



# INDI GRANTS

Edition July 2020

Welcome to a bumper edition of *Indi Grants*, a regular newsletter about grant opportunities available to Indi communities and organisations.

I know that timely and easy access to funding information is important to individuals, community and not-for-profit groups, businesses and industry in Indi.

So I'm delighted to announce that during August I'll release a suite of grant web-based tools and information videos about applying for grants.

I'll also host four online workshops in August and September 2020. Registrations will open soon.

My aim is to ensure that everyone in Indi has the most-up-to-date, easy access to comprehensive information about the widest range of funding opportunities, and the confidence and skills to successfully apply for grants.

Please watch your inbox for further information or visit my website [helenhaines.org](http://helenhaines.org).

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Best wishes

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**Helen Haines MP**

Independent Federal Member for Indi



## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### BUSHFIRE RECOVERY

#### Bushfire Recovery Grants for Community Facilities

The Bushfire Recovery Grants for Community Facilities (up to \$50,000) will support community groups who want help to build, upgrade or repair important local facilities that everyone can use.

Examples of projects that could be funded through the community facilities grants include upgrades to kitchens or bathrooms at local halls, repairs to fix damage, or new facilities such as playgrounds, community gardens and small pavilions.

- [Click here for more information](#)

**Closes: June 30, 2022**

#### Small Business Bushfire Support Program

The Victorian and Commonwealth Governments provide Small Business Bushfire Support Grants of up to \$10,000 to support small businesses who have experienced a significant loss of income due to the Victorian bushfires that commenced 21 November 2019.

These grants are available to small businesses in the local council areas of Alpine, East Gippsland, Indigo, Mansfield, Towong, Wellington and the Rural City of Wangaratta.



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Grant assistance is also available to small businesses who work within the eligible disaster areas on a regular basis, provided they can demonstrate significant impact.

- [Click here for more information](#)

**Closes: December 31 2020**

## Legal assistance for people engaging with the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements

The Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements has been established to inquire and make recommendations on government coordination of, response to and arrangements for dealing with national natural disasters.

Legal financial assistance may be provided to an entity, including an individual, for their reasonable legal representation and disbursement costs.

- [Click here for more information](#)

## Wildlife and Habitat Bushfire Recovery Program – Tranche 2

The Wildlife and Habitat Bushfire Recovery Program will provide funding to support the immediate survival and long-term recovery and resilience for fire-affected Australian animals, plants, ecological communities and other natural assets and their cultural values for Indigenous Australians.

Up to \$12 million grants is available under the Program, with grants of between \$100,000 and \$1 million being offered.

- [Click here for more information](#)

**Closes: September 30, 2020**

## Environment Restoration Fund: Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation

The purpose of the program is to provide funding of \$5,000 - \$1,000,000 to support wildlife rehabilitators (including community wildlife carer

organisations, veterinarians, animal hospitals, zoos, local shelter operators and foster carers) to rescue, treat and rehabilitate wildlife impacted by bushfires and return them into suitable natural environments or otherwise take care of them.

It will also support actions to preserve at-risk populations of threatened species impacted by destruction of their habitat through bushfire.

- [Click here for more information](#)

**Closes: November 29, 2020 (extended)**

## Emergency Bushfire Primary Industries Grants

Grants of up to \$75,000 are now available to eligible primary producers impacted by the Victorian Bushfires commencing 21 November 2019.

The support is available to bushfire affected primary producers in the local government areas of Ararat, Alpine, Ballarat, East Gippsland, Glenelg, Golden Plains, Greater Bendigo, Indigo, Mansfield, Moyne, Northern Grampians, Pyrenees, Southern Grampians, Strathbogie, Towong, Wangaratta, Wellington and Wodonga, and the alpine areas of Falls Creek, Mount Buller, Mount Hotham and Mount Stirling.

Grants may be used to cover the costs associated with clean up and reinstatement of the entity, as detailed in the guidelines.

- [Click here for more information](#)

**Closes: July 31, 2020 (to be extended)**

## Red Cross Bushfire Recovery grants

The following grants have been increased:

Primary Residence Repair Grant – amount increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000

Re-establishment Grant – amount increased for home owner occupiers up to \$40,000



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Injury grant – a further \$7500 available for those who have additional out of pocket medical expenses (making \$15,000 total available)

Bereavement grant – An additional \$30,000 available for the senior next of kin if they are continuing to experience financial hardship.

- [Click here for more information](#)

**Closes: August 31, 2020**

## The Creative Recovery Small Grants Program

The Creative Recovery Small Grants Program supports community connection, engagement and resilience for communities impacted by the 2019-20 bushfires in regional Victoria. The program will focus on the creative activity that assists these communities with short and long term recovery.

The program will support individual artists and organisations based in six local government authority areas of Alpine, East Gippsland, Indigo, Mansfield, Towong and Wangaratta.

Up to \$5000 is available for individuals and organisations. In limited circumstances, applicants may be invited to apply for funding above this threshold after consulting with Regional Arts Victoria.

