

March Easy Grants 2011

Grant: PPCA Performers' Trust Foundation G04944

Provider: Phonographic Performance Company of Australia (PPCA)

Category: Arts & Culture

Funding: There is no specified limit. However, funds are finite and there is no guarantee that you will receive all or any of the funds you request.

It is unusual for grants to be approved in excess of :

- \$2,500 for an individual; or
- \$5,000 for a group or organisation

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose: To promote and encourage music and the performing arts.

Overview: The grants provided are non-recurring (i.e., one-off grants rather than a periodical payment), and are determined by the four trustees of the trust.

All applications for grants are reviewed by the trustees and must be for one or more of the following purposes:

- performances at concerts at or for charitable institutions such as hospitals or homes for the aged
- scholarships for the promotion and encouragement of musical and theatrical education
- the promotion and encouragement of the performing arts to the general public
- the aid or assistance of any beneficiary who is unable to adequately maintain herself/himself by her/his own exertions and other income.

A grant under the PPCA Performers' Trust Foundation can be used for costs associated with the above, including:

- Tuition fees
- Travel costs (hire, airfares, petrol)
- Accommodation
- Venue hire/ PA hire.

The trustees meet four times a year to consider applications. Applications are circulated to all trustees prior to each meeting.

Limitations: A grant cannot be used to cover wages, salaries, commissions etc.

Although the trust is discretionary, the trustees are guided by the 'purposes' articulated in the trust deed. As a result,

it is not their usual practice to approve funding for any project of a commercial nature. This would include:

- investments in recordings (e.g., studio time, producers fees, session musician fees, manufacturing or distribution costs);
- concert or festival promotion or staging costs;
- tour support;
- artist management expenses; or
- equipment purchases.

You should also note that the trustees are unlikely to approve applications seeking funding for the majority of costs related to a project, and look to applicants to contribute and/or explore additional funding sources.

How to apply: Mail

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Further Information

Website: <http://www.pcca.com.au/ppca-about-us/ppca-performers-trust-foundation/>

Contact Details: Phonographic Performance Company of Australia (PPCA)

Email: trust.mail@pcca.com.au

Telephone: (02) 8569 1100

Grant: Music Grants Program G01302**Provider:** The Australia Council**Category:** Arts & Culture**Funding:** Various.**Closes:** Ongoing**Purpose:** To support Australian music-making through the music board, major performing arts board, Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander arts board, and community partnerships and market development sections.

Overview: This is an overview of the Music Grants Program. Please see the website for further information.

- Live on Stage - Music International Showcase Program - Market Development
- JUMP - closes October 2011
- Music Theatre - Music
- International pathways - Closing 4 April 2011
- Program - Music closes 05 May 2011
- Presentation and Promotion (June 2011) - Music closes 15 June 2011
- Don Banks Music Award - Music closes 01 September 2011
- Skills and arts development - Music (April 2011) - Closing 1 April 2011
- Project Fellowships - Music - closes 01 September 2011
- Fellowships - Music - closes 01 September 2011
- ArtStart - closes 02 March 2011

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- New work - Music (June 2011) - Closing 15 June 2011
- Cite Residency - Music - closes 01 September 2011
- Geek in Residence Program 2010-2011:HOSTS - closes 13 December 2010
- Geek in Residence Program 2010-2011:Geeks - closes 17 January 2011
- AlloSphere Residency - Music - closes 14 March 2011
- Dance and Music Initiative - closes 21 March 2011
- Independent producers initiative: Dance, music, theatre, market development - closes 18 April 2011
- Independent Curators - Visual Arts: Music and Visual arts - Closes 12 August 2011
- Skills and Arts Development - Artist Development only - Music (September 2011)

How to apply: Mail**Further Information****Website:** <http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au>**Contact Details:** Music Program Coordinator The Australia Council**Email:** music@australiacouncil.gov.au**Freecall:** 1800 226 912**Telephone:** (02) 9215 9104**Fax:** (02) 9215 9111**Grant: The Ian Potter Cultural Trust Grants G00304****Provider:** The Ian Potter Cultural Trust**Category:** Arts & Culture**Funding: Max per grant:** \$7,000**Closes:** 30 May 2011**Purpose:** To encourage the diversity and excellence of emerging Australian artists.**Overview:** The Ian Potter Cultural Trust aims to nurture the growth of excellence and diversity in cultural activities in

Australia by making small grants to outstandingly talented people in the early stages of their careers.

