



Memorandum

To:	All Surf Life Saving and Life Saving Clubs
From:	Surf Life Saving New South Wales
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Subject:	Grant Opportunity – Telstra Kids Fund. Opening 30 October 2017.

The **Telstra Kids Fund** grant program opens **on Monday, 30 October 2017**. Under this program, permanent full-time or permanent part-time Telstra employees can apply for funding for a project run by a not-for-profit organisation involving one or more children (18 years or under).

- Grants of \$1,200 are on offer to support local grassroots community projects that helps kids to play and learn. You can only apply for \$1,200 – no more or less.
- Eligible activities include but are not limited to:
 - digital projects, including projects that support kids to be great digital citizens (cybersafety and online behaviour), explorers (code, robotics and making) and change agents (enterprise skills to use digital to solve problems)". Telstra has partnered with tech company 'Technology will save us' for this round;
 - sports and recreation projects, e.g. sports equipment, camping gear, sports uniforms and activity days;
 - health and wellbeing projects, e.g., nutrition programs, health education and shade sails;
 - education projects; and
 - nature based and environmental projects.

Application process:

- **A Telstra employee MUST initiate the application online** as they will need to provide their Telstra employee email address and details. Please provide the Telstra employee with a club email address to allow the club to access the application, and advise them that you wish to have access to the application form. Once the application is successfully initiated, the employee and club are both emailed access to the online application form. We recommend clubs complete the online application – ensure you have the club bank account details to complete it.
- **All applicants who initiate the application must be a permanent full- or part-time employee of Telstra** (Telstra Group or Telstra Corporation Limited wholly-owned subsidiary at the time of submitting the application) and **based in Australia**. The employee does not have to be related to a child involved in the project that they nominate.

Please note:

- Successful applicants from previous three years **are not eligible** to apply.
- Projects must benefit kids in grassroots projects in one community or one postcode. Statewide or national not-for-profit organisations can receive funding, however their project **MUST** be delivered in one community/postcode.
- A local community project can be awarded up to five Telstra Kids grants in any funding round. This means it is possible for one project in one postcode to receive up to \$6,000 however **multiple applications must be submitted individually by different eligible Telstra employees for the same project** (i.e. to receive five grants, five eligible Telstra employees would need to submit applications). Please note that an organisation located in more than one community (e.g. statewide organisation) cannot receive multiple grants to roll out the same project across multiple sites.
- Given the new partnership with 'Technology will save us', if clubs have a technology related project, it is recommended that they apply for this in the first instance, above sports, educations and health projects. However, if the club does not have a technology project, it is still recommended that clubs apply.
- Projects do not have to be new projects; however funding cannot be retrospective.

Application requirements:

- You are unable to download a copy of the application before the opening date, however information required to be input into the application is as follows:
 - the Telstra employee must enter their contact details, employee email address and employee number to initiate the application;
 - contact details for someone at the local non-profit organisation that is being nominated;
 - bank account details for the organisation;



- information about the organisation and its purpose;
- a summary of the nominated project or activity and its goals; and
- details of how the \$1,200 grant would be spent.
- For assistance with your application you may wish to refer to the GSU's "Grant Application Guide for Clubs" – a copy of this document is available at <https://www.slsfoundation.com.au/grant-seeking-unit.aspx>.

Due to the requirement for a Telstra employee to initiate the application form, and tight turnaround time, clubs will be best placed to complete the short application form. Applications will open on Monday, 30 October 2017, and only remain open until funds are exhausted. The previous round saw funds expended within three calendar days. Clubs should look at having their application ready to go as soon as the fund opens to avoid disappointment.

The application and guidelines can be accessed from <http://telstrakidsfund.com/>.

Should you have any questions regarding the application process or require assistance with application wording, please contact:

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