT.</p>

	<p>YouTube Top Creator visits</p> <p>Top global YouTube creators will come to Queensland to work with awardees and advise local digital and YouTube communities on developing content, expanding their digital footprints, creating successful business models and diversifying into additional business ventures.</p> <p>Matching top creative producers and YouTube channel creators</p> <p>This Screen Queensland initiative is designed to provide a platform for top Queensland digital screen producers and key creators to enhance the skills required to develop, produce and monetise high-quality digital content for YouTube.</p> <p>http://advanceqld.initiatives.qld.gov.au/funding/best-brightest-fund/gpa/creative-entrepreneurship-program/index.aspx</p>
<p>The Enterprise Solution Centre – Australian Government</p> <p>Applications close on 23 January 2016</p>	<p>The program connects companies to expertise, technical and/or research advice to provide a solution to a technical challenge which businesses are unable to solve themselves in order to take advantage of a market opportunity.</p> <p>The new solution, when supported with training to build business capability, is designed to increase the competitiveness of the company in their desired markets. Expressions of Interest are now open for projects up to a total project value of \$150,000, including the training to apply the technical solution within the company. (FIAL can fund to a maximum of \$75,000 of the total project cost).</p> <p>To be eligible, your business must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be an operating food and agribusiness manufacturing company which has a technical challenge you cannot solve yourself. You cannot be a start-up. • have a defined path to a market channel for the solution. • be able to co-fund half the project. <p>http://www.business.gov.au/grants-and-assistance/grant-finder/Pages/the-enterprise-solution-centre.aspx</p>
<p>Knowledge Transfer Partnerships – Australian Government</p> <p>Applications close on 29 January 2016</p>	<p>Does your Queensland-based business have an innovative project that would benefit from working with a university?</p> <p>Knowledge Transfer Partnerships offers funding of up to \$50,000 per project to help businesses hire a graduate to work on innovative projects.</p> <p>The funding is for two-thirds of eligible project costs.</p> <p>To apply, your business must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be based in Queensland • be registered for GST and have an Australian Business Number (ABN) • have been operating for two years or more • have less than 200 full-time equivalent staff (FTEs) • have an innovation project that would benefit from working with a university • be prepared to manage the project • provide business financial statements • contribute one-third of the eligible project costs. <p>For full eligibility criteria, visit the program website.</p> <p>http://www.business.gov.au/grants-and-assistance/grant-finder/Pages/knowledge-transfer-partnerships.aspx</p>
<p>Walkley Grants for Innovation in Journalism</p> <p>Applications close on 30 January 2016</p>	<p>The Walkley Grants for Innovation in Journalism are back and bigger than ever. Thanks to our partners at Google Australia and Copyright Agency, this year there's a pool of \$70,000 in funding available (one 2015 winners was awarded \$25,000). They'll split that pool among the most outstanding submissions – they're looking for projects that do creative new things with technology, business and storytelling, and improve the Australian journalism landscape.</p> <p>By allocating seed-funding and providing mentorship and support, we hope to grow enterprising ideas for journalism that will have a lasting positive effect. These projects will pioneer new methods of storytelling and information sharing and successfully engage communities and audiences.</p> <p>If you're an Australian citizen or resident with an idea for an innovative journalism project, you are eligible for these grants. They'll accept submissions from both individuals and teams. At this stage, they're looking to fund projects independent of the mainstream media, so they won't accept proposals from major media companies. However, if you're employed by a major media company you could still apply with a proposal for a project to be completed outside working hours. Existing start-ups that need further development are eligible and so are well thought-out ideas that haven't been yet put into practice. As well as funding, successful project</p>

	<p>applicants will receive mentoring and support to give them the best chance of thriving and reviving our media landscape.</p> <p>http://www.walkleys.com/applications-open-for-walkley-grants-for-innovation-in-journalism-70000-up-for-grabs/</p>
<p>Coles Nurture Fund</p> <p>Applications close on 12 February 2016</p>	<p>Coles has established the Coles Nurture Fund (CNF) to help small Australian food and grocery producers, farmers and manufacturers to innovate and grow their business.</p> <p>The Coles Nurture Fund will allocate \$50 million over five years in grants and interest-free loans to fund the development of new market-leading products, technologies, systems and processes.</p> <p>The maximum single grant of funds or loan under the CNF is \$500,000.</p> <p>Applicants are able to apply for a grant or interest-free loan. Grants and interest-free loans will be paid in instalments. Coles will tailor the payment terms for grants and interest-free loans to meet individual Applicant needs. These arrangements, along with repayment terms for loans, will be discussed with successful applicants.</p> <p>To be eligible for funding from the CNF Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a turnover that is less than \$25,000,000 per annum • Employ no more than 50 full time employees (excluding casual seasonal labour) • Have a registered Australian Business Number • Be an incorporated Australian entity registered for GST • Have been trading for more than two years • Provide financial statements for a minimum of the previous two financial years • Provide a funding declaration from an external accountant on the accountant's company letterhead confirming ability to fund applicant's share of project costs and solvency. <p>To be eligible to apply for the Coles Nurture Fund all of the above criteria must be met. The guidelines and application forms for the Fund are available at:</p> <p>http://www.coles.com.au/nurturefund</p>
<p>Data Retention Industry Grants Programme - AusIndustry</p> <p>Applications close on 12 February 2016</p>	<p>This programme provides assistance to telecommunications service providers by making a contribution to the cost of meeting their data retention obligations required under the Telecommunications Amendment Act 2015. Up to \$128.4 million in funding will be provided in a form of single one off grants to all businesses that meet the programme eligibility criteria. Eligibility requirements are provided in the Program Guidelines and Customer Information Guide on the website. Eligible businesses will receive 50 per cent of their grant allocation upfront, as soon as they enter into a Funding Agreement with the Australian Government. Application forms are available on the applications page on the website. For more information please read the factsheet or register to attend an information session (there is one in Brisbane on 3 February 2016).</p> <p>http://www.business.gov.au/grants-and-assistance/communications/DRIGP/Pages/default.aspx</p>
<p>Export Market Development Grants</p> <p>Applications via a EMDG Consultant close 29 February 2016</p>	<p>The Export Market Development Grants (EMDG) scheme is a key Australian Government financial assistance program for aspiring and current exporters. Administered by Austrade, the scheme supports a wide range of industry sectors and products, including inbound tourism and the export of intellectual property and know-how outside Australia.</p> <p>The EMDG scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encourages small and medium sized Australian businesses to develop export markets • reimburses up to 50% of eligible export promotion expenses above \$5,000 provided that the total expenses are at least \$15,000 • provides up to eight (8) grants to each eligible applicant. <p>Who can apply? Any Australian individual, partnership, company, association, co-operative, statutory corporation or trust that has carried on export promotion activities during the year for which they wish to apply for an export grant.</p> <p>To be eligible, the business must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • income of not more than \$50 million in the grant year • incurred at least \$15,000 of eligible export expenses under the scheme (first-time applicants can combine two years expenses) • principal status for the export business (some exceptions apply, eg. non-profit

	<p>export focused industry bodies)</p> <p>The business also must have promoted one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the export of goods and most services • inbound tourism • the export of intellectual property and know-how • conferences and events held in Australia <p>http://www.austrade.gov.au/Export/Export-Grants/What-is-EMDG</p>
<p>Gambling Community Benefit Fund</p> <p>Applications close on 28 February 2016</p>	<p>The fund allocates funding to not-for-profit community groups to enhance their capacity to provide services, leisure activities and opportunities for Queensland communities. Applications can be submitted for funding between \$500 and a maximum of \$35,000 (including GST). If the cost of any item is more than the approved amount, it is the organisation's responsibility to fund the difference.</p> <p>Eligibility: All organisations must: have not-for-profit objectives; be community based; and be registered (have a business partner number) with CBFU as a legal entity or sponsored organisation prior to submitting an application form.</p> <p>Organisations must be one of the following: 1. Incorporated or registered by an Act of Parliament (other than those listed below); 2. A sponsored organisation applying through an organisation Incorporated or registered by an Act of Parliament; 3. Local Ambulance Committee, Rural Fire Brigade or State Emergency Service Group applying as a sponsored organisation through the Department of Community Safety or relevant department as their legal entity.</p> <p>Full details are listed in the guidelines.</p> <p>http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/corporate/sponsorships-and-grants/grants/community-benefit-funding-programs</p>
<p>auDA Foundation Grants</p> <p>Applications open 8 February and close on 11 March 2016</p>	<p>The auDA Foundation aims to enhance the utility of the Internet for all Australians. The Foundation typically offers grants in the range of \$5,000 to \$25,000 to not-for-profit organisations and research institutions.</p> <p>Financial support is provided to proposals that will satisfy the objectives of the auDA Foundation Charter. Priority is given to those proposals that will be completed within 12 months of the date of the grant, however, 3 year PhD student funding will be considered.</p> <p>Applications must be from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Australian registered not-for-profit organisation (registered or established under a Commonwealth, State or Territory law, such as a company, partnership or association) or research institution. Profit-making organisations may also apply, but need to articulate their preferred mechanism for establishing a separate not-for-profit entity. • Student applicants must provide proof of enrolment in an undergraduate or postgraduate degree course at an Australian university. • Individuals who are not students are not eligible to apply for funding. They can, however, submit an application that is sponsored and authorised by an eligible organisation. <p>Applicants may submit more than one proposal. However, the Board is unlikely to fund more than one proposal per applicant. Read about the 2014 auDA Foundation Grant Recipients, and previous recipients, at Grant Recipients on their website.</p> <p>http://www.audafoundation.org.au/applying/</p>
<p>Startup Queensland</p> <p>Round remains open until funding is exhausted or 30 June 2016, whichever occurs first.</p>	<p>The \$300,000 Startup Queensland fund aims to build capability within Queensland's startup community. A 'startup' is defined as a new high-growth potential business, developing innovative products and services, with a globally scalable market.</p> <p>You can apply if your activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is conducted on a not-for-profit basis • has a broad impact on the Queensland startup community • focuses on building entrepreneurial and startup capability • delivers practical information, advice and networking opportunities (e.g. through webinars, networking activities, presentations, mentoring sessions, workshops and forums) • aligns with the Advance Queensland policy. <p>Activities involving collaboration between multiple organisations are considered favourably. Applications must be received at least six weeks before the activity date. All activities must be completed by 15 December 2016.</p>