The Ian Potter Cultural Trust has two major funding areas:

- **Cultural Trust** The Ian Potter Cultural Trust seeks to encourage the diversity and excellence of emerging artists in Australia. The Trust makes grants of up \$7,000 to early career artists practising in a wide range of

disciplines within the arts, including the performing and visual arts, crafts, music, the media, literature,

design, spanning traditional art forms right through to experimental media..

• **Arts Commissions** 2009 was the final year of the Music Commissions, completing a decade of support for

the competition of new music. In the near future and following a consultation with the Arts Community, the

next discipline to be supported by the Ian Potter Arts Commissions will be announced.

The Trust does not currently have an application form. Instead, applicants must complete the requirements

detailed on the Application Coversheet available on the website.

Monday, 31 January 2011

For project/travel after 13 May 2011

Monday, 30 May 2011

For project/travel after 9 September 2011

Monday, 12 September 2011

For project/travel after 16 December 2011

Limitations: Exclusions:

- Projects for which the sole purpose is an exhibition, performance or the making of a recording
- Postgraduate study being undertaken through an Australian institution
- Applications which were previously declined by the Trust cannot be resubmitted.

Who can apply: Applicants should be in the early stages of their careers and must demonstrate initiative,

exceptional talent and passion for their work.

Grants are made to practising artists for professional development and are only available to Australian citizens or

those permanently residing in Australia.

Requests must be for:

- Postgraduate study that will take place overseas
- Mentoring or private lessons overseas
- Overseas residencies or study tours with an educational focus or;
- Non standard musical instruments or equipment.

If seeking support for the making of a film, applicants must be final year or post-graduate film students.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.ianpotterculturaltrust.org.au/home>

Guidelines: <http://www.ianpotterculturaltrust.org.au/funding-guidelines>

Contact Details: Ms Claire Rimmer Roberts , Program Manager The Ian Potter Cultural Trust

Email: admin@ianpotter.org.au

Telephone: (03) 9650 3188

Grant: Sidney Myer Fund - The Arts and Humanities (Small Grants) G01177

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Provider: The Sidney Myer Fund

Category: Arts & Culture

Funding: Grants are capped at \$30,000 and are generally made for a 12 month period only.

Closes: 21 April 2011

Purpose: To play a critical role in upholding the integrity of the arts community within Australia.

Overview: The priority areas for the Small Grants Program are:

- To **build capacity** of the individual through ensuring professional artists gain access to training, development and mentoring
- Develop **new works** by individual Australian artists and small to medium-sized organisations in the following

areas:

- o Indigenous arts
- o Regional areas
- o Experimental and emerging art forms
- **Humanities** - projects that support the Humanities, particularly those that contribute to a broad understanding of and engagement with the Humanities.

The Arts and Humanities Small Grants Program has four closing dates each year. Closing dates for 2011 are:

- Tuesday 11 January

- Thursday 21 April

How to apply: Mail, Email

Further Information

Website: <http://www.myerfoundation.org.au/>

Contact Details: Applications Administrator Sidney Myer Fund

Email: enquiries@myerfoundation.org.au

Telephone: (03) 9207 3040

Fax: (03) 9207 3070

Grant: Cheaperthanhotels Fundraising Program S04746

Provider: Cheaperthanhotels

Category: Community Services & Development

Funding: Max per grant: \$25,000 **Min per grant:** \$250

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose: To offer an innovative fundraising program for community groups, non-profit organizations, schools, universities and sports clubs.

Overview: The Cheaperthanhotels Fundraising program is designed with individuals and smaller organizations in mind and provides financial support to help you in pursuit of your cause. The cause may be anything from supporting

a selected charity to fundraising for new computers or sporting equipment at a school, to hold your own art exhibition

or to inject funds into your small business.

Forget selling chocolates and endless books of raffle tickets, this program generates \$8 per sale, and gets people

coming back again and again. For every hotel booking made on the CheaperThanHotels family of websites, that has

been referred by your organization and can be identified by a specified link or promotional code, Cheaperthanhotels

will donate \$8 to your organization.

