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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CORANGAMITE



Dear Community Leader,

Welcome to my first Grants Bulletin. There are hundreds of grants available and it takes many hours of research to navigate the dozens of websites that provide information about them. Hopefully, that process will be made easier for you by having a compilation of all the key grants in one list.

During this incredibly difficult time, aside from existing grants, there are new grants that can be applied for that could assist the work and projects you may be working on in your community. We wish to share these with you in case they could be of benefit to you, your family, friends or colleagues who might be adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This Grants Bulletin is a work in progress. It will be updated periodically and emailed at the start of each month. If you know about a grant that is not listed in this bulletin and you think the community could benefit from knowing about it, please contact me by emailing [Libby.Coker.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Libby.Coker.MP@aph.gov.au).

To subscribe to my monthly Grants Bulletin, please [sign up here](#).

In addition to this resource, another Grants Bulletin is put together by NSW Federal MP Julie Owens. You can also subscribe to her Grants Bulletin, keeping in mind that some of the grants are NSW specific. Sign up [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

Libby Coker MP  
Federal Member for Corangamite

Photo – Libby with Neil Grinter from Bannockburn Football and Netball Club, and Martyn Bona from Bannockburn Cricket Club

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## **SPECIAL GRANTS – COVID-19**

### **The 2020 Resilience Fund**

**Funding provider:** The Australia Council for the Arts

**Amount:** from \$2,000 up to \$20,000

**Closes:** No closing date

**Apply:** [Australia Council Funding](#)

The 2020 Resilience Fund is designed to provide emergency relief to support the livelihoods, practice and operations of Australian artists, groups and organisations during the COVID-19 pandemic. This fund will direct approximately \$5M to provide immediate relief to the Australian arts sector.

### **Business Support Fund**

**Funding provider:** Victorian Government

**Amount:** \$10,000

**Closes:** Monday 1 June, 2020

**Apply:** [Business Support Fund](#)

Small businesses that employ staff and have been subject to closure, or impacted by shutdown restrictions and have a turn-over of more than \$75,000 and a payroll of less than \$650,000 may be eligible for a grant from the Victorian government for \$10,000.

### **The COVID-19 Rapid Advocacy Fund**

**Funding provider:** Australian Communities Foundation and Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS)

**Amount:** \$3,000 to \$10,000

**Closes:** No closing date announced yet

**Apply:** [The COVID-19 Rapid Advocacy Fund](#)

The Australian Communities Foundation & Australian Council Social Services (ACOSS) has just opened a new fund to provide funding for strategic advocacy campaigns demanding ambitious policies in response to the pandemic in Australia. It aims to support campaigns that seek to put communities at the heart of the response to the pandemic and to address injustices and inequalities.

### **Facebook Small Business Grants Program**

**Funding provider:** Facebook

**Amount:** TBC

**Closes:** TBC

**Apply:** To register your interest go to [Facebook Small Business Grants Program | Boost with Facebook](#)

Facebook is offering grants to small businesses with between 2 and 50 employees that have been affected by COVID-19. The funding is to assist businesses with rent and operational costs. It is still under development for Australian businesses, but you can find more information here

# ARTS

## With One Voice

**Funding provider:** Creativity Australia

**Amount:** up to \$10,000

**Closes:** Sunday 31 May, 2020

**Apply:** [Apply for a \\$10k grant to start a choir](#)

Creativity Australia is offering grants to people or groups who are wanting to start their own *With One Voice* choir. The *With One Voice* movement is about strengthening communities and inspiring individuals to find their voice. It's an opportunity to create real connections between diverse people in your community.

## Sustaining Creative Workers

**Funding provider:** Creative Victoria

**Amount:** up to \$10,000

**Closes:** Monday 1 June, 2020, or until allocation is exhausted

**Apply:** [Sustaining Creative Workers Initiative](#)

The Sustaining Creative Workers initiative seeks to support the continued work of Victoria's independent creative practitioners who have been negatively impacted by coronavirus (COVID-19).

