



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

2023 NAIDOC Local Grants

Closes: 17th of February 2023 - 9:00 pm

Value: Up to \$1,000

Run By: National Indigenous Australians Agency

The 2023 NAIDOC Local Grants aims to assist with the cost of activities being held during NAIDOC Week 2023 (2 - 9 July) that celebrate First Nations' histories, cultures, achievements and continuing contributions to our country and society. Activities should align with the 2023 National NAIDOC Week Theme For our Elders.

This grant opportunity provides funding to organisations to contribute to the costs of local and regional NAIDOC activities across Australia.

Activities funded under the NAIDOC Local Grants Program should ideally occur during National NAIDOC Week (2 - 9 July 2023) or sometime in July 2023. Any activities run outside this timeframe will be considered on a case-by-case basis. An extension may be provided if there are extenuating circumstances.

Both Indigenous and non-Indigenous legal entities may apply for 2023 NAIDOC Local Grants funding.

Return to Work Program - Phase 3

Closes: Ongoing until funding is exhausted

Value: Up to \$5,000

Run By: Service NSW

The Return to Work Program is for women who have been unemployed for one month or more and intend to return to work within 6 months.

As part of the program, one-off grants of up to \$5,000 will be made available to eligible women to purchase approved goods and services such as:

- education and training
- support material for courses
- work necessities such as specialist clothing, equipment, IT
- transportation costs
- childcare/respite

Tertiary Access Payment

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$5,000

Run By: Services Australia

The Tertiary Access Payment (TAP) is a one off payment of up to \$5,000. It's to help eligible students with the cost of moving to study. This is for study after you've finished year 12 or equivalent. To get the payment you need to meet some rules.

To get the payment you need to meet some rules. These include:

- moving from a regional or remote area for tertiary study
- starting tertiary study in the year after finishing year 12 or equivalent.

You can claim this payment in your first year of tertiary study only.

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Award Programs

Prime Minister's Prizes for Science - Science Prizes - 2023

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

Value: \$50,000 to \$250,000

Run By: Australian Government Department of Industry, Science and Resources

Recognises the achievements and success of Australian scientists and innovators, and benefits to both Australia and the rest of the world.

Prime Minister's Prizes for Science - Science Teaching Prizes - 2023

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

Value: Up to \$50,000

Run By: Australian Government Department of Industry, Science and Resources

Recognises Australian science educators in primary and secondary schools for excellence in science teaching.

Young Achiever Awards - 2022

Closes: 28th of February 2023

Run By: Awards Australia

Acknowledges, encourages and most importantly promotes the positive achievements of all young people in NSW & the ACT.

National NAIDOC Awards

Closes: 3rd of March 2023 - 8:00 pm

Run By: NAIDOC

Recognises the outstanding contributions that Indigenous Australians make to improve the lives of Indigenous people in their communities and beyond, to promote Indigenous issues in the wider community, or the excellence they've shown in their chosen field.

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Closing in January

ARTC Sponsorships and Donations - 2023

Current Round Closes: 31st of January 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.

Mable Community Grants

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

Value: \$2,000 to \$20,000

Run By: Mable

Supports people and projects that promote inclusion for people with disability and older Australians in the arts, sports and recreation and business and technology.

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Closing in February

The Harcourts Foundation

Current Round Closes: 3rd of February 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.

Sisters of Charity Foundation Community Grants Program

Runs: Twice a year

Next Round Closes: 5th of February 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.

Indigenous Boarding Providers – Expansion

Closes: 6th of February 2023

Value: Based on the number of students

Run By: National Indigenous Australians Agency

Support for boarding providers with a high proportion of First Nations boarding students from remote and very remote areas.

Supporting people with cancer Grant initiative - Round 14

Closes: 7th of February 2023 - 2:00 pm

Value: Up to \$120,000

Run By: Cancer Australia

Funds evidence-based projects to reduce the impact of cancer and better support people affected by cancer.

Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program - 2022-23

Current Round Closes: 7th of February 2023 - 9:00 pm

Value: Up to \$150,000

Run By: Department of Veterans Affairs

Funding to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Australia's service personnel in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Arts and Cultural Funding Program - Creative Koori Projects 2022-23 - Round 2

Closes: 13th of February 2023 - 5:00 pm

Value: Up to \$60,000

Run By: Create NSW

Supports Aboriginal artists, arts and cultural workers, groups, and organisations to create a strong, resilient, and creative Aboriginal arts and cultural sector for NSW.

Arts and Cultural Funding Program - Individual Project Funding - 2022-23 - Round 2

Closes: 13th of February 2023 - 5:00 pm

Value: Up to \$60,000

Run By: Create NSW

Supports innovation, vibrancy and creativity within the NSW arts and cultural sector.

Arts and Cultural Funding Program - Organisation Funding - Annual Program Funding 2022-23 - Round 2

Closes: 13th of February 2023 - 5:00 pm

Value: Up to \$200,000

Run By: Create NSW

Funding on an annual basis to support arts and cultural organisations to deliver multiple arts and cultural activities.

Arts and Cultural Funding Program - Organisation Funding - Project Funding 2022-23 - Round 2

Closes: 13th of February 2023 - 5:00 pm

Value: Up to \$60,000

Run By: Create NSW

Supports projects that encourages innovation, vibrancy and creativity within the NSW arts and cultural sector.

Community War Memorials Fund - 2022/23

Next Round Closes: 13th of February 2023 - 5:00 pm

Value: Up to \$10,000

Run By: NSW Department of Veterans Affairs

Funding to conserve, repair and protect community war memorials in NSW.