If you have 100 people in your organization, and each of them refers just one booking, you will raise \$800. By putting

in a small amount of time and effort to spread the word, you will be able to raise a lot more.

Cheaperthanhotels is an online accommodation search & booking engine, which aims to provide hotels at prices

cheaper than what you can find by booking with the hotel themselves!

Further Information

Website: <http://www.cheaperthanhotels.com/sponsorship/>

Contact Details: Susan Daniel Cheaperthanhotels

Email: susan.daniel@cheaperthanhotels.com

Grant: Ian Potter Foundation Grants G00305

Provider: The Ian Potter Foundation

Category: Community Services & Development

Funding: Various

Closes: 30 May 2011

You must be a charitable organisation with Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Status to apply for this grant

(See Part 3 for more information)

Purpose: To fund projects led by far sighted individuals and organisations that improve the Australian community's

ability to respond creatively to social, environmental, science and health issues, and that develop our capacity as a

nation through the arts and education.

Overview: Grants Closing Dates

ARTS

Closing dates for receipt of Arts applications in 2010 are:

- Monday, 31 January 2011
- Monday, 30 May 2011
- Monday, 12 September 2011

COMMUNITY WELLBEING [CW] and CW INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Closing dates for receipt of CW applications in 2011 are:

- Monday, 31 January 2011
- Monday, 30 May 2011
- Monday, 12 September 2011

EDUCATION

Closing dates for receipt of Education applications in 2011 are:

- Monday, 31 January 2011
- Monday, 30 May 2011
- Monday, 12 September 2011

TRAVEL and CONFERENCE

Closing dates for receipt of Travel and Conference applications in 2011 are:

- Monday, 30 May 2011 for travel/conference after 9 September 2011

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- Monday, 12 September 2011 - for travel/conference after 16 December 2011

Applications accepted once a year:

- HEALTHY COMMUNITIES - The closing date for 2011 is: Monday, 31 January 2011
- MEDICAL RESEARCH - The closing date for 2011 is: Monday, 31 January 2011
- ENVIRONMENT & CONSERVATION - The closing date for 2011 is: Monday, 30 May 2011
- SCIENCE - The closing date for 2011 is: Monday, 30 May 2011

All applicants are encouraged to submit their applications earlier rather than wait until the closing date.

Limitations: The Foundation will not fund retrospectively and does not normally support:

- Recurrent expenditure for which no future provision is in sight.
- Capital or endowment funds established to provide a corpus for institutions.
- Research or travel funds for Undergraduate, Masters or Doctoral students, except in special circumstance at the Board's discretion.

Who can apply: The Ian Potter Foundation can only make grants to organisations with both Deductible Gift Recipient

(DGR) and Tax Concession Charity (TCC) status.

How to apply: Mail, Email

Further Information

Website: <http://foundation.ianpotter.org.au/>

Contact Details: Chief Executive Officer The Ian Potter Foundation

Email: admin@ianpotter.org.au

Telephone: (03) 9650 3188

Fax: (03) 9650 7986

Grant: Sidney Myer Fund - Poverty and Disadvantage G03984

Provider: The Sidney Myer Fund

Category:Community Services & Development

Funding: Max per grant: \$10,000

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose: To help create a good society by promoting justice and equity.

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Through our Poverty and Disadvantage Program, we aim to address underlying problems that give rise to poverty and disadvantage, and to find ways to strengthen systems, services and communities to prevent impoverishment and to reduce its impact.

Large Grants Program

The Sidney Myer Fund aims to assist in the area of Poverty and Disadvantage with its Large Grants Program focussing

on:

- Indigenous poverty
- Child and family poverty.

Please note, we do not accept unsolicited applications to the Large Grants Program.

Small Grants Program

The Sidney Myer Fund's Poverty and Disadvantage Small Grants Program supports projects that benefit the Australian

community, and strategies that address:

- Symptoms: Alleviating the negative effects of poverty and disadvantage.
- Capacity Building: Strengthening communities' abilities to deal with poverty and disadvantage.