Up to \$2,500 in additional access funding for applications from Deaf and Disabled creatives, artists, arts workers and disability-led organisations/businesses

Applications open on Thursday 30 April, 2020

# COMMUNITIES

## Westpac Foundation Rural Community Grants

**Funding provider:** Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR)

**Amount:** \$10,000

**Closes:** Wednesday 13 May, 2020

**Apply here:** [Westpac Foundation Community Grants](#)

The Westpac Foundation Rural Community Grants program will offer grants of \$10,000 for community-driven initiatives in regional, rural and remote Australia that enhance, develop or provide education and training opportunities for those who are most vulnerable.

## Community Child Care Special Circumstances Grant

**Funding provider:** Australian Government: the Department of Education, Skills and Employment

**Amount:** assessed on case-by-case basis

**Closes:** Currently on hold while COVID-19 childcare package is in place

**Apply here:** [Community Child Care Fund \(CCCF\) Special Circumstances Grant Opportunity](#)

The CCCF Special Circumstances Grant Opportunity is designed to support continuity of child care, in particular in disadvantaged or vulnerable communities.

Child care services who are approved for Child Care Subsidy (CCS) are eligible to apply for funding where there is a financial need in order to continue to provide child care in the community.

NB: New applications for this grant are not being taken currently, as it has been temporarily overridden by the Federal Government's COVID-19 Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package. Further information on this, and other Australian Government support available for business owners is available on the [department's website](#).

## Activation Grant

**Funding provider:** Good Things Foundation

**Amount:** \$2,000

**Closes:** Friday May 1, 2020

**Apply:** [Activation grant](#)

Activation grants are one-off grants awarded to new organisations joining the Be Connected Network which will give you eligibility to apply for other grants such as the Digital Devices Grant. Funding can be spent on anything that will help you support older Australians to gain digital skills, including new devices, broadband fees, or expenses for digital mentors or volunteers.

## Digital Devices Grant

**Funding provider:** Good Things Foundation

**Amount:** \$2,500 and \$5,000 grants

**Closes:** Friday May 1, 2020

**Apply:** [Digital Devices grant](#)

One-off grants are available to Be Connected Network Partners to purchase digital devices to loan out to older Australians who are socially isolated and require them to connect online. At the end of the loan period, the devices must be returned to the Network Partner for ongoing use in the Be Connected program.

## Building Digital Skills Grants

**Funding provider:** Good Things Foundation

**Amount:** \$2,500 and \$15,000 grants

**Closes:** Friday May 1, 2020

**Apply:** [Building Digital Skills grant](#)

Building Digital Skills grants help organisations to continue delivering their Be Connected digital literacy programs.

All Be Connected Network Partners who have registered 24 people on [the Be Connected Learning Portal](#) (12 people if you're in an outer regional, remote or very remote area) can apply for a Building Digital Skills grant.

## Community Engagement Grant

**Funding provider:** Good Things Foundation

**Amount:** \$2,500 and \$15,000 grants

**Closes:** Friday May 1, 2020

**Apply:** [Community Engagement grant](#)

Community Engagement grants are one-off \$1,500 grants awarded to Be Connected Network Partners who have received an Activation, Building Digital Skills or Capacity Building grant. Successful applicants will host an event or activity that helps to promote their local Be Connected program, which aims to engage over 50s in their community and provide them with digital literacy support.

## Living Heritage Program

**Funding provider:** Victorian Government

**Amount:** \$20,000 to \$200,000

**Closes:** Friday June 12, 2020

**Apply:** [Living Heritage Program](#) Ph: 1300 366 356

The Living Heritage Program provides funding to safeguard and reactivate Victoria's key heritage resources. The Program aims to enable owners and managers to undertake necessary conservation works to address the needs of their heritage place or object, and in doing so, support the ongoing and sustainable use of our most significant heritage assets. Funding has been provided to support projects that address the risk to the place or object and that deliver and demonstrate benefits for the community.