	<p>Available funding - You can apply for funding up to 50% of your total eligible activity costs, up to a maximum of \$25,000 (excluding GST) per activity.</p> <p>Organisational criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding is open to profit and not-for-profit organisations. • Applicants must be a Queensland based organisation with an ABN and be registered for GST. • Organisations already receiving Queensland Government funding are eligible to apply for this funding. The 50% matched funding contribution from these organisations cannot be sourced from existing Queensland Government funding. <p>https://www.qld.gov.au/dsiti/initiatives/startup-qld/</p>
<p>Business Development Fund – Queensland Government</p> <p>Applications open</p>	<p>Are you an innovative Queensland business requiring investment or an investor seeking investment opportunities? Queensland businesses at the forefront of commercialising cutting edge research or innovative ideas, products or services have an opportunity to access \$40 million of investment to help unlock their innovative potential.</p> <p>Through the Business Development Fund (the Fund), between \$125,000 and \$2.5 million will be invested in a Queensland business to assist them turn their ideas and innovations into a commercial reality.</p> <p>What they are looking for</p> <p>Queensland based businesses that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are commercialising research, an innovative idea or an innovative product or service • require seed, early stage or follow-on investment • will create opportunities for new, high value and skilled employment • have a realistic prospect of becoming commercially successful. <p>Private sector co-investors that have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • committed to providing an investment in a business that at least matches the investment sought from the Fund • demonstrated commitment to, and track record in making investments in seed and early stage businesses • experience in providing support, management and mentorship to seed and early stage businesses • a strong and established reputation • the ability to manage Fund reporting. <p>The application process involves five steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Online application 2. Shortlisting 3. Investment pitch 4. Evaluation 5. Offer. <p>http://advanceqld.initiatives.qld.gov.au/funding/business-investment-attraction/business-development-fund.aspx</p>
<p>Supplier Continuous Improvement Program</p> <p>Grants are open</p>	<p>The Supplier Continuous Improvement Program (SCIP) is a change program designed to increase the competitiveness of an industry by raising the performance of its supply chains.</p> <p>Over a multi-year engagement, the SCIP framework uses a number of common sense diagnostic tools to identify areas for improvement within your business. These tools are focused on the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • modernised supply chain relationships • improved business communications • increased efficiency and simplification • increased innovation. <p>The result will be a continuous sustainable improvement plan which contains improvements relevant to your key customers. Effectively implementing SCIP can help your business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • become your customer's first choice for the product or service you provide • meet your customers' expectations and deliver on time every time • consistently provide 100 per cent quality and delivery • secure your margins • maintain a sustainable customer focused improvement process • receive greater recognition for your business performance.

	<p>To be eligible to receive an SCIP service, businesses must operate in the Defence Industry sector and meet the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>http://www.business.gov.au/advice-and-support/other-industry-support/SCIP/Pages/default.aspx</p>
<p>Indigenous Enterprise Development Funding – Australian Government</p> <p>Grant proposals are currently being accepted</p>	<p>Indigenous Enterprise Development (IED) funding will support the establishment of sustainable Indigenous enterprises. Grants will typically be between \$5,000 and \$500,000.</p> <p>Under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS), the Australian Government will provide \$30 million a year to support the establishment or expansion of Indigenous enterprises across Australia. This includes a \$25 million commitment for enterprises in remote Australia as part of its reforms to remote employment services under the Community Development Programme.</p> <p>IED funding aims to address the barriers faced by Indigenous businesses and to encourage commercially sustainable businesses to start up or expand. Growing Indigenous businesses will increase Indigenous wealth and employment, and promote economic development, especially in remote Australia.</p> <p>They will accept Applications from entrepreneurs and enterprises at all stages of development, from start-up to expansion. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurs with a great business idea who need support to develop their ideas into a business proposal; • Entrepreneurs who have done a lot of ground-work and are looking for seed/start-up capital and/or business advice to start a business; • Established enterprises that have identified an opportunity to expand and require finance and/or business support; and • Established enterprises that need business support services or mentoring to solve a specific problem or issue. <p>Funding is available through a non-competitive open grant process. There is no closing date for IED funding. If all the funding is allocated before the end of the financial year (30 June 2016), we may close the grant until the next financial year begins, when more funding will become available. If the grant is closed, you will be given fair warning of at least 2 weeks via the IAS website.</p> <p>http://www.dpmc.gov.au/indigenous-affairs/about/jobs-land-and-economy-programme/indigenous-enterprise-development-funding</p>
<p>NAB Impact Investment Readiness Fund</p> <p>No specific grant rounds.</p> <p>Applications opened on 10 March and will continue until the funds have been fully allocated.</p>	<p>The fund aims to bridge the gap in the Australian market that exists between mission-driven organisations in need of funding and investors actively seeking impact investment opportunities. The NAB IIRF will offer grants up to \$100k to purchase specialised capacity building support from providers (this can include advisory, intermediary, financial or legal services). It will also potentially cover the enterprises costs of putting the investment plan in place.</p> <p>Like traditional businesses, a mission driven organisation must demonstrate a commercially viable business model. It must also have a trading history and be led by accountable and capable management. What differentiates them from traditional businesses is the social or environmental mission at the core of the business model. The NAB IIRF aims to support enterprises that are high growth, can deliver positive social outcomes and have the potential to secure capital investment.</p> <p>A broad range of organisations can apply (including registered charities, social enterprises, community and voluntary organisations, social businesses, charities, mutuals, co-operatives and businesses delivering social value).</p> <p>https://www.nab.com.au/about-us/corporate-responsibility/our-programs-and-initiatives/social-and-financial-inclusion/impact-investment</p>
<p>Indigenous Business Development and Assistance Program</p> <p>Program open on an ongoing basis</p>	<p>Indigenous Business Australia assists eligible Indigenous Australians to establish, acquire and grow viable small to medium businesses, by providing, or facilitating access to, business support services and business finance.</p> <p>To be eligible to participate in the Business Development and Assistance Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least one applicant must be of ATSI descent • at least 50 per cent of the ownership of your business must be by a person(s) of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent. • individuals cannot be an undischarged bankrupt or under consideration for bankruptcy • incorporated bodies cannot be under notice of external administration or investigation. <p>Assistance includes: workshops, business support and business finance. If you are</p>

	<p>interested in participating in this program, you are encouraged to contact them to discuss your business idea with staff.</p> <p>http://www.iba.gov.au/business-ownership/</p>
<p>Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO) Services</p> <p>Program open on an ongoing basis</p>	<p>JETRO provides support and assistance through a range of free services to companies wishing to expand their business into the Japanese market. JETRO services can be invaluable when approaching Japan as an investment location. Major services include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One-on-one consultation in Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on current market conditions in Japan for your industry. • Up to date regulations for your product in Japan. • Information on the different Japanese corporate structures best suited to your company. • Information on residency requirements. 2. Support in Japan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free temporary office space. • Consultation with expert advisors. • Access to a wealth of business information. 3. Business partner matching <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conferences or meetings between Japanese and Australian companies, which are specially designed for those Australian companies. • Assisting with travel expenses for Australian technological researchers to visit Japan. <p>This program is for Australian companies that have existing business relationships with Japan or are wishing to promote new businesses with Japan. Although most services are available year round, some programs may have specific cut-off dates.</p> <p>http://www.jetro.go.jp/en/invest/</p>
<p>Accelerating Commercialisation</p> <p>Program open on an ongoing basis</p>	<p>Accelerating Commercialisation helps Australian entrepreneurs, researchers, inventors, start-ups, commercialisation offices and small and medium enterprises address the challenges associated with commercialising novel intellectual property. The program provides expert guidance and connections through Commercialisation Advisers by helping you to find the right commercialisation solutions for your novel product, process or service. You can also apply for a grant of up to 50 per cent of eligible project expenditure to assist in the commercialisation of novel products, processes and services. There is no minimum grant amount. The maximum grant amount for commercialisation offices and eligible partner entities is \$250,000. All other applicants can seek up to \$1 million in grant funding.</p> <p>http://www.business.gov.au/advice-and-support/EIP/Accelerating-Commercialisation/Pages/default.aspx</p>
<p>Business Growth Grant</p> <p>Program open on an ongoing basis</p>	<p>If you have you had an Entrepreneurs' Infrastructure Program Business Evaluation you can apply for the Business Growth Grant. Your business will be reimbursed up to half the cost of engaging the consultant, to a maximum of \$20,000 (excluding GST). Grant funding can be used to engage a consultant/s to make improvements to your business that have been recommended by your Business Adviser through the Business Evaluation. To be eligible to apply for a Business Growth Grant, your business must have undertaken an Entrepreneurs' Infrastructure Program Business Evaluation and meet other eligibility requirements outlined in the Business Growth Grant Customer Information Guide. Applications for the Business Growth Grant are to be submitted within six months of completing your Business Evaluation. If your application is successful, you will be required to enter into a Funding Agreement.</p> <p>http://www.business.gov.au/advice-and-support/EIP/Business-Growth-Grants/Pages/default.aspx</p>
<p>New Enterprise Incentive Scheme</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>NEIS provides accredited small business training, business advice and mentoring for eligible job seekers, as well as ongoing income support. During the training you will also develop a business plan that will need to be approved by a NEIS provider. If your business plan is approved, you will receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEIS Assistance which includes: • NEIS Allowance for up to 52 weeks • NEIS Rental Assistance for up to 26 weeks (if eligible) • business mentoring and support during your first year of business operation. <p>To participate in NEIS you must be registered with a Job Services Australia or Disability Employment Services provider. Your provider can advise your eligibility.</p> <p>http://employment.gov.au/new-enterprise-incentive-scheme-neis</p>