Priorities: The current priority areas for the Poverty and Disadvantage Small Grants Program are as follows:

- Communities experiencing social and economic exclusion with particular emphasis on Indigenous Australians,

asylum seekers and refugees, and people living in isolated rural and remote areas of Australia

- Children and young people from impoverished backgrounds whose opportunities for development

and advancement are curtailed

- Small, discreet projects that meet the needs of a community rather than supplementary funding for large

projects. A small, discreet project will be considered to have a total budget of up to \$50,000.

Limitations: The Myer Foundation and Sidney Myer Fund do not provide grants directly to individuals or

unincorporated bodies.

Who can apply: The Myer Foundation and the Sidney Myer Fund will accept applications for grants for charitable

purposes from Australian incorporated organisations that have been endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO)

as Tax Concession Charities (TCC). If your organisation is not endorsed as a TCC, but you are an Australian

incorporated organisation, you may still be eligible to apply as long as we can be satisfied that the nature of your

project is charitable.

How to apply: We require both an electronic and a hard copy of your application form.

Further Information

Website: <http://www.myerfoundation.org.au>

Appl. Form: <http://www.myerfoundation.org.au/programs/content.cfm?loadref=39>

Contact Details: Applications Administrator Sidney Myer Fund

Email: enquiries@myerfoundation.org.au

Telephone: (03) 8672 5555

Fax: (03) 8672 5556

Grant: Adult Learners' Week National Grant Funding G05148

Provider: Dept of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Category: Education, Employment & Training

Funding: Max per grant: \$250,000

Closes: 8 April 2011

Purpose: To recognise achievements and raise awareness of adult education and promote activities to encourage participation in further learning.

Overview:

Adult Learners' Week (ALW) is an international event embodied in the 1997 Hamburg Declaration on Adult Learning to

which Australia is a signatory. Internationally, ALW celebrates the value and diversity of life long learning. In

Australia, the main focus of ALW has been to recognise achievements and raise awareness of adult education and

promote activities to encourage participation in further learning.

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The Australian Government is providing \$250,000 for ALW national projects during 2011.

Organisations are invited to

apply for funding up to this amount to support innovative and strategic approaches to enhance community awareness

of the role and importance of Adult Learners' Week in 2011.

Proposals which will be particularly regarded are those that:

- explore innovative and creative ways of nationally communicating the importance of adult learning;
- have the potential to encourage more Australians to seek out adult learning opportunities; and
- respond to the Goals and Strategies embodied in the 2008 Ministerial Declaration on ACE.

Who can apply: Organisations are eligible to apply for funding. Funding is not available to individuals.

Further Information

Website:

<http://www.deewr.gov.au/Skills/Programs/National/alw/Pages/AdultLearnersWeek.aspx>

Guidelines:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Skills/Programs/National/alw/Documents/ALW_Guidelines.pdf

Contact Details: Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations

Email: alw@deewr.gov.au

Telephone: (02) 6240 5242

Grant: New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS) G01522

Provider: Dept of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Category: Education, Employment & Training

Funding: Income support

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose: If you are an eligible job seeker and are interested in starting and running a small business, you may be

able to access assistance through the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS).

NEIS can provide you with accredited small business training, business advice and mentoring, as well as ongoing

income support for up to 52 weeks.

Overview: NEIS is delivered by a national network of NEIS providers under Job Services Australia, in locations right

around the country. NEIS providers include local organisations, such as Business Enterprise Centres, TAFE Small

Business Centres, community organisations, and private sector businesses.

Support to build your own business

Your local NEIS provider can help you put your business idea into practice. They will provide you with individualised

assistance to help you achieve your goals, and will maintain regular contact with you to provide extra help if you

experience any business problems or need other additional support. NEIS Training

Job Services Australia has set aside specific training places under the Australian Government's Productivity Places

Program for job seekers who wish to establish their own small business through NEIS.

Your NEIS provider will help you decide whether you should undertake a Certificate III in Micro-Business Operations

or a Certificate IV in Small Business Management. This will depend on the type of small business you are planning.

During the training you will also develop a business plan which will need to be approved by your NEIS provider.

NEIS training helps you to achieve a nationally recognised qualification, and is a Centrelink approved activity for up to

13 weeks. This allows time for completing the course (normally six to eight weeks), assessment of your business plan

by your NEIS provider and any final business preparations.