## Surf Coast Shire Small Grants Program

**Funding provider:** Surf Coast Shire

**Amount:** Up to \$2,000

**Closes:** TBA

**Apply:** [Small Grants Program](#) Ph: (03) 5261 0600

The Small Grants program supports community group projects and initiatives by encouraging development of project ideas and improvement of services on the Surf Coast. Categories include: community initiatives, environment, culture and arts and recreation and leisure.

## Surf Coast Shire Events Grants Program

**Funding provider:** Surf Coast Shire

**Amount:** Up to \$10,000+

**Closes:** TBA

**Apply:** [Event Grants Program](#) Ph: (03) 5261 0600

The Event Grants Program recognises the important role events play in shaping the Shire's identity, prosperity and vitality. The program is available to not-for-profit and commercial event organisers that hold an event in the Surf Coast Shire, and enables events to apply under different streams depending on size and focus.

## Community Strengthening Grants

**Funding provider:** Golden Plains Shire

**Amount:** Up to \$10,000 **Closes:** Friday May 15, 2020

**Apply:** [Grants and funding opportunities](#)

Community Strengthening Grants provide grants of up to \$10,000 to community groups for projects that provide outcomes for the benefit of the community. Categories include: environment and sustainability; creative community; healthy active living and community safety.

## Project Defib

**Funding provider:** Project Defib

**Amount:** \$1,000+

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Apply:** [Apply for a Defibrillator Grant for your Sports club](#)

Project Defib provides every sporting club, school and not for profit in Australia with an opportunity to access over \$1000 worth of subsidy to put towards the latest Lifeline Defibrillator package. There is no limit to the number of subsidies that any eligible sporting club, school or not for profit can receive.

# ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

## Agriculture Energy Investment Plan – On-Farm Energy Grants

**Funding provider:** Business Victoria

**Amount:** from up to \$50,000 to \$1 million (3 tiers available)

**Closes:** Tuesday 30 June, 2020

**Apply:** [Agriculture Energy Investment Plan](#)

The Agriculture Energy Investment Plan (AEIP) supports on-farm primary producers to improve energy efficiency, manage energy costs, improve energy reliability, support own-generation capacity and protect local jobs.

## Coastcare Victoria Community Grants

**Funding provider:** Coastcare Victoria

**Amount:** \$30,000

**Closes:** Thursday May 7, 2020.

**Apply:** [Coastcare Victoria Community Grants](#)

The Coastcare Victoria Community Grants program supports community organisations to protect and enhance the coastal and near-shore marine environment. The program is funded by the Victorian Government's Sustainability Fund which seeks to build community capacity, support community adaptation and improve ecosystem resilience to climate change.

There are two categories:

- Stewardship and education
- Strengthening our volunteer groups

## Project Sponsorship

**Funding provider:** Australian Geographic Society

**Amount:** up to \$10,000

**Closes:** Monday 30 November, 2020

**Apply:** [How to apply for AG Society Sponsorship](#)

Each year the Australian Geographic Society donates generously to maintain its programme of sponsorship of Australian adventurers, scientific and environmental research, and community projects. Over the years it has spent much time and effort supporting Australian endeavour in all these fields.

Australian scientists, community organisations and individuals developing projects in Australia and abroad are welcome to apply for Society sponsorship.

## Investments Support Grants – Packaging

**Funding provider:** Sustainability Victoria

**Amount:** up to \$50,000

**Closes:** Friday 5 March, 2021

**Apply:** [Investment Support Grants – Packaging](#) **Ph:** 1300 363 744

Sustainability Victoria is offering a competitive grants program to support organisations in Victoria to reduce packaging waste disposed in landfill.

This program is for small to medium enterprises, not-for-profits and social enterprises.

## Emissions Reduction Fund

**Funding provider:** Australian Government Clean Energy Regulator

**Amount:** N/A

**Closes:** no closing date

**Apply:** [Want to participate in the Emissions Reduction Fund?](#)

The Emissions Reduction Fund is a voluntary scheme that aims to provide incentives for a range of organisations and individuals to adopt new practices and technologies to reduce their emissions.

Participants can earn Australian carbon credit units (ACCUs) for emissions reductions. One ACCU is earned for each tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO<sub>2</sub>-e) stored or avoided by a project. ACCUs can be sold to generate income, either to the government through a carbon abatement contract, or in the secondary market.