<p>Experience + Corporate Champions</p> <p>Program open on an ongoing basis</p>	<p>This program aims to attract employers who make a public commitment to move toward better practice in employing mature age people (aged 45 and over). It offers businesses intensive help for 18 months to attract and retain workers, including up to \$20,000 in assistance to access an industry expert to help improve their workforce planning and recruitment strategies.</p> <p>In addition to assistance from an industry expert, this program also includes access to: The Investing in Experience (Skills Recognition and Training) program; Experience+ Jobs Bonus; Wage Connect. Eligible Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A professional assessment of your organisation's workforce demographics and recruitment and retention practices based on the Government's 'Investing in Experience Charter' • Practical help in developing an Action Plan using the Government's Investing in Experience Tool Kit. This could include updating recruitment processes, rolling out new flexible working arrangements and implementing retention and mentoring programs • Practical help to access Government incentives including the Jobs Bonus, wage subsidies and training support • Advice on topics including positive age management, superannuation, occupational health and safety, career planning, training and age discrimination. <p>http://employment.gov.au/experience-corporate-champions</p>
<p>The Rockefeller Foundation</p> <p>Various funds</p>	<p>The foundation's grants are numerous and cover a range of areas. Browse the site and see what it has to offer. Incoming requests must clearly fit within the Foundation's funding strategy. There are three factors the Foundation takes into consideration when evaluating a project.</p> <p>a) Does the project fit within one of the Foundation's initiatives? Your project should commit to nurturing innovation, pioneering new fields, expanding access to and distribution of resources, and, ultimately, generating sustainable impact on individuals, institutions, and communities within the context of our active initiatives.</p> <p>b) Does your request clearly address one or more of our core issue areas? The interconnected issue areas are selected because they are critical global challenges that the Foundation is distinctively positioned to address.</p> <p>c) Does your work affect people in one or more of the geographic areas in which the Foundation works? The Foundation works in regions where it can leverage assets, experience, and expertise to help realise smart globalization.</p> <p>https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/</p>
<p>Early Stage Venture Capital Limited Partnership (ESVCLP)</p> <p>Open for applications</p>	<p>Fund managers seeking to raise a new venture capital fund of at least \$10 million and not more than \$100 million for investing in Australian businesses may be eligible for ESVCLP registration.</p> <p>Registration entitles a fund to flow-through tax treatment and its investors (whether resident or non-resident) receive a complete tax exemption on their share of the fund's income (both revenue and capital).</p> <p>Australian businesses with assets of less than \$50 million may be able to access capital from funds registered under this programme if their primary activity is not finance or property development. A fact sheet and customer information guide are available on the website.</p> <p>http://www.business.gov.au/grants-and-assistance/venture-capital/esvclp/Pages/default.aspx</p>
<p>Venture Capital Limited Partnership (VCLP)</p> <p>Open for applications</p>	<p>Fund managers seeking to raise a new venture capital fund of at least \$10 million for investing in Australian businesses with assets of up to \$250 million may be eligible for VCLP registration. Registration entitles a fund to flow-through tax treatment. Further, eligible foreign limited partners receive a capital gains tax exemption for gains made on eligible investments.</p> <p>Australian businesses with assets of less than \$250 million may be able to access capital from funds registered under this programme if their primary activity is not finance or property development.</p> <p>A fact sheet and customer information guide are available on the website.</p> <p>http://www.business.gov.au/grants-and-assistance/venture-capital/vclp/Pages/default.aspx</p>
<p>Research Connections - AusIndustry</p> <p>Ongoing rounds</p>	<p>The focus of Research Connections is on helping small and medium businesses to collaborate with the research sector to develop new ideas with commercial potential, as well as to help identify any knowledge gaps that are preventing</p>

	<p>business growth. Experienced facilitators will assess your business' knowledge gaps, and provide specialist support which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a report containing tailored information and options; • referrals to other business support programs and services; • links to existing knowledge and solution providers; and/or • identification of new research activities that could assist your business and help connect you with organisations that could provide that research. <p>Following participation in the facilitated service, Research Connections facilitators may also work with businesses to provide access to up to 12 months of financial assistance in the form of a matched funding grant worth up to \$50,000 to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • engagement of a Publicly Funded Research Organisation to undertake research activities on the business' behalf; • the placement of a researcher in the business in order to develop and implement a new idea with commercial potential; • access to research infrastructure; and/ or • access to other forms of research capability, as determined by the business research needs assessment. <p>To be eligible to apply for a Research Connections Grant, your business must have undertaken a Research Connections Service and meet other eligibility requirements outlined in the Research Connections Customer Information Guide. Applications for the Research Connections Grant are to be submitted within twelve months of completing your Research Connections Service. If your application is successful, you will be required to enter into a Grant Agreement.</p> <p>http://www.business.gov.au/advice-and-support/EIP/Research-Connections/Pages/default.aspx</p>
<p>Social Enterprise Development and Investment Funds (SEDIF) - Department of Employment</p> <p>Applications can be made now</p>	<p>The Social Enterprise Development and Investment Funds (SEDIF) improves access to finance and support for social enterprises to help them grow their business and increase the impact of their work in their communities.</p> <p>Three SEDIF fund managers have been selected to offer social enterprises finance, such as loans, and support. The SEDIF fund managers are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foresters Community Finance • Social Enterprise Finance Australia • Social Ventures Australia. <p>Social enterprises can contact the SEDIF fund managers directly to discuss their financing needs.</p> <p>https://www.employment.gov.au/social-enterprise-development-and-investment-funds</p>
<p>Grants that are \$10,000 and less are now included in <i>Small Grant Snippets</i>. For just \$75 (plus GST) for one year's subscription, you will receive the list of all the smaller national and Queensland grants each month. It will save you many hours searching for grants! The list contains more than 45 grants along with all the details.</p>	
<h2>Sport, Events, Tourism and The Arts</h2>	
<p>Arts Projects for Individuals and Groups – Australia Council for the Arts</p> <p>Applications close on 2 February 2016</p>	<p>The Arts Projects program funds a range of activities that deliver benefits to the arts sector and wider public, including national and international audiences.</p> <p>Grants are available from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Supported activities must last no longer than three years from the proposed start date.</p> <p><i>Who can apply</i> - If you are applying as an individual or group, you must be a practicing artist or arts worker and an Australian citizen or an Australian permanent resident. Applications for funding to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander panel must come from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals or groups.</p> <p>They fund a range of activities, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the creation of new work • practice based research • creative development • experimentation • collaborations • touring • festivals • productions

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exhibitions • performances • publishing • recording • promotion and marketing • market development activity. <p>http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/funding/new-grants-model/arts-projects-for-individuals-and-groups/</p>
<p>Development Grants for Individuals and Groups – Australia Council for the Arts</p> <p>Applications close on 2 February 2016</p>	<p>Development Grants fund a range of activities that benefit your career as an individual artist or group. Development grants are available from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Supported activities must last no longer than two years from the proposed start date.</p> <p>If you are applying as an individual or group, you must be a practicing artist or arts worker and an Australian citizen or an Australian permanent resident.</p> <p>Applications for funding to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts panel must come from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals or groups.</p> <p>You can apply for a range of activities. Some examples of the activities we fund are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • professional skills development • showcase opportunities • forum/workshop attendance • residencies • mentorships • arts market attendance and exploration. <p>http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/funding/new-grants-model/development-grants-for-individuals-and-groups/</p>
<p>Arts Projects: Organisations – Australia Council for the Arts</p> <p>Applications close on 2 February 2016</p>	<p>The Arts Projects program funds a range of activities that deliver benefits to the arts sector and wider public, including national and international audiences. Grants are available from \$10,000 to \$100,000. Supported activities must last no longer than 2 years from the proposed start date.</p> <p>They accept applications from organisations. International organisations can apply for projects that benefit practicing Australian artists or their work.</p> <p>Applications for funding to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander panel must come from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations.</p> <p>They fund a range of activities, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the creation of new work • arts practice based research • creative development • professional skills development • experimentation • collaborations • touring • festivals • productions • exhibitions • performances • publishing • recording • promotion and marketing • market development activity. <p>http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/funding/new-grants-model/arts-projects-organisations/</p>
<p>Contemporary Music Touring Program – Australia Council for the Arts</p> <p>Applications close on 2 February 2016</p>	<p>The Contemporary Music Touring Program (CMTP) supports national touring activity undertaken by Australian musicians performing original contemporary music. It provides travel support of up to \$15,000 for artists and their manager for tours in Australia that include performances in regional and remote areas.</p> <p>Funding on a tour by tour basis is available to enable professional musicians to tour live music performances within Australia. Touring musicians must be performing original Australian contemporary music. Funding can be provided to performers, managers, agents, and music networks on behalf of professionals</p>