If you have prior training or experience in business, you may be eligible for prior learning exemptions.

If your business plan is approved, you will receive NEIS Assistance, which includes:

- NEIS Allowance for up to 52 weeks
- NEIS Rental Assistance for up to 26 weeks (if eligible), and
- business mentoring and support during your first year of business operation.

NEIS Allowance and NEIS Rental Assistance

While participating in NEIS you will receive NEIS Allowance for the first 52 weeks of business operation. NEIS

Allowance is equivalent to the single, 21 or over, no children rate of Newstart Allowance, and is paid fortnightly in

arrears, subject to you fulfilling your obligations under your NEIS Participant Agreement.

An advantage of NEIS Allowance is that the amount you receive will not be affected by income from your NEIS

business.

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You can receive external income while participating in NEIS-that is, income from outside your business, such as from

investments or other work. However, your NEIS provider is required to ensure that your NEIS business is your

primary, full-time activity. Therefore, if your external income is greater than twice the basic rate of NEIS Allowance in

a given financial quarter, it may affect the amount of your NEIS Allowance.

Note: Recipients of Disability Support Pension, Carers Payment, Parenting Payment (Single) and some Department of

Veterans' Affairs pensions can choose to remain on these payments while participating in NEIS.

You may also be eligible to receive NEIS Rental Assistance, which is a fixed rate payment made to you for a period of

26 weeks from the date you first receive NEIS Allowance.

NEIS business mentoring and support

Business mentoring and support is an essential component of NEIS. NEIS business mentors are people with proven

business acumen and experience in marketing, finance, accounting or other relevant business skills.

As a NEIS participant you will receive NEIS business mentoring for the first year of operation of your business,

including assistance and advice about organisational, financial and marketing issues to help develop your business.

Your NEIS mentor will meet with you face-to-face a number of times during this first year of operation to help

maximise the potential success of your business. If you have been assessed as highly disadvantaged, or are an

Indigenous Australian, NEIS can provide you with additional mentoring and support to ensure you have the best

chance of getting your business off the ground.

Who can apply: Who can participate in NEIS?

To participate in NEIS you must be registered with a Job Services Australia provider. Your Job Services Australia

provider can tell you if you are eligible. You also must:

- be available to participate in required training and work full time in your proposed NEIS business*
- not be an undischarged bankrupt
- not have received NEIS Assistance for a similar business activity, and
- not have received NEIS Assistance in the previous two years.

* or fewer hours for those with an assessed partial capacity to work, reduced work participation requirements or who

volunteer for employment services.

Your NEIS business must be:

- not currently operating on a commercial basis
- independent, capable of withstanding public scrutiny, and lawful
- assessed as commercially viable by a NEIS provider
- not based on the purchase or takeover of an existing business
- not competing directly with existing businesses, unless it can be demonstrated that there is an unsatisfied

demand for the product or service, or the product or service is to be provided in a new way

- established, located and operated solely within Australia, and
- in an area where skills are in demand for less disadvantaged job seekers.

Further Information

Website:

<http://www.deewr.gov.au/Employment/JSA/EmploymentServices/Pages/NEIS.aspx>

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Grant: Dementia Research Grants S00849

Provider: Alzheimers Australia Research Foundation

Category: Health & Wellbeing

Funding: Max per grant: \$30,000

Closes: 18 April 2011

Purpose: To promote the importance of research into dementia and stimulate interest among young researchers.

Overview:

AAR Dementia Research Grants are seeding grants for new researchers, valued up to \$30,000 (exclusive of GST). In

general, this grant is designed to seed new projects, but if the project is attached to a larger project, there should be

some clear demarcation between the new project and the larger project. Grants are awarded in both biological/nonclinical

and clinical/psychosocial research areas.

The 2011 Dementia Grants Program consists of four main categories - research, travel, postgraduate scholarships and

postdoctoral fellowships. Applicants are entitled to apply only once in each of the categories.

One grant within this program has been dedicated to fund research within nominated priority areas as directed by the

Consumer Dementia Research Network (CDRN). In 2011, these priority areas are:

- dementia-specific respite,
- community care for special groups (eg. YOD, GLBTI, CALD, ATSI), and

- effective programs to support the well-being and health of carers from diagnosis until after their caring roles end.

