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Grant funding of up to $200,000 is available for every NSW State Electorate. An additional $100,000 is available for electorates with higher levels of social disadvantage as indicated by higher comparative unemployment rates.

Grants will be open to local councils and incorporated not-for-profit bodies such as charities, sporting, social and environmental groups. Projects are required to be completed before the 31 March 2017. Applications from local councils require a commitment of matching cash funding by the council.

Applicants should demonstrate how their project will benefit their local community through the building or improvement of facilities to deliver positive social, recreational or environmental outcomes.

**Funding Available:** up to $200,000

**Closing Date:** 7th August 2015

For more information please visit: [Community Building Partnership](#)
Resilient Economy

Grants
National Stronger Regions Fund

This program funds capital projects which involve construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade, extension or enhancement of existing infrastructure. The project must deliver an economic benefit to the region beyond the period of construction.

The Australian Government has committed $1 billion to the fund over five years commencing from 2015–16.

Funding will be provided for capital projects which involve construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade, extension or enhancement of existing infrastructure. Projects selected for funding should deliver an economic benefit to the region beyond the period of construction, and should support disadvantaged regions or areas of disadvantage within a region.

Local Government and incorporated not-for-profit organisations are eligible to apply for grants of between $20,000 and $10 million. Grant funding must be matched in cash on at least a dollar for dollar basis, and the funded part of the project must be completed on or before 31 December 2019.

**Funding Available:** Up to $20,000,000

**Closing Date:** 31st July 2015

For more information please visit: Infrastructure & Regional Development
The Regional Industries Investment Fund (RIIF) plays a key role in the NSW Government's commitment to driving economic growth in regional New South Wales and enhancing the attractiveness of regional areas.

A key element of RIIF is the provision of facilitation services offered by NSW Trade & Investment through its regional office network to help secure new projects with strong economic development outcomes in regional New South Wales.

In some instances, financial support may be provided for projects under RIIF that:

- Help fill gaps left by the market system;
- Promote economic and employment growth in regional NSW;
- Help regional communities capitalise on their strengths and broaden and reposition their industry base
- Assist with the development of regional and local solutions that will enable business development
- Support the regional economy, including economic infrastructure and capacity building projects

**Funding Available:** Unclear

**Closing Date:** Always open

**For more information please visit:** [Regional Industries Investment Fund](#)
Small Business Buddy Program

This program funds small business wishes in order to help spark a new revenue stream or just make life a little easier.

All wishes need to be for an actual product or service e.g. fitness equipment, laser machine, SEO consulting etc. – anything that would help your business.

Make your business wish in 250 words or less and complete the form.

All wishes must be for a tangible item or service to benefit your business.

Key Criteria:

- Your business has less than 20 employees
- Your business has a valid ABN.

For more information please visit: Small Business Buddy
Package Assisting Small Exporters

On 13 May 2014, the government announced a $15 million package to assist small exporters, comprising three components – a rebate for eligible small exporters is available in 2014-15 to assist with export registration charges; a review of export fees and charges; and funding for projects that will help improve market access for small exporters.

**Funding Available:** 10 million over 3 financial years

**Closing Date:** Ongoing

**For further information please visit:** [Australian Government Department of Agriculture](#)
The Program uses quality facilitators and advisers, drawn from industry, to ensure businesses get the advice and support they need to improve their competitiveness and productivity. The primary focus is on providing access to the best advice and networks to solve their problems rather than focusing on financial assistance.

**Funding Available:** Undisclosed

**Closing Date:** 31 December 2015

**For more information please visit:** [Entrepreneurs’ Infrastructure Program](business.gov.au)
The Collaborative Solutions Program was developed by the NSW Government and is managed by NSW Trade & Investment.

The Program supports the development of innovative technology-enabled solutions that address an identified barrier to growth in a key sector. It focuses on opportunities, challenges and changing business models brought about by enabling technologies such as mobile, cloud, analytics, sensors, advanced materials and biosciences. Successful submissions receive incentive grants for the development and piloting of these new solutions.

A key outcome of the Program is the development and trial of new solutions to test technologies in the field, validate consumer assumptions and accelerate the shift to new business models.

**Funding Available:** $100,000

**Closing Date:** Ongoing

**For more information please visit:** [Collaborative Solutions Grant](#)
Accelerating Commercialisation helps Australian entrepreneurs, inventors, start-ups, commercialisation offices and small and medium businesses address the challenges associated with commercialising novel intellectual property.

It aims to:

- Accelerate the commercialisation of novel intellectual property in the form of new products, processes and services
- Create new businesses based on novel intellectual property with high growth potential; and
- Generate greater commercial and economic returns from both public and private sector research and facilitate investment to drive business growth and competitiveness.

