



Memorandum

To:	All NSW Clubs and Branches
From:	SLSNSW
Date:	9 November 2016
Pages:	4
Subject:	Grant Opportunity – Australian Govt Strengthening Communities Volunteer Grants 2016

The Australian Government Department of Social Services **Strengthening Communities Volunteer Grant Program** is now open for 2016. This initiative forms part of the Australian Government's ongoing commitment to help community organisations to support the efforts of volunteers.

Eligible not-for-profit community organisations can apply for grants **between \$1,000 and \$5,000** to:

- purchase portable, tangible, small equipment items to help their volunteers, e.g. IT equipment and software, AV equipment, public address system, first aid and safety items, air conditioners, indoor furniture and appliances, mowers, beach wheelchair, office equipment, outdoor furniture, trailers (up to 2.5 x 1.6m), etc.
- contribute to the reimbursement of fuel costs for their volunteers who use their own car to transport others to activities, to deliver food, assist with medical appointments or help people in need
- contribute to the reimbursement of transport costs incurred by volunteers with a disability, who are unable to drive
- contribute to the costs of training courses and/or undertake background screening checks for their volunteers

Please refer to **Attachment A – Item Categories** included with this Memo for a comprehensive list of eligible items; this can be used as a guide when deciding what your Club would like to apply for.

The following are examples of some of the commonly requested items that are **not eligible**:

- advertising, logos, banners, display boards, uniforms, badging, or other things that advertise your organisation/community group;
- administration costs such as leasing, rental, hiring, labour, utilities, insurance and travel;
- fees, charges, and subscriptions;
- service charges, extended warranties and other labour costs;
- conferences and functions;
- vehicles and powered boats;
- buildings, renovations and permanent fixtures - plumbing, kitchens, hot water systems, fencing, etc.;
- window coverings (such as curtains and awnings) and floor coverings;
- consumable supplies – food, books, stationary (such as paper and folders), cleaning products, ink, toners, soil, sunscreen, maps, refilling of gas bottles, etc.;
- gym equipment, heart rate monitors;
- items that benefit the organisation/community group, its members, clients, participants or players, but not the volunteer;
- items already purchased, funded from another source.

Only one application from each organisation is accepted.



Applications will be assessed on how strongly they meet one or more of the following priorities:

- Organisations that work with disadvantaged communities (according to the Social Economic Indexes for Areas [SEIFA])
- Organisations that support individuals and communities experiencing disadvantage, including applicants:
 - located in areas affected by recent major natural disasters (based on the [Disaster Assist](#) website listings from 10 Dec 2015 to 13 Dec 2016) and
 - which engage volunteers from disadvantaged backgrounds (organisations which help more than one disadvantaged group will be assessed more highly)
- Organisations that have more volunteers than paid staff
- A higher number of volunteers who will directly use the items being bought
- Organisations with high numbers of volunteers
- Organisations with smaller operating budgets
- A lower total cost for the requested items

The closing date for applications is **2pm AEDT 20 December 2016**. The application and guidelines can be accessed via www.dss.gov.au/grants/grants/funding-open-for-application/volunteer-grants-2016.

Please note – if you would like the Surf Life Saving Foundation's Grant Seeking Unit to assist with drafting and submitting a grant application on the club's behalf, please contact:

Megan McKay

07 3177 5844

mmckay@slsfoundation.com.au

or

Zan Marshall

07 3177 5814

zmarshall@slsfoundation.com.au

Volunteer Grants 2016 – Item Categories

In Volunteer Grants 2016 applicants are required to select the Categories that match the items you wish to buy. Each category lists examples of items that are usually bought with Volunteer Grants money. The examples are intended as a guide only to help you select the most appropriate category. If a specific item is not listed, select the category that most closely matches the item to be bought.

Volunteer Grants money can **only** be spent on eligible items.

