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Grant: Optus Connecting Communities Grants Program G04849

Provider: Optus

Category: Community Services & Development

Funding: Max per grant: \$5,000 **Min per grant:** \$1,000

Closes: 30 July 2010 **Opens:** 3 May 2010

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 provide grants to Not For Profit community organisations to help reduce social isolation for those in need and reconnect disengaged youth.

Overview: The Optus Connecting Communities Grants Program enables Optus employees and Not For Profit organisations to proactively seek ways to reduce social isolation and reconnect disengaged youth.

Optus is in the business of communication therefore funding will be awarded to projects aimed at connecting disengaged youth and/or reducing social isolation.

Project types that will be considered can be split into two categories:

- **Disengaged Youth**

Disengaged Youth are adolescents and young adults (up to the age of 25) who have become disengaged from society due to lack of education, skills training, employment opportunities, homelessness, substance abuse, and poverty. Optus will provide funding to projects that aim to provide solutions for disengaged youth enabling them to reconnect with society and help to build a better future for themselves.

- **Social Inclusion**

Social isolation encompasses social, physical, emotional and geographic isolation. Grant applications should demonstrate how projects will promote and enhance social inclusion such as building social networks, increasing participation in community or family life, or providing access for services such as health and education.

Priorities: Preference will be given to projects that are:

- Submitted online with a fully completed Application for Grant Form.
- Demonstrate a well defined project with clear goals, objectives, outcomes and evaluation.
- To support programs that produce positive social outcomes and meeting demonstrable needs such as:
 - new opportunities, skills and confidence;
 - access to education;
 - removal of barriers to empowerment;
 - new and strong support networks;
 - connecting disengaged young people to community life; and
 - addressing socially isolated community needs.
- Clearly demonstrate how the project relates to assisting Disengaged Youth or building Social Inclusion.
- Realistically budgeted for with all resources identified including sources of additional funding.
- Demonstrate a capacity to be self sustaining beyond the funding period.

Limitations: The following projects will not be considered for funding:

- Individuals who are looking for support or fundraising
- Activities, loan repayments, operational deficits
- Events such as community/school fetes, golf days or charity dinners

- Retrospective or deficit funding requests, e.g. funding of past
- Religious or political activities
- Operating or administration costs
- General fundraising appeals
- Projects outside of Australia

Who can apply: These grants are aimed at assisting communities and therefore individuals and for-profit organisations are not eligible to apply for grants through the Optus Connecting Communities Grants Program.

Optus will accept applications for the Optus Connecting Communities Grants Program from Australian incorporated

organisations that have been endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as Tax Concession Charities (TCC) and Deductible Gift Recipients (DGR).

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Further Information

Website:

<http://www.optus.com.au/aboutoptus/About+Optus/Corporate+Responsibility/Our+Community>

[/Community+Programs/Connecting+Communities+Grants+Program](http://www.optus.com.au/aboutoptus/About+Optus/Corporate+Responsibility/Our+Community/Community+Programs/Connecting+Communities+Grants+Program)

Guidelines

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<http://www.optus.com.au/dafiles/OCA/AboutOptus/CommunityAndEnvironment/SharedStatistics>

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[les/SharedDocuments/Connect_Comm_Gdlns_A4_0410.FINAL.pdf](#)

Contact Details: Optus

Email: connectingcommunities@optus.com.au

Freecall: 1300 729 320

Grant: St George Foundation - Under \$5000 G01315

Provider: St George Foundation

Category: Community Services & Development

Funding: Max per grant: \$5,000

Closes: 11 June 2010

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 provide financial support to charities throughout Australia to help them assist children and young people up to 18 years of age with special needs.

Overview: The Foundation supports innovative projects that enable disadvantaged and disabled children to reach their potential.

Applications are considered once a month.

Examples of projects we support:

- Early intervention services
- Educational equipment and assistance
- Youth workers
- Recreational and respite programs
- Counselling and therapy
- New technologies
- Medical equipment

Applications for financial assistance for less than \$5000 are given discretionary consideration once a month.

Limitations: Funding is not usually given for:

- Office equipment

- Sponsorship or fundraising appeals
- Motor vehicles
- Scholarships
- Building projects or modifications
- Religious purposes
- General operations or running costs
- Hospitals
- Projects outside Australia
- Organisations with a high net asset worth

Who can apply: To be eligible for funding, an organisation will:

- assist children under the age of 18 years of age
- focus its efforts on Australian children
- be a registered Australian charity endorsed as a deductible gift recipient (but not another ancillary fund).

