



Community Funding Opportunities and Award Programs

Welcome to our Community Funding Opportunities and Award Programs Newsletter

Welcome to our Community Funding Opportunities and Awards Program Newsletter where you will find details of grant and funding programs that are available for the Northern Inland Region for community and environmental projects.

Due to the number of grants that are available, we send two funding opportunities newsletters a month; one for Business and Infrastructure and another for Community Projects and Award Programs. These newsletters are a free service that we provide, and you can add the Business and Infrastructure Grants newsletter to your subscriptions by filling your details into on the left hand side of our website: www.rdani.org.au

We wish you all the best with the Funding Opportunities below and if you are looking for a grant between newsletters, have a look at the grants area of our website which is updated weekly: www.rdani.org.au/our-region/grants-and-funding-opportunities.php

If you need some facts and figures for your applications, a range of data for our region is also available on our website here: www.rdani.org.au/our-region/regional-data.php

Please note the below information is intended as a guide only. Closing dates and other details should be verified using the links provided as they are subject to change by the providers without notice.

Featured Grants

In a Good Place - 2023

Closes: 7th of June 2023 - 5:00 pm

Value: Up to \$20,000

Run By: Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal

The In a Good Place program gives small remote, rural and regional communities across Australia the opportunity to access funds for a broad range of community-driven projects, services, activities or initiatives, which clearly and directly focus on strengthening mental health and wellbeing of vulnerable community members who are at risk of, or are experiencing, mental health issues.

The program aims to support a range of approaches that are preventative or responsive in nature, reduce social isolation by increasing social participation and connectedness, and reduce stigma surrounding mental health by encouraging open discussion and supporting self-help-seeking.

Best of Business Awards - 2024

Closes: 5th of May 2023

Run By: Telstra

The Telstra Best of Business Awards were created to give small and medium-sized businesses a platform to celebrate achievements and stories with their peers, and opportunities to learn from Australia's best business minds. The goal of these awards is to recognise and reward businesses moving Australia forward and inspiring the next generation through their ingenuity and resilience.

There are seven categories in the awards:

- Accelerating Women
- Building Communities
- Championing Health
- Embracing Innovation
- Indigenous Excellence
- Outstanding Growth
- Promoting Sustainability

Marking (First World War) Private Graves Grants Program

Closes: 20th of June 2023 - 9:00 pm

Value: Up to \$450 per grave

Run By: Department of Veterans Affairs

Throughout Australia, there are committed individuals and groups working to identify the unmarked graves of First World War veterans, and marking these graves to ensure their service and sacrifice are remembered.

The objective of the program is to contribute to community recognition of the service and sacrifice of service personnel in the First World War. It does this by providing funding to contribute to the cost of establishing a grave marker on currently unmarked private graves.

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Award Programs

Best of Business Awards - 2024

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Run By: Telstra

Recognises small to medium businesses that are moving Australia forward and inspiring the next generation through their ingenuity and resilience.

National Safety Awards of Excellence - 2023

Closes: 5th of May 2023 (extended)

Run By: NSCA Foundation

Recognises businesses that make a positive difference to the health, safety and wellbeing of its stakeholders.

Teaching Awards - 2023

Closes: 7th of May 2023

Run By: Schools Plus

Celebrates 22 inspirational teachers or school leaders for their transformative impact on children and school communities.

APEC Science Prize for Innovation, Research and Education

Closes: 17th of May 2023 - 5:00 pm

Run By: Australian Academy of Science

Recognises young scientists from APEC economies who have demonstrated a commitment to both excellence in scientific research, and cooperation with scientists from other APEC member economies.

ICM Agrifood Award - 2023

Closes: 29th of May 2023 - 5:00 pm

Run By: Academy of Technology and Engineering (ATSE)

Recognises the work of scientists or technologists who have achieved substantial recognition for their work in a field critical to continued improvement of the overall Australian food sector.