## **Recycling Victoria Infrastructure Fund – Hazardous Waste (solvents) Grants**

**Funding provider:** Sustainability Victoria

**Amount:** See below

**Closes:** Friday 8 May, 2020

**Apply:** [Recycling Victoria Infrastructure Fund – Hazardous waste \(solvents\) grants](#) **Ph:** 1300 363 744

Funding is available for infrastructure projects that can improve the recycling of solvents from liquid hazardous waste.

Grants are available to support businesses to implement eligible projects up to 25% total project capital cost, capped at \$6 million per project.

## **Recycling Victoria Infrastructure Fund – Materials (paper and cardboard, plastic, glass) Grants**

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**Funding provider:** Sustainability Victoria

**Amount:** See details below

**Closes:** Friday 8 May, 2020

**Apply:** [Recycling Victoria Infrastructure Fund – Materials \(paper and cardboard, plastic, glass\) grants](#) **Ph:** 1300 363 744

There is \$28 million available for infrastructure projects to improve the recycling or reprocessing of paper and cardboard, plastics and glass. Projects may include infrastructure and equipment for new facilities, upgrades or expansions to support greater sorting and decontamination of recovered priority materials: paper and cardboard, plastic and glass

## **DISABILITY**

### **Individual Capacity Building Grant for People with Disabilities**

**Funding provider:** National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)

**Amount:** from \$5,000 (individual) up to \$1 million (large organisation)

**Closes:** Wednesday 6 May 2020

**Apply:** [Current Grant Opportunity View - GO3770](#)

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is inviting applications from eligible individuals and organisations in an open competitive process to apply to deliver services under the Individual Capacity Building Program from 2020-21 to 2021-22.

The objective of this program is to enable systematic, nationwide access to peer support, mentoring and other skills building for people with disability, carers and families, delivered by a national network of Disabled People's Organisations, Families Organisations and/or Priority Cohort Led Organisations.

Applicants may direct any general enquiries, requests for technical help or support in using and/or submitting the Application Form by:

- Phone **1800020283**
- Email to [support@communitygrants.gov.au](mailto:support@communitygrants.gov.au)

## INDIGENOUS

### Indigenous Languages and Arts

**Funding provider:** Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

**Amount:** Assessed on case-by-case basis

**Closes:** Tuesday 30 June, 2020 \*extended due to COVID-19

**Apply:** [Indigenous Languages and Arts program](#)

This grant provides operational funding support to a network of 21 Indigenous Language Centres around the country working on capturing, preserving and maintaining over 150 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages. The ILA program also supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to develop, produce, present, exhibit or perform Indigenous arts projects that showcase Australia's traditional and contemporary Indigenous cultural and artistic expressions.

### Special Research Initiative for Australian Society, History and Culture

**Funding provider:** Australian Research Council

**Amount:** \$20,000-\$100,000

**Closes:** Wednesday 6 May, 2020

**Apply:** [Special Research Initiative for Australian Society, History and Culture](#)

The Special Research Initiatives Scheme funds new and emerging fields of research into Australian and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander society, history, culture, literature, art, music, politics and geography.

## SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

### Community Grants

**Funding provider:** Australian Ethical

**Amount:** \$10,000 and \$20,000

**Closes:** Friday 22 May, 2020

**Apply:** [Community Grants](#)

This fund provides support to grassroots organisations, including not-for-profit organisations and social enterprises, who contribute to humanitarian, environmental and animal welfare efforts in Australia and abroad.

NB: If you are applying for immediate COVID-19 support, there is a section of the application to indicate this

## **Ignitor Fund**

**Funding provider:** English Family Foundation

**Amount:** up to \$50,000, or up to \$100,000 for special cases

**Closes:** ongoing

**Apply:** [Global Giving](#)

This grant program seeks to support Australian social enterprise changemakers who are finding new and innovative solutions to tackle the most pressing issues within their local communities and who are now looking to build capacity to overcome the challenges of taking their concept to scale to be impact investment ready.