**Funding Available:** $250,000

**Closing Date:** Ongoing

**For more information please visit:** [Accelerating Commercialism](#)
Tech Vouchers

The program provides grants of up to $15,000 for small to medium-sized enterprises to access technical research infrastructure and expertise such as testing, validation and feasibility studies in NSW public sector research organisations (PSROs) such as universities. TechVouchers priority will be given to:

- companies which have not engaged with universities and public sector research organisations in the past;
- companies which have not engaged with research organisations for more than two years; and
- companies with existing relationships with research organisation and can demonstrate that the allocation of a TechVoucher will drive transformative improvement in the existing collaboration.

**Funding Available:** $15,000

**Closing Date:** Ongoing

**For more information please visit:** Tech Vouchers
Community Wellbeing

Grants
Social Innovation Fund

This program supports social entrepreneurs who are finding new and innovative solutions to tackle the most pressing issues within our communities.

Organisations with Item 1 DGR and TCC endorsement will be considered for development of, or investment in, a new or recently established social enterprise within Australia.

Established social enterprises who are looking to scale to the next stage of their development will also be considered. This entity may be working in any community sector/space at all – including those areas which are outside the EFF’s core priorities and will be eligible for consideration for funding by the EFF on the proviso that:

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 to the advisory board 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 an individual or group of individuals who have a clear vision for change and are seeking support for the practical implementation of this vision.

**Funding Available:** Unclear

**Closing Date:** Always open

**For more information please visit:** [English Family Foundation](English Family Foundation)
Future2 grants are designed for the benefit of socially and financially disadvantaged young Australians, aged from 12 to 25 years.

Since 2007 Future2 has awarded grants with a total value of $390,000 and helped to make a better life for thousands of young people, turning them from adversity to opportunity, from social exclusion to productive lives in the community. In 2015 a further $110,000 will be awarded.

Applications for grant funding are invited from organisations that have programs to address the needs of disadvantaged young Australians through:

- Education: including skills training and leadership development
- Engagement: including mentoring and juvenile justice programs
- Employment: including work experience and job readiness training
- Wellbeing: including remedial programs for drug and alcohol dependence
- Independent living and social inclusion.

**Funding Available:** $30,000

**Closing Date:** 31st July 2015

**For more information please visit:** Future 2
Australian Ethical Community Grants

This program funds charitable, benevolent and conservation purposes as part of a contribution to a positive and sustainable society.

Eligible organisations include those working for charitable, benevolent and conservation purposes as part of a contribution to a positive and sustainable society. Australian Ethical includes in this registered charities, not for profit companies or social enterprises. If you are the latter, you must be reinvesting 100% of any profits into your enterprise’s mission. No dividends can be paid to owners or shareholders.

**Funding Available:** $20,000

**Closing Date:** 3rd August 2015

**For more information please visit:** Australian Ethical
Regional Arts Fund NSW

This program supports the arts in regional and remote NSW by providing funding for artform (including cross-artform) projects, multi-media projects and, in exceptional circumstances, festivals.

This category assists groups to undertake projects in any artform that:

- Assist in the development of sustainable cultural networks
- Promote partnerships that support community and cultural exchange
- Have long-term arts and community cultural development outcomes for communities
- Are initiated by and with the community.

Partnerships can be with the non-arts sectors and specific target groups either within communities, between towns, within regions or across the state.

Each partner must fulfill the eligibility criteria. It is expected that each partner contributes equally to the project through skills, financial and / or in-kind assistance. Priority will be given to projects that identify and create new partnerships and projects in which the partnerships are important in promoting sustainability.

A project can have more than 2 partners. If so, include profile(s) of other partner(s) as an attachment to the application form.

Funding Available: Unspecified

Closing Date: 14th August 2015

For more information please visit: Regional Arts
Regional Arts Fund – New Initiatives

This program supports the arts in regional and remote NSW by providing funding for artform (including cross-artform) projects, multi-media projects and, in exceptional circumstances, festivals.

This category assists groups to undertake projects in any artform that:

- Extend knowledge, participation and/or development of arts and culture within communities
- Address cultural themes or issues of significance in local communities
- Are initiated by and with the community
- Provide opportunities for collaboration and skills development of locally based arts workers.

Arts projects initiated by non-arts groups and organisations are encouraged. Applications must provide evidence of wider support for the proposed project.

Click here to view full funding guidelines on the provider's website.

Funding Available: Unspecified

Closing Date: 14th August 2015

For more information please visit: Regional Arts
This grant is designed to help local community, sporting or social groups hold events in their communities.