Australian Training Awards - 2023

Closes: 31st of May 2023

Run By: Australian Government

National awards that showcase best practice in vocational education and training.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scientist Award - 2024

Closes: 1st of June 2023

Value: Up to \$20,000

Run By: Australian Academy of Science

Recognises research in the physical and biological sciences by outstanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Resilient Australia Awards - 2023

Closes: 5th of June 2023

Run By: Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience

Recognises a wide range of initiatives with past projects centred on risk assessment and mitigation, mental health and wellbeing, education, training and research, and community engagement, as well as response and recovery.

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Closing in April

National Science Week - School Grants - 2023

Closes: 24th of April 2023

Value: Up to \$500

Run By: Australian Science Teachers Association

Supports teachers and schools deliver engaging STEM events and activities during science week.

ARTC Sponsorships and Donations - 2023

Next Round Closes: 30th of April 2023

Value: \$1,000 to \$4,000

Run By: Australian Rail Track Corporation

Supports the communities that are home to Inland Rail to support short-term or one-off initiatives.

Community Languages School Grants - Establishment Grant

Closes: 30th of April 2023

Value: Up to \$2,500

Run By: NSW Government Department of Education

Supports the setting up language classes for the first time by providing funding for the first year.

Community Languages School Grants - Per Capita Grant

Closes: 30th of April 2023

Value: Based on number of students

Run By: NSW Government Department of Education

Helps cover community language school operating costs such as teaching materials, staff wages and new equipment.

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Closing in May

Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation - 2023

Closes: 1st of May 2023

Value: Up to \$200,000

Run By: Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation

Supports charitable and not-for-profit organisations for important projects, initiatives and programs that improve health, life and social outcomes.

The Harcourts Foundation

Current Round Closes: 3rd of May 2023

Value: Unspecified

Run By: The Harcourts Foundation

Provides grants to reputable community-based charitable organisations which need funding for projects and initiatives designed to benefit as many people as possible.

Community Heritage Grants - 2023

Closes: 8th of May 2023

Value: Up to \$20,000

Run By: National Library of Australia

Saving Koalas Fund - Community Grants - Round 2

Closes: 9th of May 2023 - 5:00 pm

Value: \$50,000 to \$200,000

Run By: Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Supports small-scale community projects and local activities that support the recovery and protection of koalas.

Qantas Regional Grants

Closes: 10th of May 2023

Value: Combination of cash, in-kind flights and marketing support

Run By: Qantas

Provides help to regional communities to sustain brighter futures by providing financial, flight and marketing support to charities, organisations, causes, projects and individuals.

Gallagher Landcare Electric Fencing Grants

Closes: 12th of May 2023

Value: Up to \$8,000

Run By: Landcare

Support for conservation and biodiversity protection projects aligned with the priority areas of conservation exclusion/inclusion fencing and riparian protection and farm dam restoration.

Start Strong Capital Works - Minor Capital Fund - 2022-2023

Closes: 14th of May 2023

Value: Up to \$100,000

Run By: NSW Government Department of Education

Supports the creation of additional preschool places through smaller-scale extensions or renovations and/or the recalculation of unencumbered space.

Start Strong Capital Works Grants Program - Major Capital Fund - 2022-23

Next Round Closes: 14th of May 2023

Value: Unspecified

Run By: NSW Government Department of Education

Supports the creation of additional preschool places through new builds, extensions and renovations of centre-based community preschools and long day care services.

Arts and Cultural Assets Program (ECAP Arts)

Closes: 22nd of May 2023 - 2:00 pm

Value: Unspecified

Run By: NSW Government

Provides funding for the restoration, replacement and betterment of directly damaged arts and cultural infrastructure most impacted by the severe weather and flood events of February and June 2022.

Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment

Closes: 28th of May 2023

Value: \$400 to \$1,000 per adult or child

Run By: Australian Government

A one-off financial assistance to eligible Australians adversely affected by the floods in New South Wales.