Four Year Investment for Organisations

Closes: 14th of February 2023 - 3:00 pm

Value: \$100,000 to \$520,000 per year for four years

Run By: Australia Council for the Arts

A multi-year investment for arts and cultural organisations to support planning with longer-term certainty and increase their capacity to leverage other support and collaborations.

James N Kirby Foundation Small Grants - 2023

Closes: 14th of February 2023 - 5:00 pm

Value: Up to \$15,000

Run By: James N Kirby Foundation

Supports projects that impact not only towards the future educational and technical development of young Australians, but also on the health and welfare of many Australians in need as well as the Arts and the environment.

2023 NAIDOC Local Grants

Closes: 17th of February 2023 - 9:00 pm

Value: Up to \$1,000

Run By: National Indigenous Australians Agency

Assists with the cost of activities being held during NAIDOC Week 2023 that celebrate First Nations' histories, cultures, achievements and continuing contributions to our country and society.

Building Excellence in Support and Training (BEST) 2023-24

Closes: 23rd of February 2023 - 9:00 pm

Value: Unspecified

Run By: Department of Veterans Affairs

Support and resources to ex-service organisation (ESO) practitioners for compensation and/or wellbeing advocacy.

NAB Foundation Community Grants - 2023

Closes: 28th of February 2023

Value: Up to \$10,000

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

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Closing in March

Strengthening Rural Communities - Small & Vital

Current Round Closes: 1st of March 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 – Rebuilding Regional Communities - Small Grants

Closes: 1st of March 2023 - 5:00 pm

Value: Up to \$10,000

Run By: Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal

Supports community-led initiatives that enhance the process of recovery of remote, rural and regional communities from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Arts and Cultural Funding Program - Regional Arts Touring - 2022-23 - Round 2

Opens: 3rd of February 2023

Closes: 6th of March 2023

Value: Unspecified

Run By: Create NSW

Supports projects that provide access to arts and culture for audiences living in regional NSW.

Community Broadcasting Foundation - Content Grants

Closes: 7th of March 2023 - 2:00 pm

Value: Undisclosed

Run By: Community Broadcasting Foundation

Supports the development, production and distribution of content via Australian community media.

Community Broadcasting Foundation - Development and Operations Grants

Closes: 7th of March 2023 - 2:00 pm

Value: Undisclosed

Run By: Community Broadcasting Foundation

Supports community media station resilience by strengthening governance, building community, sustainable operations and technical capacity.

Specialist Radio Programming Grants

Closes: 7th of March 2023 - 2:00 pm

Value: Unspecified

Run By: Community Broadcasting Foundation

Supports stations producing content that meets the needs of particular communities.

Arts Projects for Individuals and Groups

Closes: 7th of March 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.

Sporting Schools - 2023

Next Round Opens: 27th of February 2023 - 8:00 am

Next Round Closes: 10th of March 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.

Social Justice Small Grants

Closes: 13th of March 2023

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

Run By: Mercy Foundation

Provides seed funding to organisations to build capacity that will help create structural change and bring about greater social justice in Australia.

Local Sporting Champions

Current Round Closes: 31st of March 2023

Value: \$500 to \$750

Run By: Sport Australia

Provides financial assistance for coaches, officials and competitors aged 12-18 participating in state, national or international championships.

The Mazda Foundation

Current Round Closes: 31st of March 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.

Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative - Small Grants

Closes: 31st of March 2023 or until expended

Value: \$500 to \$10,000

Run By: NSW Department of Regional NSW

Supports the wellbeing of children and young people living in regional NSW to recover from and build resilience to future adversity.

Local Para Champions

Current Round Closes: 31st of March 2023

Value: \$750 to \$1,100

Run By: Sport Australia

Assistance for coaches, officials and competitors aged 12-24 participating in state, national or international championships for athletes with a disability.

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Closing Later

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

Next Round Opens: 6th of February 2023

Next Round Closes: 2nd of April 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.

Regional Media Fund

Opens: 31st of January 2023

Closes: 11th of April 2023 - 5:00 pm

Value: \$20,000 to \$60,000

Run By: NSW Department of Regional NSW

Supports innovation, digitisation and technology enhancements that enable more effective creation and distribution of regional media content.

Cultural Grants Program - 2022-23

Closes: 14th of April 2023 - 5:00 pm (Assessed monthly until expended or closed)

Value: \$500 to \$20,000

Run By: Aboriginal Affairs NSW

Supports Aboriginal community organisations across NSW to celebrate Aboriginal culture and hold key cultural events and activities.

Strengthening Rural Communities – Rebuilding Regional Communities - Large Grants

Next Round Opens: 2nd of March 2023

Next Round Closes: 19th of April 2023 - 5:00 pm

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

Run By: Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal

Supports community-led initiatives that enhance the process of recovery of remote, rural and regional communities from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Qantas Regional Grants

Opens: 1st of February 2023(during February)

Closes: 30th of April 2023 (date in April TBD)

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.

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 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.

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

Opens: 3rd of April 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Community Initiated Grants

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

Value: Unspecified

Run By: National Indigenous Australians Agency

Provides and 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.

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.

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Ongoing

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

The program 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 and Communications

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.

Thriving People and Places

Closes: Ongoing

Value: \$20,000 and over for NSW applicants

Run By: Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation

Supports people and places experiencing disadvantage, enabling them to reach their educational, social and economic potential and build thriving communities by making grants to charities.

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

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

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$5,000

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.

First Home Owner (New Homes) Grant

Closes: Ongoing

Value: Up to \$10,000

Run By: NSW Government Department of Revenue

A one-off payment is available when you buy or build a new home as your first home.



An Australian Government Initiative