	<p>working in the Australian music industry.</p> <p>Under the CMTP performances of original Australian contemporary music can include a wide range of different musical styles.</p> <p>Applications must contain one tour only. The tour must comprise of performances in at least three venues outside of the performer's hometown and must include at least one performance in a non-metropolitan area. Tours that include a majority of regional destinations or assist performers from regional areas are a priority for funding.</p> <p>http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/funding/new-grants-model/contemporary-music-touring-program/</p>
<p>Gambling Community Benefit Fund</p> <p>Applications close on 28 February 2016</p>	<p>The fund allocates funding to not-for-profit community groups to enhance their capacity to provide services, leisure activities and opportunities for Queensland communities.</p> <p>Applications can be submitted for funding between \$500 and a maximum of \$35,000 (including GST). If the cost of any item is more than the approved amount, it is the organisation's responsibility to fund the difference.</p> <p>Eligibility: All organisations must: have not-for-profit objectives; be community based; and be registered (have a business partner number) with CBFU as a legal entity or sponsored organisation prior to submitting an application form.</p> <p>Organisations must be one of the following: 1. Incorporated or registered by an Act of Parliament (other than those listed below); 2. A sponsored organisation applying through an organisation Incorporated or registered by an Act of Parliament; 3. Local Ambulance Committee, Rural Fire Brigade or State Emergency Service Group applying as a sponsored organisation through the Department of Community Safety or relevant department as their legal entity.</p> <p>Full details are listed in the guidelines.</p> <p>http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/corporate/sponsorships-and-grants/grants/community-benefit-funding-programs</p>
<p>Home Ground Advantage - Holden</p> <p>Applications close 28 February 2016</p>	<p>Holden have made a long term commitment to helping grassroots sport by giving local clubs the chance to upgrade their facilities with the Holden Home Ground Advantage project. You can apply for a grant for a project of \$100,000 or up to \$100,000 for your local sporting club. The number of successful applications from the 'up to \$100,000' grant pool will depend on the amounts requested. All of the \$250,000 available in this round will be allocated. A total pool of \$250,000 is available. Eligibility - any sporting club or community organisation which runs and supports sporting activities within Australia.</p> <p>You can apply for money through Home Ground Advantage for projects, or equipment, that make life easier for the members and supporters of your club. For example, you might want to make improvements to your clubrooms, install new hot showers, get a new scoreboard, or purchase new sporting equipment that will help your team perform on the field.</p> <p>The Home Ground Advantage application process is entirely online. Anyone wishing to apply for a grant on behalf of their sporting club should simply visit the website below and click on the 'Apply Now' button.</p> <p>Holden encourages clubs to provide images to support their applications as well as an accompanying video.</p> <p>http://www.holden.com.au/about/home-ground-advantage</p>
<p>Sport and Recreation Community Grants Program – Toowoomba Regional Council</p> <p>Applications close 1 March 2016</p>	<p>They provide funding and/or in-kind assistance to help organisations develop sport and recreation facilities and programs of benefit to the community. Organisations may apply for a grant of up to 50% of the funding gap (total project cost less other grant sources) up to a maximum of \$150,000.</p> <p>Organisations seeking financial assistance from council to support its Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program (State Government) application must apply through their sport and recreation community grants program.</p> <p>To apply for the sport and recreation grant, please read the guidelines and complete a community grant application form and a sport and recreation grant supplement form. Sport and Recreation Development Officers can be contacted for assistance and advice.</p> <p>http://www.tr.qld.gov.au/community-business/grants-funding/apply-by-category/6414-sport-and-recreation-community-grants-program</p>
<p>Queensland Destination Events Program – Tourism and Events Queensland</p>	<p>The Queensland Destination Events Program (QDEP), formerly the Regional Development Program (RDP), seeks to leverage the crucial link between events and the destinations in which they are staged, extending the flow of the economic,</p>

<p>Applications close on 16 March 2016</p>	<p>marketing and social benefits of events throughout metropolitan and regional Queensland. The QDEP offers two funding options for regional events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Destination Event funding – single year funding for developing events seeking growth (\$10,000 - \$25,000 per year) • Significant Event funding – single year or up to three years of funding for events that can demonstrate a strong track record of growth or growth potential (\$25,000 - \$100,000 per year). <p>Within this context, the aims and objectives of the QDEP are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate local economic activity and development in the host destination • Attract external visitation to the destination • Drive social and community outcomes for the host destination, noting the important link between community outcomes and economic benefits • Enhance the profile and appeal of the host destination <p>How the funding can be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing costs • Strategic plan development • Engagement of short-term specialised personnel • Hire of temporary infrastructure <p>To be eligible to apply for funding through the QDEP, an event must meet the following key objectives:</p> <p><i>Destination event funding</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event must take place wholly within Queensland • The applicant must be able to demonstrate the historical size of the event in terms of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Audience ○ Spectator numbers ○ Participant numbers, and/or ○ Media profile • The applicant must be able to demonstrate the capacity of the event to grow the event against the baseline <p><i>Significant event funding</i></p> <p>In addition to the criteria for Destination Event funding, events seeking Significant Event funding must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event must have received a minimum of one year of support under the Destination Event program and have met all the requirements as outlined in the contract • The event must provide a recent report showing evidence of the total number of event attendees (including participants and spectators), specifically detailing the breakdown and number of visitors from outside the region; this information must be independently gathered and reported, or independently verified • The event must present a strong opportunity for Queensland and demonstrate extensive recognition outside the region in which it is held in terms of visitation and/or media profile <p>http://teq.queensland.com/en-NZ/Events/Events-Support/Queensland-Destination-Events-Program</p>
<p>Indigenous Regional Arts Development Fund – Qld Government</p> <p>Applications close 30 March 2016</p>	<p>The Indigenous Regional Arts Development Fund (IRADF), part of the Backing Indigenous Arts initiative, is a partnership between the Queensland Government, through Arts Queensland, the Torres Strait Regional Authority and sixteen Aboriginal Councils and host organisations throughout Queensland.</p> <p>Goals are:</p> <p>Cultural Retention - keeping culture strong: Activities in which cultural knowledge and practice is passed on by recognised, respected leaders and peers.</p> <p>Arts Development: activities where the community and individuals are engaged in arts practice, skills development and capacity building.</p> <p>The following Indigenous Councils and host organisations are invited to apply to IRADF annually:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aurukun Shire Council • Cherbourg Historical Precinct Group • Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council • HopeVale Art and Cultural Centre • Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lockhart River Arts Indigenous Corporation • Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council • Mirndiyan Gununa Aboriginal Corporation • Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council • Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council • Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council • Pormpuraaw Art and Cultural Centre • Torres Strait Regional Authority • Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council • Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council • Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council <p>https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/funding/organisations/indigenous/</p>
<p>Queensland Arts Showcase Program – Qld Government</p> <p>Rolling fund with applications accepted at any time</p>	<p>The Queensland Arts Showcase Program (QASP) provides funding to support individuals, organisations or collectives to deliver vibrant and accessible arts and cultural experiences for Queensland. The Program invests in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the development and growth of a vibrant and accessible arts and cultural sector in Queensland • strengthening the Queensland art and cultural sector’s connection with new audiences state-wide, nationally and internationally • supporting artistic and non-artistic collaborations to develop innovative and quality arts and cultural experiences • strengthening professional development and the creation of employment and training opportunities for Queensland’s small to medium arts and cultural sector. <p>The Program is administered across three funding streams:</p> <p>Arts Ignite – funding of up to \$60 000 for new works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the creative development and public presentation of new works which respond to demand. • Cultivate new and emerging talent and extends artists and/or organisations’ practice, audiences and markets. <p>Arts Illuminate – funding of up to \$100 000 to secure acclaimed artists that will engage the community and build local capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports Queensland communities to engage high quality national and internationally-renowned artists to present unique arts and cultural experiences. • Builds the capacity of Queensland’s arts and cultural sector, through collaboration with acclaimed artists to cultivate local talent and deliver legacy outcomes. <p>Arts Impact – funding of up to \$60 000 for diverse arts and cultural experiences for Queensland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports a vibrant and diverse range of original arts and cultural experiences for Queensland communities. • Supports initiatives that drive cultural tourism and/or activates existing community and cultural infrastructure. <p>You can apply online or complete the downloadable Word application form. http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/funding/organisations/arts-showcase/index.html</p>
<p>NAB Impact Investment Readiness Fund</p> <p>No specific grant rounds.</p> <p>Applications opened on 10 March 2015 and will continue until the funds have been fully allocated</p>	<p>The fund aims to bridge the gap in the Australian market that exists between mission-driven organisations in need of funding and investors actively seeking impact investment opportunities.</p> <p>The NAB IIRF will offer grants up to \$100k to purchase specialised capacity building support from providers (this can include advisory, intermediary, financial or legal services). It will also potentially cover the enterprises costs of putting the investment plan in place.</p> <p>Like traditional businesses, a mission driven organisation must demonstrate a commercially viable business model. It must also have a trading history and be led by accountable and capable management. What differentiates them from traditional businesses is the social or environmental mission at the core of the business model. The NAB IIRF aims to support enterprises that are high growth, can deliver positive social outcomes and have the potential to secure capital investment.</p> <p>A broad range of organisations can apply (including registered charities, social</p>