How to apply: Online

Further Information

Website: <http://www.webapps.stgeorge.com.au/stgeorgefoundation/apply.asp>

Appl. Form:

http://apply4funding.stgeorgefoundation.com.au/Foundation/genericform_InitiateExternal.do?action=entry&requestType=funding

Contact Details: St. George Bank

Email: stgeorgefoundation@stgeorge.com.au

Telephone: (02) 9236 3534

Fax: (02) 9236 1576

Grant: Telstra's Kids Fund G01805

Provider: Telstra Foundation

Category: Community Services & Development

Funding: Max per grant: \$1,200 **Additional Info:** \$750000 annually over three granting rounds

Closes: 18 June 2010 **Opens:** 3 May 2010

Purpose: To support a broad range of initiatives and projects including education, sports and recreation, arts and culture, environment, social issues and disability programs.

Overview: Permanent Telstra Group employees can apply for a Telstra's Kids Fund grant of \$1,200 to support a project or activity run by a not-for-profit organisation involving a child, 18 years or under, in their immediate family.

Each year \$750,000 is given to local community organisations on behalf of children related to Telstra employees.

There are three funding rounds per year.

Telstra's Kids Fund provides grants for not-for-profit organisations in the following areas:

- Arts and culture
- Disability
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Sport and recreation
- Valuing cultural diversity.

Organisations such as schools, sporting clubs, hospitals and childcare centres have benefited from Telstra's Kids Fund.

Requests for musical equipment, educational resources, sport and recreation equipment and building upgrades have been among the grants given by Telstra's Kids Fund.

Limitations: Telstra's Kids Fund does not support:

- Individual children

- Projects which are completed prior to the Grants Committee decision
- Promotional activities
- Programs with a religious, political or sectarian purpose
- General operational/administration functions
- Conferences
- Retrospective costs
- Projects outside of Australia
- General fundraising appeals.

Telstra's Kids Fund is unable to donate Telstra products and services.

Who can apply: To be considered for funding you must meet these eligibility criteria:

1. You must be a Telstra Group employee - A Telstra Group employee includes any permanent full or part time employee of a company that, on the date the grant application round closes, is an Australian wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of the Telstra Corporation Ltd. Contractors and casual employees to Telstra are not eligible to apply for a Telstra's Kids Fund grant.

2. The organisation must be not-for-profit - An organisation is not-for-profit when their constituent or governing documents prevent them from distributing profits or assets for the benefit of particular persons, both while they are operating and on winding up. A not-for-profit organisation can still make a profit, however any profits it makes must be used to carry out its purposes and not distributed to owners, members or other private persons. Organisations do NOT require DGR or TCC endorsement to be eligible.

3. The child must be 18 years of age or under and part of your immediate family - Telstra Group employees can apply for a grant on behalf of a child, 18 years or under, who is part of their immediate family:

- Child
- Sibling
- Step-child
- Niece/nephew
- Grandchild
- Foster child.
- Child of a de facto partner

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The child must be involved in the organisation, on the date the Telstra's Kids Fund grant application round closes.

4. A Telstra Group employee may only make a successful application to the Telstra's Kids Fund once every three years as determined from the original grant application closing date. This allows others a chance to get involved.

Telstra's Kids Fund may fund the same 'local' not-for-profit organisation more than once in a funding round, provided each application is made by a different Telstra Group employee and relates to a separate project or activity.

If you know a member of your community group is a Telstra employee - why not check with them about applying on behalf of your group

Further Information

Website:

[http://www.telstrafoundation.com/dir148/tfweb.nsf/telstraskidsfund/telstraskidsfund?O](http://www.telstrafoundation.com/dir148/tfweb.nsf/telstraskidsfund/telstraskidsfund?OpenDocument&menu=3)

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Guidelines:

http://www.telstrafoundation.com/dir148/tfweb.nsf/telstraskidsfund/whocanapply?OpenDocument&menu=3_2

Appl. Form:

<http://www.telstrafoundation.com/dir148/tfsubs.nsf/Application+TK+R25?openform>

Contact Details: Telstra

Freecall: 1800 208 378

Grant: National Disability Awards S02646

Provider: International Day of People with Disability

Category: Disability

Funding: Various

Closes: 16 July 2010

Purpose: To celebrate and acknowledge the achievements and contributions that individuals with disability make to our community, as well as recognise individuals within our community who have contributed to the disability sector.

Overview: If you have made, or know someone who has made, a significant contribution to their community either at a local, regional, state or national level, tell us about it by nominating for the 2010 National Disability Awards.

There are five new award categories in 2010. They are:

- Minister's Lifelong Achievement Award for a person, over 25 years of age, with or without disability who has demonstrated a sustained and extraordinary personal commitment to improving and/or reshaping the lives of people with disability.

- Young Disability Challenge Award for a young person, 12-25 years of age who have advanced the rights of the people with disability.

- Business Award -

- Large Business Focus

- Small Business Focus

The Business Award will be awarded to businesses who have improved opportunities for people with disability such as greater inclusion, participation or employment.

- Local Government Award for local government authorities who have succeeded in implementing substantial changes to improve physical, social, economic and cultural access and inclusion for people with disability and their families.