Preventing Tech-based Abuse of Women Grants Program - Round 1

Closes: 29th of May 2023 - 5:00 pm

Value: \$80,000 to \$500,000

Run By: eSafety Commissioner

Aims to improve the safety of Australian women and their children through the prevention of technology-facilitated gender-based violence.

Transport Access Regional Partnerships (TARP) Grants

Closes: 30th of May 2023 or until expended

Value: Unspecified

Run By: Transport for NSW

Supports initiatives to improve services and outcomes for sections of the community that need improved transport.

Community Languages School Grants - Specific Project Grant

Closes: 31st of May 2023

Value: Up to \$10,000

Run By: NSW Government Department of Education

Provides funding to community language schools to help with professional development.

Strengthening Rural Communities - Small & Vital

Current Round Closes: 31st of May 2023 - 5:00 pm

Value: Up to \$10,000

Run By: Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal

Provides small rural, regional and remote communities across Australia the opportunity to access funds that can benefit and help secure their future prosperity.

Strengthening Rural Communities – Prepare & Recover

Closes: 31st of May 2023 - 5:00 pm

Value: Up to \$25,000

Run By: Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal

Supports communities to implement initiatives that prevent and prepare for future climate related impacts, or recover from existing disasters in the medium to long-term.

Strengthening Rural Communities – Rebuilding Rural Communities - Small Grants

Current Round Closes: 31st of May 2023 - 5:00 pm

Value: Up to \$10,000

Run By: Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal

Supports a broad range of grassroots, community-led initiatives that assist communities to recover from and adapt to the impacts of the COVID pandemic.

Supporting Young Scientists Program - 2022-23

Closes: 31st of May 2023 or until expended

Value: Up to \$10,000

Run By: NSW Government Chief Scientist and Engineer

Grants to NSW high school students participating 'in person' or virtually in competitions, events or courses in an area related to science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

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Closing in June

AFL National Schools Grants Program

Next Round Opens: 22nd of May 2023

Next Round Closes: 2nd of June 2023

Value: Up to \$500

Run By: AFL NSW / ACT

A range of supports for schools who wish to take part in AFL experiences.

Sporting Schools - 2023

Next Round Opens: 22nd of May 2023 - 8:00 am

Next Round Closes: 2nd of June 2023 - 5:00 pm

Value: \$1,000 to \$3,600

Run By: Australian Sports Commission

Supports the delivery of sport-based programs for primary and year 7 and 8 students to build the confidence and capability to be active for life.

Playing Australia Project Investment

Closes: 6th of June 2023 - 3:00 pm

Value: Unspecified

Run By: Australia Council for the Arts

Supports performing arts tours to reach regional and remote communities across Australia.

Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program - 2023-24

Closes: 13th of June 2023 - 9:00 pm

Value: Up to \$150,000

Run By: Department of Veterans Affairs

Supports projects that commemorate the service and sacrifice of Australia's service personnel in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Pick Fresh Play Fresh Netball Grants - 2023

Closes: 18th of June 2023

Value: Up to \$20,000

Run By: Woolworths

Supports grassroots netball clubs and associations with a Woolworths NetSetGO Centre.

Marking (First World War) Private Graves Grants Program

Closes: 20th of June 2023 - 9:00 pm

Value: Up to \$450 per grave

Run By: Department of Veterans Affairs

Funding to contribute to the cost of establishing a grave marker on currently unmarked private graves of WW1 veterans.

Back to School Vouchers

Closes: 30th of June 2023

Value: Up to \$150

Run By: Service

3 Vouchers per child in a NSW primary or secondary school to pay for school supplies.

Start Strong Capital Works Grants Program - Crisis Fund - 2022-23

Closes: 30th of June 2023

Value: Undisclosed

Run By: NSW Government Department of Education

Supports the maintenance and/or creation of preschool places where there is an immediate and/or urgent need for capital works.