- [Click here for more information](#)

**Closes: October 31, 2020**

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS and DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

### The Regional Connectivity Program (RCP)

The Regional Connectivity Program (RCP) is a \$53 million competitive grant opportunity to expand the economic, social and public safety benefits of improved digital connectivity to regional, rural and remote Australian communities.

Funded infrastructure under the RCP must provide retail mobile or broadband services to a regional, rural or remote community or a subset of the community (such as local businesses, tourist locations, schools etc). Proposals must demonstrate the clear need for improved telecommunications and community support for any proposed economic and/or social benefits.

- [Click here for more information](#)

**Closes: October 20, 2020**

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY

### Energy Efficient Communities Program

**Dairy Farming Business Grants** provides dairy farming businesses with grants of up to \$20,000 to improve energy efficiency, reduce energy costs and lower on-farm emissions. Grants may be used for equipment replacement, component upgrades, energy audits or feasibility studies.

- [Click here for more information](#)

**Closes: August 17, 2020**

**Small Business Grants** provides small businesses with grants of up to \$20,000 to improve their energy efficiency.

Grants may be used for equipment and component improvements, energy audits, feasibility studies and/or energy use and emission monitoring.

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## CORONAVIRUS

### COVID-19 Regional Airline Network Support Program

The objective of the program is to support critical air services to connect regional Australia to freight, medical testing, supplies and essential personnel.



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Domestic commercial airlines operating services at the Regular Public Transport (RPT) aviation safety standard to regional locations may apply.

- [Click here for more information](#)

## Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) - Coronavirus Research Response - 2020 Communication Strategies and Approaches During Outbreaks

The grant provides up to \$600,000 to support medical research into how diverse communities respond during outbreaks, how they react, access information and interpret it.

- [Click here for more information](#)

## HEALTH and HEALTH CARE

### Aged Care Workforce Retention

The purpose of the grant opportunity is to provide eligible aged care providers and agencies with funding to make retention bonus payments to Eligible Aged Care Workers in the residential aged care and Home Care Packages Program.

For residential aged care workers, this includes registered nurses, enrolled nurses and personal care workers who are directly in contact with the resident to assist with dressing, showering, wound management, medication, movement, feeding, hygiene and grooming or similar direct care activities.

- [Click here for more information](#)

### Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety

The Attorney-General's Department may provide legal financial assistance for people engaging with the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

- [Click here for more information](#)

## VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program

The program aims to preserve Australia's wartime heritage; involve people around the nation in a wide range of projects and activities that highlight the service and sacrifice of Australia's service personnel in wars, conflicts and peace operations; and promote appreciation and understanding of the experiences of service and the roles that those who served have played in shaping the nation.

There are two categories of grants available under the program:

- Community Grants (STS-CG)

Grants to a maximum of \$10,000 are available for local, community-based projects and activities.

#### Major Grants (STS-MG)

Grants between \$10,001 and \$150,000 are available for major commemorative projects and activities that are significant from a national, state, territory and/or regional perspective.

- [Click here for more information](#)

#### Closes:

- **October 29, 2020**
- **February 11, 2021**

### ANZAC Day Proceeds Fund

The ANZAC Day Proceeds Fund provides practical support to the veteran community through the provision of funding for a range of welfare related activities. Funding is provided to assist organisations whose principal objective is to provide welfare to the ex-service community.

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**Closes: August 31, 2020**



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## Victoria Remembers Minor Grant Program

The Victorian Government committed funds to support the Victorian veteran community impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. All projects will be considered and priority will be given to some projects that are responding to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the veterans community.

Grants of up to \$30,000 (excluding GST). There are 2 funding rounds per year.

- [Click here for more information](#)

**Closes: August 31, 2020 (round 6)**

## Restoring Community War Memorials and Avenues of Honour

Up to \$30,000 (excluding GST) for community groups to restore war memorials, honour rolls and avenues of honour to their original condition, or changed to better reflect veteran service in the community. Only 1 application can be made per project.

This program support local war memorials in Victoria that commemorate Victorians who served in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

- [Click here for more information](#)

**Closes: September 7, 2020**

## TOURISM

### Wine Tourism and Cellar Door Grants

The objective of the Wine Tourism and Cellar Door Grant is to support wine or cider producers who add value by attracting visitors to wine regions, and thereby encourage wine tourism.

Wine producers who have met the eligibility criteria in the preceding financial year will be able to access an annual grant of up to \$100,000 (GST exclusive) for their eligible rebatable domestic cellar door sales.

**Closes: October 5, 2020**

- [Click here for more information](#)

## ARTS

### Victorian Live Music Venues Program

The Victorian Live Music Venues Program seeks to support Victoria's live music sector by helping music venues respond to the devastating effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

Funding of up to \$130,000 can support immediate business costs caused by the shutdowns and help businesses reopen in a COVID-safe way, providing employment opportunities for music industry workers ranging from musicians and crew to bookers, promoters and more.