Not-for-profit organisations, community groups/clubs, sporting groups/clubs, public schools and libraries in NSW are eligible to apply for grants. Groups that can demonstrate they are experiencing financial difficulties that could hamper their ability to hold a Grandparents Day event can also apply.

Grants are available for any kind of event that relates to NSW Grandparents Day. The grant can be used to assist with the costs of holding the Grandparents Day event. This includes food, beverages, promotion, entertainment, venue hire etc.

Grants are only available for events held between Thursday 15 October and Thursday 29 October 2015 (inclusive).

**Funding Available:** $750

**Closing Date:** 23rd August 2015

**For more information please visit:** Grandparents Day
Nava Artist Grants

These grants provide financial assistance to professional visual arts, craft and design practitioners in NSW to effectively produce, present and promote their work throughout NSW, interstate and overseas.

**Funding Available:** Varies

**Closing Date:** Varies

**For more information please visit:** [National Association for the Visual Arts](http://www.nav.org.au)
The Ian Potter Cultural Trust

This trust offers grants to assist emerging and early career artists of exceptional talent to take up professional opportunities, usually overseas.

Grants are made to practicing artists for professional development opportunities, usually overseas. Grants are only available to Australian citizens or Permanent Residents of Australia.

The Trust's key priority is supporting the career and professional development of emerging and early career artists. In line with its goal to support excellence however, in exceptional cases the Trustees may consider providing support for artists who do not fall into the emerging/early career category.

**Funding Available:** $7000

**Closing Date:** 8th September 2015

**For more information please visit:** Ian Potter Cultural Trust
Accessible Arts Grant Program – Quick Response

This program funds projects that improve access for current and future Lifetime Care & Support Scheme participants, other people with brain and/or spinal cord injuries and people with disability more generally. As such, funded projects will need to demonstrate the legacy the project will leave.

Legacies might include:

- Artist with disability led projects and/or integrated practice that includes artists with and without disability
- New models for supporting people living with spinal cord and/or acquired brain injury or disability more generally to participate in the community
- Improved skills, knowledge and attitudes of people in the general community
- New ways for people living with spinal cord and/or acquired brain injury or disability more generally to access activities they might enjoy
- More opportunities for people living with spinal cord and/or acquired brain injury or disability more generally to participate in arts and cultural activities.

Artforms: Dance, Music, Theatre, Visual Arts, Literature, Hybrid/Interdisciplinary Arts, Screen Arts and Multi Media.

Applications are invited from across NSW and across all art forms. Applicants from regional and remote NSW are particularly encouraged to apply.

To be eligible to make an application, an organisation must be a legally constituted Australian based entity and be one of the following:

- A not-for-profit incorporated body
- A co-operative or trust
- A local government authority.

Funding Available: Up to $5000

Closing Date: Friday 6th November or until funds exhausted

For more information please visit: Accessible Arts
Places for People

Grants
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Grants will be open to local councils and incorporated not-for-profit bodies such as charities, sporting, social and environmental groups. Projects are required to be completed before the 31 March 2017. Applications from local councils require a commitment of matching cash funding by the council.

Applicants should demonstrate how their project will benefit their local community through the building or improvement of facilities to deliver positive social, recreational or environmental outcomes.

Funding Available: up to $200,000

Closing Date: 7th August 2015

For more information please visit: Community Building Partnership
The NSW Footy Facilities Fund is an initiative of the National Rugby League (NRL) and the NSW Government and assists clubs improve the quality, availability and standard of their facilities.

The NSW Footy Facilities Fund aims to improve facilities for a variety of benefits including increasing participation, safety and security, environmental sustainability, social inclusion and building strong communities.

Applicants need to provide landowners consent where the project will occur on land that is not owned by the Club. A declaration from Council is required where there is a partnership with Council. This may include a letter of support, a letter outlining lease arrangements or support for favourable conditions for the Club. The conditions may include a lease extension, exclusivity, or first choice of use of facilities.

The NSW Footy Facilities Fund objectives are to:

- Increase regular and on-going participation opportunities in Rugby League
- Improve the standard of Rugby League grounds and facilities.

Your project must meet both of these objectives. Additionally, you may wish to address one or more of the following objectives to strengthen your application.

These objectives are:

- Improve safety at sport and recreation facilities (e.g. upgrade of field to provide a safer playing field, access pathways for players, disability ramps)
- Increase the security at sport and recreation facilities (e.g. installation of fencing)
- Remove barriers to promote inclusion in Rugby League (e.g. upgrade of amenities to increase female participation, provision of disability access, upgrade of referee amenities)
- Develop environmentally sustainable sport and recreation facilities (e.g. installation of drainage, rainwater tank, upgrade lighting for environmental impact)

**Funding Available:** Up to $5000

**Closing Date:** Friday 12th August 2015

**For more information please visit:** [Office of Sport](#)
Cricket NSW McDonald’s Community Facility Grants Program

The McDonald’s Community Facility Grants Program – is designed to assist NSW Councils, Schools, Associations and Clubs in providing opportunities for people to play cricket. For the season 2015-16, funding is available to Councils, Clubs, Schools and Associations for the primary purpose of improving playing and practice facilities.