	<p>enterprises, community and voluntary organisations, social businesses, charities, mutuals, co-operatives and businesses delivering social value).</p> <p>https://www.nab.com.au/about-us/corporate-responsibility/our-programs-and-initiatives/social-and-financial-inclusion/impact-investment</p>
<p>Indigenous Enterprise Development Funding – Australian Government</p> <p>Grant proposals are currently being accepted</p>	<p>Indigenous Enterprise Development (IED) funding will support the establishment of sustainable Indigenous enterprises. Grants will typically be between \$5,000 and \$500,000. Under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS), the Australian Government will provide \$30 million a year to support the establishment or expansion of Indigenous enterprises across Australia. This includes a \$25 million commitment for enterprises in remote Australia as part of its reforms to remote employment services under the Community Development Programme.</p> <p>IED funding aims to address the barriers faced by Indigenous businesses and to encourage commercially sustainable businesses to start up or expand. Growing Indigenous businesses will increase Indigenous wealth and employment, and promote economic development, especially in remote Australia.</p> <p>They will accept Applications from entrepreneurs and enterprises at all stages of development, from start-up to expansion. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurs with a great business idea who need support to develop their ideas into a business proposal; • Entrepreneurs who have done a lot of ground-work and are looking for seed/start-up capital and/or business advice to start a business; • Established enterprises that have identified an opportunity to expand and require finance and/or business support; and • Established enterprises that need business support services or mentoring to solve a specific problem or issue. <p>Funding is available through a non-competitive open grant process. There is no closing date for IED funding. If all the funding is allocated before the end of the financial year (30 June 2016), we may close the grant until the next financial year begins, when more funding will become available. If the grant is closed, you will be given fair warning of at least 2 weeks via the IAS website.</p> <p>http://www.dpmc.gov.au/indigenous-affairs/about/jobs-land-and-economy-programme/indigenous-enterprise-development-funding</p>
<p>Tim Fairfax Family Foundation</p> <p>Applications accepted any time with submissions considered at quarterly Trustees Meetings</p>	<p>The foundation supports charitable organisations within Australia and gives preference to organisations and programs which support the particular needs of communities in rural, remote and regional areas, especially those within Queensland and the Northern Territory. The foundation considers applications for \$10,000 plus and especially those that involve the following themes: Arts, Education and Community. Eligibility: Deductible Gift Recipients and which are also charitable; and those that hold tax concession endorsements from the Australian Tax Office (ATO).</p> <p>http://tfff.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1&Itemid=5</p>
<p>Australian Communities Foundation</p> <p>Requests can be submitted at any time</p>	<p>The Foundation supports a range of charitable organisations and projects including arts & culture. Specific target groups are also supported, including Indigenous communities and refugee/asylum seekers. Grants are available in two ways: requests from our donors on the basis of their areas of interest and through the Foundation's identified strategic initiatives, such as <i>Youth at Risk</i>, and <i>Indigenous Education and Capacity Building</i>. The Foundation makes grants to organisations with the following tax ATO endorsements: Tax Concession Charity; Deductible Gift Recipient Item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (ITAA); Organisations listed on the Register of Cultural Organisations; Organisations listed on the Register of Environmental Organisations; Organisations with DGR Special Listing in the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.</p> <p>Each request is checked to ensure it meets eligibility requirements is then made available for donors to view online. Organisations will only be contacted if there is interest from a donor in providing a grant and more information is required.</p> <p>http://www.communityfoundation.org.au/grants/grant-seekers/</p>
<p>QUT Creative Enterprise Australia Early Stage Investment Fund</p> <p>The program is open on an ongoing basis</p>	<p>This program aims to assist entrepreneurs in creative industries by providing the needed funding to fast-track their start-up business. Investment between \$25,000 and \$150,000 is available for businesses.</p> <p>This program also seeks to co-invest with other investors from Australia and overseas.</p> <p>Eligible applicants include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-growth potential that are operating in the creative industries in Australia

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Companies that are tackling large (preferably global) markets • Companies that have the potential to attract other investors, and that could achieve an exit (acquisition or public listing). <p>Eligible creative industry areas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design • Fashion • Entertainment • Digital Media; Music • Film & Television • Games & Interactive content • Software application to the areas above. <p>http://www.creativeenterprise.com.au/investment/guidelines/early-stage</p>
<p>Playing Queensland Touring Fund</p> <p>Applications can be made at any time</p>	<p>The Playing Queensland Fund supports the delivery of work that is already ready to tour, which has demonstrated community interest and confirmed demand. Total funding for the program is \$10.6 million over 4 years from 2012–13 to 2015–16.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To maximise opportunities for regional Queensland communities to experience high quality arts events • To increase the number and reach of touring activities • To support tours with a strong demonstration of demand <p>Who can apply?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • artists, companies and groups with tour-ready work • commercial, semi-commercial, professional/amateur, community-based amateur groups and subsidised arts companies with tour-ready work • community representatives, local presenters or venue managers interested in purchasing and receiving touring work • international and interstate touring artists • individual agents, producers, curators and brokers. <p>All applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have an Australian Business Number (ABN) • make sure their application is submitted by people over 18 years of age, or have their application co-signed by their legal guardian confirming they will take responsibility for managing any grant that may be offered to the applicant • have satisfied the reporting requirements of any previous Arts Queensland grants or subsidy • ensure the tour begins at least 8 weeks from the date Arts Queensland receives the application for funding • demonstrate how this tour differs from what your organisation is currently funded to deliver (only relevant for organisations currently receiving Arts Queensland investment) • include at least 2 regional communities in your touring proposal. <p>http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/funding/organisations/playing/</p>
<p>Documentaries program</p> <p>Please check the website for application deadlines and closing dates.</p>	<p>Funding is available for Australian made documentaries which engage audiences with Australian culture, identity and an Australian viewpoint on the world. Screen Australia have three programs supporting documentary production:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Producer program: Supports singles and series for distribution across broadcast, festival, theatrical, digital, i-doc and transmedia platforms. Minimum budget of \$120,000 per hour. Maximum Screen Australia contribution of \$750,000. Finance does not have to be confirmed at application (Screen Australia is 'first in'). <i>Notional allocation: \$5–6 million (with a minimum of 20% reserved for projects with international finance).</i> • Broadcast program: Supports singles and series intended specifically for broadcast television release. Minimum budget of \$250,000 per hour. Maximum Screen Australia contribution of \$1 million. Minimum licence fees apply. Broadcaster contribution and any other finance must be in place at application (Screen Australia is 'last in'). <i>Notional allocation: \$9-10 million (45 per cent for projects to be broadcast on the ABC, 40 per cent for SBS projects and 15 per cent for other platforms)</i> • Producer Equity program (PEP): Provides a direct payment of funds to producers of eligible low-budget Australian documentaries, equal to 20 per cent of the approved budget. Projects are not assessed beyond establishing

	<p>eligibility. Available in conjunction with any other Screen Australia documentary production funding.</p> <p><i>No specific allocation, but has averaged around \$2 million annually</i></p> <p>Guidelines and additional information including eligibility is available on the website.</p> <p>http://www.screenaustralia.gov.au/funding/documentary/default.aspx</p>
<p>Arts Business Innovation Fund – Queensland Government</p> <p>You can apply any time</p>	<p>The Arts Business Innovation Fund (ABIF) provides a \$1 million investment for not-for-profit arts and cultural organisations. Aits aim is to strengthen the financial and organisational capacity of arts organisations, by responding to innovative business ideas that will achieve an organisation's mission into the future. The fund is a \$1 million investment to be used in the form of grants and no-interest loans. The maximum amount of funding in a 50/50 combination of government grant and no interest loan from ABIF will be \$100,000.</p> <p>This will be distributed as matched funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:1 funding for organisations with a turnover of \$1.5 million or less (\$1 of ABIF investment to be matched by \$1 of additional funding sourced by the applicant) • 1:2 funding for organisations with a turnover of over \$1.5 million, (\$1 of ABIF investment to be matched by \$2 of additional funding sourced by the applicant). <p>All applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be able to demonstrate direct benefit to Queenslanders through arts and culture by delivering on Queensland Government objectives for the community • be a Queensland based arts organisations • be a non-government owned, non-profit arts organisations • have a registered and current Australian Business Number (ABN) • have satisfied the requirements of any previous Arts Queensland funding • not be seeking investment for retrospective activity. • not be a major performing arts organisation • have deductible gift recipient status Item 1. <p>For arts organisations, outcomes will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • new and more resilient business models • diversification of income streams • access to new markets • access to new finance and funding streams • better capitalisation. <p>http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/funding/organisations/business/</p>
<p>Catalyst Australian Arts and Culture Fund – Ministry for the Arts</p> <p>Assessments carried out on an ongoing basis, usually in the order in which applications are received. Recommendations made on a quarterly basis: January, April, July and October each year.</p>	<p>Catalyst aims to fund innovative ideas from arts and cultural organisations that may find it difficult to access funding for such projects from other sources. This could include galleries, libraries, archives, museums, arts education and infrastructure projects.</p> <p>The program aims to forge new creative partnerships and stimulate novel ways to build participation by Australians in our cultural life. It enables access to high quality arts experiences in regional communities and international activities that achieve cultural diplomacy objectives, and recognises the essential role of small to medium arts organisations. To achieve its objectives, Catalyst offers funding for arts and cultural projects and initiatives through three streams:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Partnerships and Collaborations 2. Innovation and Participation 3. International and Cultural Diplomacy <p>Funding will be available through annual or multi-year Funding Agreements up to a maximum of four years, subject to availability of funds.</p> <p>Ordinarily, individual projects will not receive more than \$500,000 in one year.</p> <p>To be eligible for funding, applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be an Australian incorporated organisation or entity • have as their principal purpose the arts and/or cultural heritage • have an active Australian Business Number (ABN). Organisations incorporated under Norfolk Island law are eligible for funding • be registered for the Goods and Services Tax (GST), if required by the Australian Taxation Office