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Closing Later

Sisters of Charity Foundation Community Grants Program

Runs: Twice a year

Next Round Opens: 8th of July 2023

Next Round Closes: 31st of July 2023

Value: Up to \$15,000

Run By: Sisters of Charity Foundation

Supports organisations that use clever ways to fight poverty, loneliness, suffering and oppression, but struggle to find funding.

NAB Foundation Community Grants - 2023

Closes: 31st of August 2023

Value: Up to \$10,000

Supports practical projects that build environmental resilience to natural disasters and climate change.

Arts Projects for Individuals and Groups

Closes: 5th of September 2023 - 3:00 pm

Value: \$10,000 to \$50,000

Run By: Australia Council for the Arts

Supports a range of activities that deliver benefits to the arts sector and wider public.

Volunteer Museum Grant Program - Project Development Grants - 2023

Opens: 16th of July 2023

Closes: 10th of September 2023

Value: \$2,500 to \$7,500

Run By: Museums and Galleries NSW

Supports community museums and Aboriginal cultural spaces to carry out strategic and innovative projects with mid to long term outcomes.

Volunteer Museum Grant Program - Small Grants - 2023

Current Round Closes: 10th of September 2023

Value: Up to \$2,000

Run By: Museums and Galleries NSW

Helps meet the short-term, collection-based requirements of community museums and Aboriginal cultural spaces.

The Mazda Foundation

Current Round Closes: 30th of September 2023

Value: Undisclosed

Run By: Mazda Foundation

Projects by community based organisations to support children with physical and/or mental disabilities and elderly people suffering mental disabilities or their carers, particularly projects seeking to address social isolation experienced by such children and their carers.

Volunteer Museum Grant Program - Leg Up Grants - 2023

Closes: 29th of October 2023 or until expended

Value: Up to \$500

Run By: Museums and Galleries NSW

Quick response skill development grants for workers in volunteer managed museums and Aboriginal cultural spaces.

Volunteer Museum Grant Program - Skills Development Grants - 2023

Closes: 29th of October 2023 or until expended

Value: Up to \$4,000

Run By: Museums and Galleries NSW

Provides funding to volunteer museums and museum networks for regional or state focused skill development training and networking events.

Community Initiated Grants

Closes: 30th of October 2023 - 11:30 pm

Value: Unspecified

Run By: National Indigenous Australians Agency

Provides an avenue to present a proposal to the Agency where a need has been identified in the community and there are no other current funding avenues available.

Ninganah No More Aboriginal Languages Program

Closes: 1st of November 2023

Value: Up to \$100,000

Run By: NSW Government Department of Education

Aims to increase the level of Aboriginal languages being taught in early childhood services across NSW.

Active Kids Vouchers - 2023

Closes: 31st of December 2023

Value: Up to \$200

Run By: Service NSW

2 Vouchers to help children in primary or secondary school participate in physical activity.

Creative Kids Voucher - 2023

Closes: 31st of December 2023

Value: Up to \$100

Run By: Service NSW

Voucher to help children in primary and secondary school participate in creative and cultural activities.

Australian Communities Foundation

Closes: Various dates

Value: Dependant on grant

Run By: Australian Communities Foundation

Supports a range of charitable organisations and projects each year. Grants are made domestically and internationally through Australian registered charitable organisations for specific projects, or for purposes that support the ongoing activities of those organisations.

CAGES Foundation Grants

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Undisclosed

Run By: CAGES Foundation

Provides funding with the intention of empowering community and creating an environment where every child has the opportunity to reach their potential.

ClubGRANTS

Closes: Various

Value: Dependant on grant applied for

Run By: Club Grants

Clubs across NSW provide support to tens of thousands of local community organisations, sporting groups, and charities that make a difference in their local area.

Community Broadcasting Foundation - Quick Response Grants

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Undisclosed

Run By: Community Broadcasting Foundation

These grants will help community broadcasters access funding for eligible projects when their regular grant rounds are closed.