- Social Inclusion Award -

- School Focus

- Community Group Focus

These Awards are for schools and community groups who have actively built in inclusion and full participation of people with disability alongside other students or members of community groups.

- Accessible Housing Award for property developers, builders and others in the building sector that have developed innovative and accessible private dwellings for people with disability.

Nominations will now close at 5.00pm AEST on Monday 16 July 2010.

Who can apply: Nominations are open to:

- people with disability who have made a significant contribution to their community;

- people who have made a significant contribution to improving the lives of people with disability; and

- people with disability, or caring for someone with disability, who have made a significant contribution to connecting people with disability with their community.

- Nominations are open to individuals and/or an organisation or group of people. Individuals also may be nominated on the basis of work done as part of, or for, an organisation.
- All nominees must be Australian citizens or residing in Australia.
- Members of the judging panel and their immediate family cannot be nominated for an Award, or nominate a person for an Award.
- FaHCSIA employees and their immediate family cannot be nominated for an Award.
- To nominate a deceased person for an Award, permission must be obtained from the deceased person's next-of-kin. The next-of-kin must sign Section 6 of the nomination form.
- People undertaking the role of an IDPWD Ambassador on behalf of FaHCSIA cannot be nominated for an Award, however they can nominate another person for an Award.
- Information submitted may be used in promotion and publicity associated with the National Disability Awards or FaHCSIA.
- Finalists will be invited to attend the Awards ceremony in Canberra on Tuesday 23 November 2010.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.idpwd.com.au/awards.asp>

Guidelines:

http://www.idpwd.com.au/uploads/pageFiles/NDA_Guidelines_2010_WEB_3.pdf

Contact Details: International Day of People with Disability

Email: idpwd@fahcsia.gov.au

Freecall: 1800 440 385

TTY: 1800 555 677

Grant: The Myer Foundation - G4 Fund (Small Grants) G03085

Provider: The Myer Foundation

Category: Environment Conservation & Heritage

Funding: Grants are capped at \$5,000 and are generally made for a 12 month period only.

The requested amount may be part of a project budget of up to \$30,000

Closes: 7 July 2010

Purpose: To contribute to the wellbeing of young Australians aged 12-25.

Overview: The G4 Small Grants Program aims to be responsive to community needs and supports projects that:

- Benefit the Australian community and are conducted within Australia
- Have young men and women, aged 12-25, as participants, drivers or targets of the initiative
- Are small, discrete initiatives with a total project budget of up to \$30,000 that meet the needs of a community.

The priority areas for the G4 Small Grants Program are:

- Capacity building for youth organisations
- Environmental education targeting and involving young people aged 12-25 years
- Youth-driven events
- Activities and initiatives addressing the health of young people.

The G4 Small Grants Program only supports small community based organisations.

The G4 Small Grants Program has four closing dates each year. 2010 closing dates for the G4 Small Grants Program applications are:

- Friday 5 February
- Wednesday 21 April
- Wednesday 7 July

• Wednesday 27 October

How to apply: Mail, Email

Further Information

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

Contact Details: Applications Administrator The Myer Foundation / Sidney Myer Fund

Email: enquiries@myerfoundation.org.au

Telephone: (03) 9207 3040

Fax: (03) 9207 3070

Grant: Sunshine Foundation Grants G00573

Provider: Sunshine Foundation

Category: Health & Wellbeing

Funding: Max per grant: \$10,000 **Min per grant:** \$500

Closes: 1 July 2010

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 projects which help alleviate human suffering, attend to matters of social need, advance the frontiers of knowledge and enhance the quality of life.

Overview: The Trustees will give attention to projects that seek to:

- Alleviate human suffering eg. address the problem of drug and alcohol abuse or the impact of natural disasters;
- Attend to matters of social need;
- Advance the frontiers of knowledge;
- Enhance the quality of life (such as conservation and environmental projects, the performing and creative arts).

In the main, projects that are supported by voluntary labour or which are low cost tend to be favoured - as would projects that only require "seed" funding (ie. a small injection of funds which would enable a project to become self sufficient).

Only projects that are domiciled in Australia will be supported.

Limitations: Grants will not be made for travel purposes, such as academics travelling to conferences.

Applications for capital funds for building projects will receive low priority.

In the main, grants will not be made "Foundation to Foundation", or for reduction of debt or to cover a shortfall in operating budgets.

Projects whose budgets consist mainly of wages and or consultancy fees will be accorded low priority.

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Likewise, projects that are designed to replace activities that are normally the responsibility of one or more of the tiers of Government will receive low priority. For example, funds to pay a teacher's salary, money to purchase a hospital bed will not be supported.

Who can apply: Individuals, organisations, universities, colleges, public bodies.

Applicants require either DGR status or Income Tax Exemption.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.mutualtrust.com.au>

Guidelines:

<http://www.mutualtrust.com.au/MT/docs/Guidelines%20June08.pdf>

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