Who can apply: To be eligible for the AAR Dementia Research Grants:

- The principal investigator must be a new investigator (defined solely as never being a principal investigator on

a successful research grant worth more than \$30,000). Salary-related funding (e.g. scholarships/fellowships)

will not be counted towards the \$30,000 threshold unless it is a fellowship from AAR.

- In general, the principal investigator should have completed a doctorate or other research qualification

(Honours degree or higher) within the past five years, however significant career interruptions will be taken

into account.

- The principal investigator must be a citizen or permanent resident of Australia. Principal investigators who

have been resident in Australia for at least two years and have evidence of eligibility and application for

permanent residency may also be eligible for the AAR Dementia Research Grant.

- The research must be conducted in Australia

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.alzheimers.org.au/research-publications/dementia-grants-program.aspx>

Guidelines: [http://www.alzheimers.org.au/common/files/NAT/20110303-AAR-Dementia-Grant-](http://www.alzheimers.org.au/common/files/NAT/20110303-AAR-Dementia-Grant-Form-V2.pdf)

[Form-V2.pdf](http://www.alzheimers.org.au/common/files/NAT/20110303-AAR-Dementia-Grant-Form-V2.pdf)

Contact Details: Ms Kathering Bowditch Alzheimers Australia Research Ltd

Email: aar@alzheimers.org.a

Grant: The Marian and E H Flack Trust G00851

Provider: The Marian and E H Flack Trust

Category: Health & Wellbeing

Funding: Various

Closes: 31 March 2011

You must be a charitable organisation with Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Status to apply for this grant

(See Part 3 for more information)

Purpose: To support institutions conducting medical research and those providing welfare, social/family support and aged care.

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Overview: Since 1935 the Marian and E.H Flack Trust have made annual grants to a variety of charitable institutions and diverse causes that seek to benefit and improve a broad range of individuals throughout Australia. The trustees meet regularly and during June each year, consider written funding requests which are required to be lodged during the months of April and May. The lodgement deadline is 31 May. Normally, grants are distributed early in the following August to successful applicants.

The Trust supports institutions conducting medical research, welfare, social/family support and aged care. Thus, fields of interest include

- Aged care
- Health and wellbeing

- Special purpose housing and accommodation
- Medical research
- Mental health
- Social welfare

Priorities: Areas of Focus

- Disadvantaged youth
- Disadvantaged families
- Homeless youth and the elderly
- People with physical disabilities
- People with intellectual disabilities
- People from disadvantaged backgrounds
- People with major health issues

Limitations: Generally the Trust does not fund

- Projects designed to benefit a single individual or family
- Operating expenses
- Operating deficits
- Conferences or seminars
- Public fundraising appeals or special events
- Travel or transport costs
- Political organisations

Who can apply: Applicants should

- Have a broad community reach and profile
- Demonstrate sound management and service excellence in meeting community needs
- Have a high degree of community and/or volunteer involvement; and
- Connect their operations with the community they seek to assist

The Flack Trust will only make grants to organisations which have both Tax Concessions Charity (TCC) and Deductible

Gift Recipient (DGR) status.

Please provide evidence of current endorsement by the Australian Taxation Office of TCC and DGR status with your grant application.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.flacktrust.org>

Appl. Form: <http://www.flacktrust.org/application.doc>

Contact Details: Mr Peter Hordern , Chairman of Trustees The Marian & E.H. Flack Trust

Telephone: (03) 8608 2844

Fax: (03) 8608 1165

Grant: Diversity and Social Cohesion Program Grants G05164

Provider: Dept of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC)

Category: Multicultural

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Funding: Max per grant: \$50,000

Closes: 31 March 2011

Purpose: To provide funding of up to \$50 000 for community groups and organisations to deliver projects that address local community relations issues. The government believes that strong social cohesion is best developed by projects that bring all Australians together and in particular create connections across the community.