Community Child Care Fund Special Circumstances Grant

Closes: Unspecified

Value: Unspecified

Run By: Australian Government Department of Education

Supports continuity of child care, in particular in disadvantaged or vulnerable communities, where service viability is affected by an

unforeseen event or circumstance outside the control of the service.

Google Ad Grants

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$10,000 per month

Run By: Google

Empowers nonprofit organisations, through \$10,000 per month in in-kind AdWords™ advertising, to promote their missions and initiatives on Google search result pages.

IGA Community Chest

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Unspecified

Run By: IGA

Every day across the country IGA Community Chest raises funds to support local communities, charities and other worthwhile causes. It could be in response to a major event like floods or bush fires or something as simple as new soccer balls for the local under 8's.

Matana Foundation Grants

Closes: Ongoing

Value: No specified minimum or maximum, most grants are between \$1,000 and \$10,000

Run By: Matana Foundation

Focuses on improving the welfare and wellbeing of young people from severely disadvantaged or marginalised backgrounds, or whose concerns and issues are not readily funded from other sources.

National Cultural Heritage Account

Closes: Ongoing on a case-by-case basis

Value: Up to \$500,000 is available each year

Run By: Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts
Helps Australian public cultural organisations buy significant objects that they could not otherwise afford.

Quick Response Grants

Value: Up to \$1,500

Run By: Regional Arts NSW

Offers funding for regional artists, arts organisations and communities to respond to unique arts opportunities that present themselves at very short notice.

State Heritage Emergency Works

Closes: Ongoing

Value: \$1,000 to \$10,000

Run By: Heritage NSW

Supports the protection or repairs to gazetted Aboriginal Places, items listed on the State Heritage Register, or items with a current Interim Heritage Order that have been damaged by unexpected events.

Small Environmental Grant Scheme

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$10,000

Run By: Wettenhall Environment Trust

Providing support for people undertaking projects that will make a positive difference to the natural living environment, in land, sea or air, rural or urban.

Dollar for Dollar Native Fish Stocking Program

Closes: Ongoing

Value: \$1,000 to \$6,000

Run By: NSW Department of Primary Industries

Aims to enhance recreational freshwater fishing opportunities, to support local communities in the stocking high value native fish species, to assist in the development of regional aquaculture industries and to increase community and industry involvement in, and awareness of responsible stocking.

Judith Neilson Institute Grants for Journalism

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Unspecified

Run By: Judith Neilson Institute

Provides journalists and media organisations with the resources they need to produce quality journalism and helps them cover wide-ranging topics and under-reported issues and enable them to test approaches to reach new audiences.

Regional Event Fund - Event Development Stream

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$50,000

Run By: Destination NSW

Supports events that have previously received triennial funding through the Flagship Event stream to increase overnight visitation to the event.

Capacity Building for Native Title Corporations

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$750,000 on average

Run By: National Indigenous Australians Agency

Assists native title holding corporations to generate economic benefits through the effective and sustainable management of their land.

Coopers Foundation - General Giving

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$30,000

Run By: Coopers Foundation

Aims to improve and protect the quality of life of Australians by providing support to charitable organisations.

Return to Work Program - Phase 3

Closes: Ongoing until funding is exhausted

Value: Up to \$5,000

Run By: Service NSW

Supports women who have been unemployed for one month or more and intend to return to work within 6 months.

Seniors Energy Rebate

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$200

Run By: Service NSW

A once-a-year payment for self-funded retirees to help cover the cost of their electricity.

Tertiary Access Payment

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Run By: Services Australia

A one off payment to help eligible students with the cost of moving to study.

First Home Buyer Choice

Closes: Ongoing

Run By: NSW Government Department of Revenue

First home buyers may be able to choose to pay an annual property tax instead of transfer duty.

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Indigenous Apprenticeships Program

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Run By: Services Australia

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Start Strong Community Preschools - 2023

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Based on enrollments

Run By: NSW Government Department of Education

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