Category	Category
Examples of eligible items	Examples of eligible items
<p>Computer equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer or laptop (incl. operating software) Computer Software (non-operating) External hard drive iPad / tablet Printer/multifunction centre/fax/scanner Spatial Vision Mapping 	<p>Contribution to costs of undertaking background screening checks of volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute to the cost of police checks or working with vulnerable people checks
<p>Contribution to the reimbursement of fuel costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute to the reimbursement of volunteers' fuel costs who use their own car/vehicle when undertaking their volunteering activities. 	<p>Contribution to the reimbursement of volunteers' training costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute to the costs of training courses for volunteers
<p>Contribution to the transport costs of volunteers with disability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute to the reimbursement of transport costs incurred by volunteers with disability, who are unable to drive 	<p>Electronic/audio/video (non-computer related)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camera / video camera Dictaphone DVD / Blue-ray player / recorder GPS/UHF radio transceiver CD player / stereo / MP3 / iPod / dock Other portable audio equipment Headphones Microphones Motion sensor / camera Public address system Television / set top box Video / slide / data / overhead projector / screen
<p>First aid and safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPR manikin / training tools Defibrillator Dehumidifier Demountable fire hose Dust extractor / respirators Emergency oxygen EPIRB Fire blanket / Fire extinguisher / Fire tools (portable) First aid kit High visibility vests Hot/cold pack Hydraulic lift for wheelchairs (demountable-portable) Pool test safety equipment Sterilising unit Stretchers / rescue boards Test and Tag machine Torches 	<p>Landscaping / Gardening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arena Rake (tow behind) Backpack sprayer Blower vac Brush cutter Other gardening / land care tools (eg., spades, rakes, shears, secateurs, loppers, hoes) Hedge trimmer Hoses Ladder Mower / ride on mower Pump (portable) Rotary hoe Tree planting equipment Wheelbarrow Whipper snipper

<p>Heating/Cooling Air Conditioner Evaporative Cooler Fan Heater (moveable) Sunshade/sail/marquee/umbrella</p>	<p>Leisure and Sporting (excludes items for the benefit of the organisation or players) Aqua wheelchair (portable) Aquacube / stand and accessories Flags (Maritime) Karaoke equipment Line marker machines Electronic scoreboard Coach / referee kits</p>
<p>Household/cleaning items (non-kitchen) Broom / mop Carpet steam cleaner Hand dryer Step ladder Vacuum cleaner</p>	<p>Office equipment (non-computer and non-consumables) Binding machine Cash register Guillotine ID card printer laminator Photocopier Photographic/binders/ mounting materials Whiteboard</p>
<p>Indoor furniture and appliances Chairs Desk (non-fixture) Indoor lighting (portable) Sewing machine Sofa / lounge Tables</p>	<p>Outdoor furniture and equipment Barbeque (incl. initial gas bottle) Bench seats Canvas covers (BBQ trailers) Chairs Outdoor lighting (portable) Portable toilet Tables Trailer (up to 2.5x6.1m) Water tank (incl. installation)</p>
<p>Kitchen Appliances Bain marie Coffee maker Deep fryer Dough mixing machine Fairy floss machine Kitchen utensils Microwave Pie warmer Small kitchen appliances Water cooler / urn / thermos</p>	<p>Storage Bookcase Cupboard / cabinet (non-structural) Esky / cooler Filing Cabinet Lockers Shed (up to 4x4m portable) Shelving (demountable) Storage containers Trolley</p>
<p>Tools / power tools / construction tools Band saw / Table saw Chainsaw and accessories Cement mixer / tools Chain hoist Generator Hand drills (incl. bits and sharpener) High pressure cleaner Mill drill machine package (portable) Picket Post Driver Planer cutter Pump (portable; not for landscaping/gardening purposes) Sander Tool kits / tool boxes Work bench</p>	<p>Whitegoods and major appliances Clothes dryer Dishwasher Freezer Refrigerator Stove / oven portable (freestanding) Washing machine</p>