## **SPORT**

### **Emergency: Sporting and Recreation Equipment**

**Funding provider:** Sport and Recreation Victoria

**Amount:** up to \$2,000

**Closes:** ongoing, but applications must be lodged within 6 months of damage incurred

**Apply:** [Emergency: Sporting and Recreational Equipment](#)

This grant provides assistance to grassroots sport and active recreation clubs and organisations to replace essential sporting or first aid equipment that has been lost or destroyed as a consequence of fire, flood, significant storm event, theft or criminal damage

### **Women in Sport Scholarship**

**Funding provider:** Victoria University

**Amount:** \$2,000

**Closes:** Sunday 14 June, 2020

**Apply:** [Women in Sport Scholarship](#)

Each year, two women will receive the scholarship towards studies in sport at Victoria University. The successful recipients will have faced barriers and challenges in their secondary schooling or personal life that have previously prevented them from studying at university.

### **Athlete Pathway Travel Grants Program**

**Funding provider:** Sport and Recreation Victoria

**Amount:** up to \$1,500 for individuals and up to \$6,000 for teams

**Closes:** Friday 15 May, 2020 **\*application date extended**

**Apply:** [Athlete pathway travel grants program](#)

This program provides grants to improve athlete development pathways from community to national representation level. Support is available to assist with costs of travel for high performance athletes to represent Victoria and emerging athletes traveling to train or compete at events that contribute to their development within their sporting pathway.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Future Industries**

**Funding provider:** Business Victoria

**Amount:** assessed case-by-case

**Closes:** ongoing

**Apply:** [Future Industries](#)

Future Industries is about supporting investment in high-growth industries through industry excellence and development projects, including establishing collaborative networks and building supply chain readiness capabilities.

### **Cellar Door Grant**

**Funding provider:** The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources and Wine Australia

**Amount:** Up to \$100,000

**Closes:** Wednesday 30 September, 2020 **\*please note applications open on Wednesday 1 July, 2020**

**Apply:** [Current Grant Opportunity View - GO3445](#)

The Wine Tourism and Cellar Door Grant program has been introduced to support producers who add value by encouraging visitors to wine regions. Wine producers will be able to access an annual grant reflective of their eligible physical cellar door sales.

Wine producers who have met the eligibility criteria will be able to access an annual grant of up to \$100,000 for their eligible rebatable domestic cellar door sales. Total funding under the grant program will be capped at \$10 million each financial year.

## **YOUTH**

### **Youth Innovation Grants**

**Funding provider:** Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal ([FRRR](#)) and ABC Heywire

**Amount:** up to \$10,000

**Closes:** Tuesday 26 May, 2020

**Apply:** [Grants - Heywire - Heywire](#)

Over \$100,000 in seed funding is available to assist not-for-profit community-based organisations in rural, regional and remote Australia to adopt and act on one of the six innovative Heywire project ideas. Project ideas include connecting young people with their

environment, embracing and celebrating diversity and educating younger generations about farming.

## **Online Safety Grants Program**

**Funding provider:** Australian Communications and Media Authority

**Amount:** between \$80,000 and \$1 million

**Closes:** Tuesday 21 May, 2020

**Apply:** [Online Safety Grants Program](#)

The Online Safety Grants Program, led by the eSafety Commissioner, is part of the Australian Government's commitment to keeping children and young people safe online. Grant funding is available to non-government organisations (NGOs) that deliver online safety education to children, young people and their communities, or training to those who work with them. A total of \$9 million in grant funding will be allocated over three years (2020-2021 to 2022-2023). This is an open competitive grants program for NGOs.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Global Innovation Fund – Transforming Ideas into Impact**

**Funding provider:** Global Innovation Fund

**Amount:** assessed on case-by-case basis

**Closes:** Ongoing

**Apply:** [Global Innovation Fund - Transforming ideas into impact](#)

The Global International Fund is a non-profit innovation fund that invests in the development, rigorous testing and scaling of innovations targeted at improving the lives of the world's poorest people.