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> not have any outstanding reports, acquittals or serious breaches relating to any Commonwealth funding <p>Catalyst will fund high quality projects irrespective of scale in all art forms, including screen-based art work and cross art form projects, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performances Exhibitions Tours Development and/or creation of new work Festivals Investment in foundation fellowship programs (Partnerships and Collaborations stream only) Capacity building Infrastructure projects (Partnerships and Collaborations stream only) Artistic cultural exchanges <p>http://arts.gov.au/catalyst</p>
<p>Grants that are \$10,000 and less are now included in <i>Small Grant Snippets</i>. For just \$75 (plus GST) for one year's subscription, you will receive the list of all the smaller national and Queensland grants each month. It will save you many hours searching for grants! The list contains more than 45 grants along with all the details.</p>	
<h2>Energy, Clean Technology, Science, Innovation and R&D</h2>	
<p>Solar Towns Programme – Australian Government</p> <p>Applications close on 12 February 2016</p>	<p>This program is only open to the following areas in Queensland : the electorates of Bonner and Moreton. In addition, you must meet all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> utilise an existing building for community purposes which is located within the regions mentioned above be a community organisation which owns the building utilised for community purposes or be a community organisation that substantively utilises a building owned by a not-for-profit organisation have either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> voting and/or financial membership of at least five (5) individuals; or in the case of a trust, demonstrated community support including information about the level of volunteer involvement (at least five (5) volunteers); and been in existence for at least 12 months before the application closing date of 12 February 2016. <p>The Department of the Environment recommends that you carefully read the Guidelines before you begin your application.</p> <p>http://www.environment.gov.au/climate-change/renewable-energy/solar-towns/round3</p>
<p>Gambling Community Benefit Fund</p> <p>Applications close on 28 February 2016</p>	<p>The fund allocates funding to not-for-profit community groups to enhance their capacity to provide services, leisure activities and opportunities for Queensland communities.</p> <p>Applications can be submitted for funding between \$500 and a maximum of \$35,000 (including GST). If the cost of any item is more than the approved amount, it is the organisation's responsibility to fund the difference.</p> <p>Eligibility: All organisations must: have not-for-profit objectives; be community based; and be registered (have a business partner number) with CBFU as a legal entity or sponsored organisation prior to submitting an application form.</p> <p>Organisations must be one of the following: 1. Incorporated or registered by an Act of Parliament (other than those listed below); 2. A sponsored organisation applying through an organisation Incorporated or registered by an Act of Parliament; 3. Local Ambulance Committee, Rural Fire Brigade or State Emergency Service Group applying as a sponsored organisation through the Department of Community Safety or relevant department as their legal entity.</p> <p>Full details are listed in the guidelines.</p> <p>http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/corporate/sponsorships-and-grants/grants/community-benefit-funding-programs</p>
<p>CSIRO Innovation Fund</p>	<p>As our economy transitions from a mining investment boom we need to ensure our strengths in science are bolstered and ready for the future. Given its integral</p>

<p>Implemented in 2016</p>	<p>role in Australia's research and science sectors, CSIRO is uniquely placed to lead this transition and deliver innovation across a broad range of national challenges and opportunities.</p> <p>The new CSIRO Innovation Fund supports the early stage commercialisation of innovations from CSIRO, universities and other publicly funded research bodies.</p> <p>The CSIRO Innovation fund will have two parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An early stage innovation fund of about \$200 million to support co-investment in new spin-out/startup companies' products and services created by Australian research institutions. The fund will comprise \$70 million in new government funding, as well as private sector investment and new revenue from CSIRO's WLAN programme. • A \$20 million expansion to CSIRO's Accelerator programme to include other publicly funded research organisations to more rapidly prepare their research for commercial adoption. Expansion of the Accelerator Program will commence in 2016-17 <p>http://www.innovation.gov.au/page/csiro-innovation-fund</p>
<p>Startup Queensland</p> <p>No specific grant rounds.</p> <p>Applications remain open until the funds are exhausted or 30 June 2016, whichever occurs first</p>	<p>The \$300,000 Startup Queensland fund aims to build capability within Queensland's startup community. A 'startup' is defined as a new high-growth potential business, developing innovative products and services, with a globally scalable market. You can apply if your activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is conducted on a not-for-profit basis • has a broad impact on the Queensland startup community • focuses on building entrepreneurial and startup capability • delivers practical information, advice and networking opportunities (e.g. through webinars, networking activities, presentations, mentoring sessions, workshops and forums) • aligns with the Advance Queensland policy. <p>Activities involving collaboration between multiple organisations are considered favourably. What can the funds be used for? Examples include the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • webinars • networking activities • presentations • mentoring sessions • workshops • forums • startup weekends. <p>You can apply for funding up to 50% of your total eligible activity costs, up to a maximum of \$25,000 (excluding GST) per activity. All activities must be completed by 15 December 2016.</p> <p>Total activity costs may include in-kind contributions, please check the guidelines for eligible in-kind contributions.</p> <p>https://www.qld.gov.au/dsiti/initiatives/startup-qld/</p>
<p>NAB Impact Investment Readiness Fund</p> <p>No specific grant rounds.</p> <p>Applications opened on 10 March and will continue until the funds have been fully allocated</p>	<p>The fund aims to bridge the gap in the Australian market that exists between mission-driven organisations in need of funding and investors actively seeking impact investment opportunities.</p> <p>The NAB IIRF will offer grants up to \$100k to purchase specialised capacity building support from providers (this can include advisory, intermediary, financial or legal services). It will also potentially cover the enterprises costs of putting the investment plan in place.</p> <p>Like traditional businesses, a mission driven organisation must demonstrate a commercially viable business model. It must also have a trading history and be led by accountable and capable management.</p> <p>What differentiates them from traditional businesses is the social or environmental mission at the core of the business model. The NAB IIRF aims to support enterprises that are high growth, can deliver positive social outcomes and have the potential to secure capital investment.</p> <p>A broad range of organisations can apply (including registered charities, social enterprises, community and voluntary organisations, social businesses, charities, mutuals, co-operatives and businesses delivering social value).</p> <p>https://www.nab.com.au/about-us/corporate-responsibility/our-programs-and-initiatives/social-and-financial-inclusion/impact-investment</p>

<p>Business Development Fund – Queensland Government</p> <p>Applications open</p>	<p>Are you an innovative Queensland business requiring investment or an investor seeking investment opportunities? Queensland businesses at the forefront of commercialising cutting edge research or innovative ideas, products or services have an opportunity to access \$40 million of investment to help unlock their innovative potential. Through the Business Development Fund (the Fund), between \$125,000 and \$2.5 million will be invested in a Queensland business to assist them turn their ideas and innovations into a commercial reality.</p> <p>What they are looking for</p> <p>Queensland based businesses that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are commercialising research, an innovative idea or an innovative product or service • require seed, early stage or follow-on investment • will create opportunities for new, high value and skilled employment • have a realistic prospect of becoming commercially successful. <p>Private sector co-investors that have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • committed to providing an investment in a business that at least matches the investment sought from the Fund • demonstrated commitment to, and track record in making investments in seed and early stage businesses • experience in providing support, management and mentorship to seed and early stage businesses • a strong and established reputation • the ability to manage Fund reporting. <p>The application process involves five steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Online application 2. Shortlisting 3. Investment pitch 4. Evaluation 5. Offer. <p>http://advanceqld.initiatives.qld.gov.au/funding/business-investment-attraction/business-development-fund.aspx</p>
<p>R&D Tax Incentive</p> <p>Open for applications</p>	<p>The R&D Tax Incentive is a targeted, generous and easy to access entitlement program that helps businesses offset some of the costs of doing R&D. The Program aims to help more businesses do R&D and innovate. It is a broad-based entitlement program.</p> <p>This means that it is open to firms of all sizes in all sectors who are conducting eligible R&D. It provides more generous support for businesses, especially small and medium-sized firms, than the R&D Tax Concession that it replaced.</p> <p>It is open to firms of all sizes in all sectors who are conducting eligible R&D.</p> <p>https://www.ato.gov.au/Business/Research-and-development-tax-incentive/</p>
<p>Emerging Renewables Program</p> <p>Open for applications</p>	<p>There is no minimum or maximum funding available per Project or Measure, other than the available program funds of \$215 million.</p> <p>The Emerging Renewables Program fund the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support the development, demonstration and early stage deployment of renewable energy technologies with the potential to lower the cost, and thereby increase the supply, of renewable energy in Australia • that remove or reduce roadblocks to the delivery of ARENA's strategic initiatives • fill critical knowledge gaps within the industry. <p>Applicants must demonstrate that the activity is either a Project or a Measure to be eligible for funding. Projects are defined as activities that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • progress the development of a renewable energy technology along the technology innovation chain or • develop or demonstrate a renewable energy technology to remove or reduce a roadblock. <p>Measures are defined as: knowledge activities, in support of the program's objectives; renewable energy industry development and capacity building activities; preparatory activities for projects, including potential projects for funding by ARENA.</p> <p>http://arena.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/emerging-renewables-program/</p>
<p>The Rockefeller Foundation</p>	<p>The grants are numerous and cover a range of areas. Incoming requests must clearly fit within the Foundation's funding strategy. There are three factors the</p>