PRIORITY PROJECTS

Playing and Practice Facilities

- Development, expansion or improvement of playing or practice facilities such as:
  - Synthetic match wickets (including concrete slab and synthetic grass)
  - Practice nets (including repairs)
  - Upgrades to existing turf wickets and training facilities
  - Establishment of new turf wickets
  - Cricket pitch rollers
  - Female friendly amenity / changeroom improvements
  - Amenity improvements for umpire

Funding Available: Up to $25,000

Closing Date: **5pm Wednesday 30 September 2015**

For more information please visit:
Holden Home Ground Advantage

Local sporting clubs are an integral part of the Australian way of life, much like Holden.

That's why we've made a long term commitment to helping grass roots sport by giving local clubs the chance to upgrade their facilities with the Holden Home Ground Advantage project.

You can apply for a grant of up to $10,000 or $100,000 for your local sporting club by entering your own video clip to support your application.

Applications Close August 31st, 2015.

For more information refer to: http://www.holden.com.au/homegroundadvantage
CommBank Cricket Club Sponsorship.

This year, CommBank are offering local cricket clubs the chance to apply for one of our Club Sponsorships. Each consists of a two-year, $2,000 financial commitment each year, as well as cricket gear. You’ll also get CommBank cricket merchandise, such as Commonwealth Bank marquees, to use on game days.

Recipients of the Club Sponsorship will receive:

- Two years of financial assistance
- $2,000 cash per year
- Cricket gear
- CommBank merchandise, such as marquees etc

Applications close 9 August 2015.

Living Environment

Grants
The Waste Less Recycle More Organics Market Development Grant Program provides grant funding of $2.55 million over two years to support the long-term expansion of the market in NSW for recycled organics that have been diverted from landfill.

The development of new markets and expansion of existing markets will support the increase in supply of recycled food and garden organics generated through other grants programs under Waste Less Recycle More.

The objectives of the Organics Market Development Grants Program are to:

- Facilitate the expansion of the NSW markets for recycled organic materials by an additional 70,000 tonnes by June 2017
- Reduce contamination from source-separated organics collection systems to improve end market confidence in recycled organic products
- Change awareness, knowledge, behaviours and practices around the use of recycled organic products.

Eligible applicants: Local councils, business, government institutions, not-for-profit organisations, and industry associations. Businesses that process recycled organics are not individually eligible.

**Funding Available:** Up to $500,000  

**Closing Date:** 11\(^{th}\) August 2015

**For more information please visit:** EPA
Environment Restoration & Rehabilitation Grants

Environmental Trust

Aim of the program

The aim of the Restoration and Rehabilitation program is to facilitate projects run by community organisations and government entities working to prevent or reduce environmental degradation of any kind. Through these projects, we also aim to improve the capacity of communities and organisations to protect, restore and enhance the environment.

Objectives

- The objectives of the Restoration and Rehabilitation program are:
- to restore degraded environmental resources, including rare and endangered ecosystems
- to protect important ecosystems and habitats of rare and endangered flora and fauna
- to prevent or minimise future environmental damage
- to enhance the quality of specific environmental resources
- to improve the capacity of eligible organisations to protect, restore and enhance the environment
- to prevent or reduce pollution

Funding Available: Up to $100,000

Opening Date: 17th August 2015

Closing Date: 25 September 2015

For more information please visit:
Environmental Levy Community Fund 2015/16

Bellingen Shire Council is calling for applications for the 2015/16 Environmental Levy Community Fund, a small grants program supporting community based environmental projects within the Bellingen Local Government Area.

Council has approved funding for the delivery of the Environmental Levy Community Fund grant program. Funding applications can be made by community groups to deliver projects up to a maximum value of up to $5,000 each, implemented on public land or land that is readily accessible to the public. The focus is on projects which:

- Concentrate their activities at the local level, across the shire;
- Maintain and/or protect existing environmental achievements and/or assets;
- Develop programs or projects which build community capacity;
- Contribute to behaviour change outcomes;
- Meet environmental sustainability priorities identified in BSCs 2030 Community Vision; and
- Foster innovative and creative solutions which meet an identified environmental sustainability need.

Funding Available: Up to $5,000

Closing Date: 10th August 2015