Overview:

There are two aims for the DSCP Funding: Aim 1: to promote respect, fairness and a sense of belonging for

Australians of every race, culture and religion. The aim primarily focuses on promoting inter-community harmony and understanding. Aim 2: develop the community capacity building skills of specific community groups under significant pressure due to their cultural, religious or racial diversity. This aim primarily focuses on supporting specific communities with the purposes of building their social cohesion capacity and/or to promote their positive contributions

to Australia. Project submissions must:

- directly address the program objectives;
- only involve activities taking place entirely within Australia;
- seek funds of between \$5000 and up to \$50 000; and
- be run for at least one year completed by the end of December.

Funding applicants should demonstrate why the project is important in the particular community and how it could

specifically address the identified issue

Priorities: It is important that project proposals include clear ways to develop and sustain links between people of all

backgrounds, and ways to sustain project outcomes beyond the period of the project. For example 'established' or

'mainstream' organisations that seek to develop and implement projects that are proactively inclusive will be

considered for funding

The Department will identify locations of highest need prior to assessing applications for funding.

Funding

recommendations will take into account priority locations as well as the relative severity of issues in particular areas.

Limitations:

Applicants should not be:

- individuals
- political organisations
- un-incorporated organisations (with the exception of government schools)
- Australian, state or territory agencies.

DSCP Program objectives: Under Aim 1, specific objectives include to:

- address racism and prejudice at the community level
- raise awareness of all Australians to build greater respect and understanding of diversity
- promote the importance of mutual respect, understanding and fair treatment of all, regardless of peoples'

cultural, racial or religious differences

- promote harmony between groups of people from different cultural, racial and religious backgrounds
- promote the understanding of Australia's democratic principles, rights and obligations
- promote the benefits of living in a culturally diverse society (including through participation in Harmony Day

or other similar activities), and

- demonstrate, as feasible, practical and effective means of addressing systemic issues of racism and discrimination.

Note: Under this aim, Indigenous organisations can be funded, but only where they identify and aim to address intercommunity

issues. Specific issues that impact on Indigenous Australians are funded through other agencies, including

the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA).

Under Aim 2, specific objectives include to:

- increase opportunities for participation in social, economic and community life (including, for example, through volunteering, social, cultural and sporting activities
- raise cross-cultural awareness of specific communities' needs to facilitate increased participation in social, economic and community life

• build capability to have a voice and leadership skills, including for young people and women
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• increase awareness and understanding of government and non-government support mechanisms to build/support community capacity
• enable faith and community leaders to better represent their community in Australia
• facilitate targeted information awareness initiatives and activities to build better understanding of Australia's cultural diversity

• highlight the positive contributions of specific community groups
• address involuntary social isolation of specific communities where this adversely impacts social cohesion and harmony.

The program also seeks to combat racial and religious discrimination and to promote understanding, tolerance and

harmony among all racial, faith and ethnic groups in accordance with Australia's international obligations, particularly

obligations arising under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

Funding will generally not be available for:

• continuation of existing activities or current core functions of an organisation;
• retrospective or deficit funding for projects already under way or completed;
• subsidy of general ongoing administrative costs (eg electricity, rent) of an organisation (but a worker may be

employed specifically for the project);

• cultural activities and one-off events, in isolation, of a single ethnic, religious or racial group (eg funds for

concert performance, instruments, costumes, dance performances)(an exception may be considered where

more than one cultural group is involved in the activity);

• major capital expenditure such as on buildings, motor vehicles, computers, sound systems etc (although

equipment can be hired for project work);

• projects that are the responsibility of other agencies, such as those which address anti social behaviour,

family issues, crime etc;

• the delivery of settlement-services (for example casework and assistance to access mainstream services);

• projects focused solely on accessing services (for example raising cross-cultural awareness amongst service

providers);

• projects that address employer discrimination as this issue falls under the purview of other Australian Government agencies;

• projects which are primarily focussed on curriculum development, academic research or teacher development;

• translations and reprinting of existing materials or publication of existing manuscripts;

• travel to conferences and short training programs.

Who can apply:

Funds will be provided to incorporated, not for profit organisations including:

• schools

• non-profit foundations

• service clubs

• sporting bodies

• ethnic organisations

• youth organisations

• Local government authorities

• universities and colleges of education (government school applicants need not be incorporated).

How to apply: Email

Further Information

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