Various funds	<p>Foundation takes into consideration when evaluating a project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the project fit within one of the Foundation's initiatives? Your project should commit to nurturing innovation, pioneering new fields, expanding access to and distribution of resources, and, ultimately, generating sustainable impact on individuals, institutions, and communities within the context of our active initiatives. Does your request clearly address one or more of our core issue areas? Our interconnected issue areas are selected because they are critical global challenges that the Foundation is distinctively positioned to address. Does your work affect people in one or more of the geographic areas in which the Foundation works? The Foundation works in regions where it can leverage assets, experience, and expertise to help realise smart globalization. <p>https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/</p>
<p>Emissions Reduction Fund</p> <p>Program is open</p>	<p>If you are thinking about investing in new technology to improve the productivity or energy efficiency of your business operations, you may be interested in the Emissions Reduction Fund. The Emissions Reduction Fund creates a positive incentive for Australian businesses to adopt smarter practices to cut the amount of greenhouse gases they create.</p> <p>The Clean Energy Regulator will begin administering the scheme once legislative amendments start and the necessary legislative rules are made. The Clean Energy Regulator will publish a series of guidance notes in the coming weeks, as well as rules for the auction process and forward dates for auctions.</p> <p>The Fund has three elements and will be administered by the Clean Energy Regulator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating Emissions Reductions Purchasing Emissions Reductions Safeguarding Emissions Reductions. <p>People interested in this fund should visit the website for further information.</p> <p>http://www.environment.gov.au/climate-change/emissions-reduction-fund/about</p>
<p>Accelerating Commercialisation</p> <p>Program is open</p>	<p>Accelerating Commercialisation offers eligible entrepreneurs, researchers, inventors, start-ups, Commercialisation Offices and small and medium enterprises access to Commercialisation Advisers with experience and connections to address the challenges associated with commercialising novel products, processes and services.</p> <p>Eligible individuals and businesses that submit an Expression of Interest will receive guidance on their commercialisation project and feedback on its potential merit under the programme.</p> <p>Successful applicants will receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An invitation to join the Portfolio Guidance from a Commercialisation Adviser to help achieve project objectives An opportunity to access the Expert Network (via Commercialisation Advisers) to help make important business connections, create opportunities to raise capital, and/or enter new markets Potential exposure to investors and multi-national corporations through domestic and international road shows <p>Services will be available for a period of up to two years.</p> <p>Accelerating Commercialisation also offers grants of up to 50 per cent of eligible project expenditure to assist in the commercialisation of novel products, processes and services for a maximum project period of two years.</p> <p>The maximum grant amount is \$250,000 for Commercialisation Offices and Eligible Partner Entities, and \$1 million for all other applicants.</p> <p>http://www.business.gov.au/advice-and-support/EIP/Accelerating-Commercialisation/Pages/default.aspx</p>
Environment, Conservation, Agriculture, Exploration and Land	
<p>The Enterprise Solution Centre – Australian Government</p> <p>Applications close on 23 January 2016</p>	<p>The program connects companies to expertise, technical and/or research advice to provide a solution to a technical challenge which businesses are unable to solve themselves in order to take advantage of a market opportunity.</p> <p>The new solution, when supported with training to build business capability, is designed to increase the competitiveness of the company in their desired markets. Expressions of Interest are now open for projects up to a total project value of \$150,000, including the training to apply the technical solution within the</p>

	<p>company. (FIAL can fund to a maximum of \$75,000 of the total project cost).</p> <p>To be eligible, your business must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be an operating food and agribusiness manufacturing company which has a technical challenge you cannot solve yourself. You cannot be a start-up. • have a defined path to a market channel for the solution. • be able to co-fund half the project. <p>http://www.business.gov.au/grants-and-assistance/grant-finder/Pages/the-enterprise-solution-centre.aspx</p>
<p>Coles Nurture Fund</p> <p>Applications close on 12 February 2016</p>	<p>Coles has established the Coles Nurture Fund (CNF) to help small Australian food and grocery producers, farmers and manufacturers to innovate and grow their business.</p> <p>The Coles Nurture Fund will allocate \$50 million over five years in grants and interest-free loans to fund the development of new market-leading products, technologies, systems and processes.</p> <p>The maximum single grant of funds or loan under the CNF is \$500,000.</p> <p>Applicants are able to apply for a grant or interest-free loan. Grants and interest-free loans will be paid in instalments. Coles will tailor the payment terms for grants and interest-free loans to meet individual Applicant needs. These arrangements, along with repayment terms for loans, will be discussed with successful applicants.</p> <p>To be eligible for funding from the CNF Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a turnover that is less than \$25,000,000 per annum • Employ no more than 50 full time employees (excluding casual seasonal labour) • Have a registered Australian Business Number • Be an incorporated Australian entity registered for GST • Have been trading for more than two years • Provide financial statements for a minimum of the previous two financial years • Provide a funding declaration from an external accountant on the accountant's company letterhead confirming ability to fund applicant's share of project costs and solvency. <p>To be eligible to apply for the Coles Nurture Fund all of the above criteria must be met. The guidelines and application forms for the Fund are available at:</p> <p>http://www.coles.com.au/nurturefund</p>
<p>Reef Trust Phase Three Investment – Australian Government</p> <p>Applications close on 15 February 2016</p>	<p>The Reef Trust Phase Three Investment Programme is only open for applications to undertake activities in the Great Barrier Reef natural resource management regions. Further details are set out in the Applicant Guidelines.</p> <p>With the announcement of the Reef Trust Investment Strategy Phase III, the Australian Government has committed to provide \$56 million over four years (from 2015 to 2019) to improve management practices for sugarcane farmers, reduce erosion in grazing lands and improve water quality in grains, dairy and horticulture industries.</p> <p>The Reef Trust Phase Three Programme consists of a suite of integrated components that will seek to engage agricultural land managers operating within the Great Barrier Reef catchments to facilitate the increase the adoption of specific management practices to reduce pollutant loss. The Australian Government has worked in collaboration with the Queensland Government, scientists, industry and natural resource management stakeholders to identify these priority components.</p> <p>The Applicant must:</p> <p>(a) be a legal entity able to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Commonwealth of Australia (as represented by the Department of the Environment), for instance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ an individual (Australian citizen or permanent resident only); ✓ a legally incorporated organisation; ✓ a trustee of a trust; ✓ a company; ✓ a partnership where each of the partners are legal entities; ✓ an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation, council or incorporated association; ✓ a government-related entity; or

	<p>✓ an incorporated association or cooperative society, and</p> <p>(b) either:</p> <p>✓ have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and be registered for GST, if required to be registered by the Australian Tax Office or</p> <p>✓ provide a Statement by a Supplier prior to entering into a Funding Agreement with the Department, explaining why the Applicant is not required to have an ABN (using the template available on the ATO website at https://www.ato.gov.au/Business/Australian-business-number/In-detail/Statement-by-a-supplier/).</p> <p>http://www.environment.gov.au/marine/gbr/reef-trust/investments/phase-three</p>
<p>Gambling Community Benefit Fund</p> <p>Applications close on 28 February 2016</p>	<p>The fund allocates funding to not-for-profit community groups to enhance their capacity to provide services, leisure activities and opportunities for Queensland communities.</p> <p>Applications can be submitted for funding between \$500 and a maximum of \$35,000 (including GST). If the cost of any item is more than the approved amount, it is the organisation's responsibility to fund the difference.</p> <p>Eligibility: All organisations must: have not-for-profit objectives; be community based; and be registered (have a business partner number) with CBFU as a legal entity or sponsored organisation prior to submitting an application form.</p> <p>Organisations must be one of the following: 1. Incorporated or registered by an Act of Parliament (other than those listed below); 2. A sponsored organisation applying through an organisation Incorporated or registered by an Act of Parliament; 3. Local Ambulance Committee, Rural Fire Brigade or State Emergency Service Group applying as a sponsored organisation through the Department of Community Safety or relevant department as their legal entity.</p> <p>Full details are listed in the guidelines.</p> <p>http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/corporate/sponsorships-and-grants/grants/community-benefit-funding-programs</p>
<p>NAB Impact Investment Readiness Fund</p> <p>No specific grant rounds.</p> <p>Applications opened on 10 March and will continue until the funds have been fully allocated</p>	<p>The fund aims to bridge the gap in the Australian market that exists between mission-driven organisations in need of funding and investors actively seeking impact investment opportunities. The NAB IIRF will offer grants up to \$100k to purchase specialised capacity building support from providers (this can include advisory, intermediary, financial or legal services). It will also potentially cover the enterprises costs of putting the investment plan in place.</p> <p>Like traditional businesses, a mission driven organisation must demonstrate a commercially viable business model. It must also have a trading history and be led by accountable and capable management. What differentiates them from traditional businesses is the social or environmental mission at the core of the business model. The NAB IIRF aims to support enterprises that are high growth, can deliver positive social outcomes and have the potential to secure capital investment.</p> <p>A broad range of organisations can apply (including registered charities, social enterprises, community and voluntary organisations, social businesses, charities, mutuals, co-operatives and businesses delivering social value).</p> <p>https://www.nab.com.au/about-us/corporate-responsibility/our-programs-and-initiatives/social-and-financial-inclusion/impact-investment</p>
<p>Santos in the Community – Major Sponsorships</p> <p>Applications can be submitted at any time and are reviewed three times a year - next review date is October 2015</p>	<p>Major Sponsorships (over \$2,000 with no set upper limit) are available with Santos that apply to the regions in which they operate: Brisbane, Eastern Queensland, Gladstone and Southwest Queensland. In 2015, they list three focus areas on their website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting our natural environment - supporting initiatives that protect and enhance our land, water and air. • Developing futures for young people and regional communities - providing a range of training and employment opportunities for young people and regional communities. • Investing in vibrant communities - helping our cities and towns become healthier and more vibrant, enriching the lives of those who live there. <p>The website includes ineligible activities and organisations and policy.</p> <p>http://www.santos.com/sustainability-at-santos/santos-in-the-community.aspx</p>
<p>Brighter Futures – Arrow Energy</p>	<p>Brighter Futures is a community investment program which supports the sustainable development of communities in their operational footprint. These communities of interest include: the Bowen Basin, the Surat Basin and the</p>