- [Click here for more information](#)

**Closes: August 6, 2020**

### Screen Industry Location Incentive

The objective of the Location Incentive is to ensure that Australia remains competitive in attracting large budget international film and television productions, thereby providing opportunities for Australian cast, crew, post-production companies and other screen production service providers to participate in production.

The Location Incentive will provide funding of \$540 million over eight years from 2019-20. Grants will be provided to large budget international screen productions undertaking filming in Australia that perform strongly against the assessment criteria.

- [Click here for more information](#)

**Closes: June 30, 2027**

### Australian Arts Council

### Arts Projects for Individuals and Groups

This program funds a range of activities that deliver benefits to the arts sector and wider public,



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including national and international audiences. Grants are available from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

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**Closes: September 1, 2020**

## Arts Projects – Organisations

This program funds a range of activities that deliver benefits to the arts sector and wider public, including national and international audiences. Organisations that undertake arts programs, projects or that provide services to artists are welcome to apply.

Grants are available from \$20,000 to \$100,000.

- [Click here for more information](#)

**Closes: September 1, 2020**

## REGIONAL ARTS FUND – Quick Response Grants

RAF Quick Response Grants – up to \$2,000 for Individuals, \$4,000 for organisations

Quick Response Grants are intended to assist regional artists, arts organisations and communities to take up professional or skills development or small project opportunities.

This program has been set up to be responsive to projects that fall outside the scope of other funding opportunities. Applicants must clearly explain why there is no other suitable funding program for their project.

The Quick Response Grant program is open to applications on an ongoing basis by financial quarter. There will be up to four allocations per year. They will be open on an ongoing basis.

All Quick Response Grants must be completed by 1 January 2022. Project start date must be at least 30 business days from submission date.

- [Click here for more information](#)

## ENVIRONMENT

### Environment Restoration Fund: Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation.

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- [Click here for more information](#)

**Closes: November 29, 2020**

## SPORT

### Local Sporting Champions Round 2

The Local Sporting Champions program provides financial assistance for coaches, officials and competitors aged 12-18 participating in state, national or international championships.

If successful, applicants will receive \$500-\$750 towards the cost of attending their championships.

- [Click here for more information](#)

**Closes: September 30, 2020**

## INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

### NAIDOC Week funding

The 2020 NAIDOC Local Grants funding, from \$200 to \$50,000, aims to support activities being held during NAIDOC Week 2020 (8-15 November) that celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander





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histories, cultures, achievements and continuing contributions to our country and society.

Activities should align with the National NAIDOC Theme for 2020, 'Always was, Always will be'.

- [Click here for more information](#)

**Closes: August 17, 2020**

## Aboriginal Community Infrastructure Program

Funding up to \$1,500,000 is available to Aboriginal organisations to build new community infrastructure or repair, refurbish or expand existing community infrastructure.

**Closes: September 14, 2020**

- [Click here for more information](#)

## INDUSTRY AND INNOVATION

### Business Research and Innovation Initiative (BRII) – Priority Sectors Round

The Business Research and Innovation Initiative details up to five challenges that government currently faces in policy and service delivery areas.

- Revolutionising agricultural spray applications
- Turning farm crops into renewable hydrogen source
- Turning office trash into energy treasure
- Counting fish using advanced technologies
- Automating the detection of whales at sea.

Funding is available up to \$100,000 to conduct a feasibility study, and if successful, up to \$1 million to develop a proof of concept. You will retain intellectual property rights and the right to sell your product or solution in domestic and global markets.

- [Click here for more information](#)

**Closes: September 10, 2020**

## National Product Stewardship Investment Fund

The objectives of this grant opportunity are to support organisations across Australia to:

- accelerate work on new industry-led product stewardship schemes, and
- improve the rates of recycling across new and existing schemes

There is \$14 million available for this grant opportunity. The minimum grant is \$300,000 and the maximum grant is \$1 million.

- [Click here for more information](#)

**Closes: August 21, 2020**

## COMMUNITY GRANTS

### Let's Stay Connected Fund

The Let's Stay Connected Fund provides grants between \$5,000 and \$200,000.

The program supports innovative, community-led and community-based initiatives that build connection, reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation and can be implemented quickly – providing much-needed support across the state. It will also support existing initiatives that can be rapidly scaled up to a local, regional or state level – delivering innovative and practical solutions that will benefit communities quickly.

- [Click here for more information](#)

**Closes: August 31, 2020**

### ANZ Seeds of Renewal

Through the Seeds of Renewal program, ANZ commits \$250,000 which is distributed through grants of up to \$15,000 to community organisations for projects that will help their community thrive.

This year Lenovo is supporting the program, with the donation of 12 ThinkPad L490 laptops valued



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at over \$20,000 to eligible community projects. Community groups can apply for a funding grant or for IT equipment.

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## **ARTC Inland Rail 2020 Community Sponsorships and Donations Program**

Inland Rail is committed to supporting communities along the alignment, by making voluntary financial contributions to eligible community groups running events, projects and activities which contribute to local and regional prosperity, well-being and sustainability.

Financial requests between \$1,000 and \$4,000 will be considered from eligible community organisations.

There are four annual open rounds.

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