Applications for larger scale funding are accepted throughout the year	<p>Gladstone region. In addition to this, applicants must be: incorporated and be not-for-profit. Their program supports three areas of community interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and safety: Improving the safety, healthy lifestyles and liveability of the community • Education: building sustainable learning and employment opportunities • Environment: Increasing awareness of the environment around us. <p>The program also places significant importance on the inclusion of Indigenous projects and initiatives. No specific amounts are mentioned. There are three types of funding:</p> <p>Community funding grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • small scale investments to meet community needs • assists local organisations with one-off events or projects • assessed by Arrow Community Benefit Committees in our operating regions <p>Sponsorships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • moderate scale investments supporting community projects and events • builds relationships through supporting community initiatives • creates one-off and short-term shared value opportunities <p>Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • large scale investments to support community development • mitigates Arrow's social impacts and builds capacity in the regions • creates long-term shared value opportunities <p>http://www.arrowenergy.com.au/community/brighter-futures</p>
<p>The Rockefeller Foundation</p> <p>Various funds</p>	<p>The foundation's grants are numerous and cover a range of areas. Browse the site and see what it has to offer. Incoming requests must clearly fit within the Foundation's funding strategy. Three factors are key in the evaluation of a project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the project fit within one of the Foundation's initiatives? Your project should commit to nurturing innovation, pioneering new fields, expanding access to and distribution of resources, and, ultimately, generating sustainable impact on individuals, institutions, and communities within the context of our active initiatives. • Does your request clearly address one or more of our core issue areas? Our interconnected issue areas are selected because they are critical global challenges that the Foundation is distinctively positioned to address. • Does your work affect people in one or more of the geographic areas in which the Foundation works? The Foundation works in regions where it can leverage assets, experience, and expertise to help realise smart globalisation. <p>https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/</p>
<p>Australian Communities Foundation</p> <p>Requests can be submitted at any time</p>	<p>The Foundation supports a range of charitable organisations and projects each year. Grants are made locally and Australia wide through Australian registered charitable organisations. These include the area of environment.</p> <p>Specific target groups are also supported, including Indigenous communities and refugee/asylum seekers.</p> <p>The Foundation primarily makes grants to the community in two ways: through requests from our donors on the basis of their areas of interest and through Australian Communities Foundation's identified strategic initiatives, such as Youth at Risk, and Indigenous Education and Capacity Building. The Foundation makes grants to organisations with the following tax ATO endorsements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax Concession Charity; Deductible Gift Recipient Item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (ITAA); • Organisations listed on the Register of Cultural Organisations; • Organisations listed on the Register of Environmental Organisations; • Organisations with DGR Special Listing in the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. <p>Each request is checked to ensure it meets eligibility requirements and is then made available for donors to view online. Organisations will only be contacted if there is interest from a donor in providing a grant and more information is required.</p> <p>http://www.communityfoundation.org.au/grants/grant-seekers/</p>
<p>National Geographic – Conservation Trust Grant</p>	<p>The Trust will fund projects that contribute significantly to the preservation and sustainable use of the Earth's biological, cultural, and historical resources.</p> <p>Eligibility - The Trust supports cutting edge programs that might be overlooked by</p>

Grant proposals are currently being accepted	<p>other organizations, due to the risk involved in working with new investigators and in new fields.</p> <p>Applicants are not required to have a Ph.D. or other advanced degrees, but must provide a record of prior research or conservation action as it pertains to the proposed project. Funding is not restricted to United States citizens. Researchers planning work in foreign countries should include at least one local collaborator as part of their research teams.</p> <p>Grant Limits - While grant amounts vary greatly, most range from U.S. \$15,000 to \$20,000. As funds are intended to function as complementary support, the trust strongly encourages applicants to seek additional, concurrent funding from other funding agencies.</p> <p>http://www.nationalgeographic.com/explorers/grants-programs/conservation-trust-application/</p>
<p>Indigenous Enterprise Development Funding – Australian Government</p> <p>Grant proposals are currently being accepted</p>	<p>Indigenous Enterprise Development (IED) funding will support the establishment of sustainable Indigenous enterprises. Grants will typically be between \$5,000 and \$500,000. Under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS), the Australian Government will provide \$30 million a year to support the establishment or expansion of Indigenous enterprises across Australia. This includes a \$25 million commitment for enterprises in remote Australia as part of its reforms to remote employment services under the Community Development Programme.</p> <p>IED funding aims to address the barriers faced by Indigenous businesses and to encourage commercially sustainable businesses to start up or expand. Growing Indigenous businesses will increase Indigenous wealth and employment, and promote economic development, especially in remote Australia.</p> <p>They will accept Applications from entrepreneurs and enterprises at all stages of development, from start-up to expansion. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurs with a great business idea who need support to develop their ideas into a business proposal; • Entrepreneurs who have done a lot of ground-work and are looking for seed/start-up capital and/or business advice to start a business; • Established enterprises that have identified an opportunity to expand and require finance and/or business support; and • Established enterprises that need business support services or mentoring to solve a specific problem or issue. <p>Funding is available through a non-competitive open grant process. There is no closing date for IED funding. If all the funding is allocated before the end of the financial year (30 June 2016), we may close the grant until the next financial year begins, when more funding will become available. If the grant is closed, you will be given fair warning of at least 2 weeks via the IAS website.</p> <p>http://www.dpmc.gov.au/indigenous-affairs/about/jobs-land-and-economy-programme/indigenous-enterprise-development-funding</p>
Education and Training	
<p>Industry Skills Fund</p> <p>Funds commenced on 1 January 2015</p>	<p>The Fund is a key element in the Australian Government's National Industry Investment and Competitiveness Agenda and will provide up to 200,000 training places and support services over four years. The fund will prioritise SMEs, including micro businesses and will be delivered through the Single Business Service. The fund will assist Australian industry to access training and support services and develop innovative training solutions so Australia will have the highly skilled workforce it needs to adapt to new business growth opportunities, rapid technological change and market driven structural adjustment.</p> <p>http://www.business.gov.au/skills-and-training/Pages/Industry-Skills-Fund.aspx</p>
<p>Santos in the Community – Major Sponsorships</p> <p>Applications can be submitted at any time and are reviewed three times a year - next review date is March 2016</p>	<p>Major Sponsorships (over \$2,000 with no set upper limit) are available with Santos that apply to the regions in which they operate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brisbane • Eastern Queensland • Gladstone and • Southwest Queensland. <p>In 2015, they list three focus areas on their website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting our natural environment - Supporting initiatives that protect and enhance our land, water and air. • Developing futures for young people and regional communities; Providing a range of training and employment opportunities for young people and

	<p>regional communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investing in vibrant communities - Helping our cities and towns become healthier and more vibrant, enriching the lives of those who live there. <p>The website includes ineligible activities and organisations, policy and application form.</p> <p>http://www.santos.com/sustainability-at-santos/santos-in-the-community.aspx</p>
<p>Brighter Futures – Arrow Energy</p> <p>Applications for larger scale funding are accepted throughout the year</p>	<p>Brighter Futures is a community investment program which supports the sustainable development of communities in their operational footprint. These communities of interest include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bowen Basin Surat Basin Gladstone region. <p>In addition to this, applicants must be: incorporated and be not-for-profit. Their program supports three areas of community interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and safety: Improving the safety, healthy lifestyles and liveability of the community Education: building sustainable learning and employment opportunities Environment: Increasing awareness of the environment around us. <p>The program also places significant importance on the inclusion of Indigenous projects and initiatives.</p> <p>No specific amounts are mentioned. There are three types of funding:</p> <p>Community funding grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> small scale investments to meet community needs assists local organisations with one-off events or projects assessed by Arrow Community Benefit Committees in our operating regions <p>Sponsorships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> moderate scale investments supporting community projects and events builds relationships through supporting community initiatives creates one-off and short-term shared value opportunities <p>Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> large scale investments to support community development mitigates Arrow's social impacts and builds capacity in the regions creates long-term shared value opportunities <p>http://www.arrowenergy.com.au/community/brighter-futures</p>
<p>Australian Communities Foundation</p> <p>Requests can be submitted at any time</p>	<p>The Foundation supports a range of charitable organisations and projects each year. Grants are made through Australian registered charitable organisations. Specific target groups are also supported, including Indigenous communities and refugee/asylum seekers.</p> <p>The Foundation makes grants to the community: through requests from our donors on the basis of their areas of interest and through identified strategic initiatives, such as <i>Youth at Risk</i>, and <i>Indigenous Education and Capacity Building</i>.</p> <p>The Foundation makes grants to organisations with the following tax ATO endorsements: Tax Concession Charity; Deductible Gift Recipient Item 1 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (ITAA); Organisations listed on the Register of Cultural Organisations; Organisations listed on the Register of Environmental Organisations; Organisations with DGR Special Listing.</p> <p>Organisations will only be contacted if there is interest from a donor in providing a grant and more information is required.</p> <p>http://www.communityfoundation.org.au/grants/grant-seekers/</p>
<p>Tim Fairfax Family Foundation</p> <p>Applications accepted any time with submissions considered at quarterly Trustees Meetings</p>	<p>The Tim Fairfax Family Foundation supports charitable organisations and gives preference to organisations and programs which support the particular needs of communities in rural, remote and regional areas, especially those within Queensland and the Northern Territory. The foundation considers applications for \$10,000 plus and especially those that involve the themes: arts, education, and community. Eligibility: Deductible Gift Recipients and which are also charitable; and those that hold tax concession endorsements from the Australian Tax Office.</p> <p>http://tfff.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1&Itemid=5</p>
<p>BMA Local Buying Community Foundation</p>	<p>This program aims to enhance the economic sustainability of communities within BMA's operational footprint and the broader Bowen Basin region via small grants (typically less than \$25,000) and partnerships (typically greater than \$25,000).</p>

<p>Expressions of interest can be submitted any time online</p>	<p>Priorities include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'Building Sustainable Futures' – focusing on wider business economic and community development including business grants (new, growth, innovation), employment programs, scholarships, regional promotion and awareness. 2. 'Building Sustainable Business Communities' – focusing on local business training and development including industry training, regional economic analysis and education and skills development for businesses. <p>For small grant applications, preference will be given to organisations operating in one of BMA's communities of interest (Blackwater, Dysart, Emerald or Moranbah) or the broader Bowen Basin region, including Mackay, Sarina, Rockhampton and Gladstone.</p> <p>https://c-res.com.au/Community</p>
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