



Memorandum

To:	All Surf Life Saving NSW Clubs and Branches
From:	Surf Life Saving NSW
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Subject:	Australian Government Dept of Social Services Volunteer Grants 2019-20

PLEASE NOTE: This year's Volunteer Grants program is SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT to previous years and ONLY ORGANISATIONS WHO RECEIVE AN INVITATION FROM THEIR MP TO APPLY CAN DO SO. Please read below for full details.

While the official close date for EOIs is 21 February 2020, some Federal MP's are closing the EOI process earlier (from 20 January 2020 onwards) so it is important to contact your Federal MP's electorate office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. If you wish to confirm which Federal Government electorate your club or Branch is located in, please visit <http://electorate.aec.gov.au/>

The Australian Government Department of Social Services **Volunteer Grants 2019-20** is now open.

The objectives of Volunteer Grants are to:

1. help community organisations to support the efforts of Australia's volunteers
2. help community organisations to support the inclusion of vulnerable people through volunteering
3. encourage, support and increase participation in volunteering

In the 2019-20 round of Volunteer Grants, \$66,000 is available in each of Australia's 151 Federal Electorates. Grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 will be awarded to eligible organisations invited to apply by their Federal Member of Parliament.

To be eligible, organisations MUST

- ***be invited to apply by your Federal Member of Parliament (MP)***
- ***at least 40 per cent of the organisation's staff must be volunteers***

Community organisations may contact their Federal MP in relation to this Grant but this does not necessarily mean organisations will be invited to apply.

- Federal MPs will invite those organisations in his/her electorate to apply on or before 21 February 2020. Thus, should you wish to contact your Federal MP in relation to this Grant, you should do so as soon as possible.
- Should you wish to contact your Federal MP in relation to this Grant, a list of all Federal MPs and their contact details can be found at www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Parliamentarian_Search_Results?q=&mem=1&par=-1&gen=0&ps=0

Examples of eligible items under this grant include:

- computer and electronic equipment including but not limited to laptops, iPads/tablets, PA systems, TVs, projectors and motion sensor/camera;
- air-conditioner;
- sunshades, marquees and umbrellas;
- first aid items, including but not limited to CPR manikins, defibs, and first aid kits;
- beach wheelchair;
- indoor furniture and appliances including but not limited to desks, chairs, lockers, trolleys, chain hoist, small appliances and white goods;
- trailer (up to 2.5m x 6.1m).



Please refer to **Attachment A – Item Categories** included with this Memo for a comprehensive list of eligible items; should your club require any item/s on this list, you may wish to contact your Federal MP in relation to this Grant.

Key points to note:

- Organisations which receive an invitation from their Federal MP to apply to Volunteer Grants will receive the application form on 10 March 2020.
- Successful organisations will receive funding from July 2020.

Please note – should you have any questions in relation to this Grant please feel free to contact:

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Kind regards

Surf Life Saving NSW

Appendix A. 2019-20 Volunteer Grants – Item Categories

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 Examples of eligible items	Category Examples of eligible items
Computer equipment Computer or laptop (incl. operating software) Computer Software (non-operating) External hard drive iPad / tablet Printer/multifunction centre/fax/scanner Spatial Vision Mapping	Contribution to costs of undertaking background screening checks of volunteers Contribute to the cost of police checks or working with vulnerable people checks
Contribution to the reimbursement of fuel costs Contribute to the reimbursement of volunteers' fuel costs who use their own car/vehicle when undertaking their volunteering activities.	Contribution to the reimbursement of volunteers' training costs Contribute to the costs of training courses for volunteers
Contribution to the transport costs of volunteers with disability Contribute to the reimbursement of transport costs incurred by volunteers with disability, who are unable to drive	Electronic/audio/video (non-computer related) 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
First aid and safety CPR manikin / training tools Defibrillator Dehumidifier Demountable fire hose Dust extractor / respirators Emergency oxygen EPIRB (Personal Location Beacons) 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	Landscaping / Gardening Arena Rake (tow behind) Backpack sprayer Blower vac Brush cutter Other gardening / land care tools (e.g., spades, rakes, shears, secateurs, loppers, hoes) Hedge trimmer Hoses Ladder Mower / ride on mower Pump (portable) Rotary hoe Tree planting equipment Wheelbarrow Whipper snipper

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Heating/Cooling Air Conditioner Evaporative Cooler Fan Heater (moveable) Sunshade/sail/marquee/umbrella	Leisure and Sporting (excludes items for the benefit of the organisation or players) Aqua wheelchair (portable) Aqua cube / stand and accessories Flags (Maritime) Karaoke equipment Line marker machines Electronic scoreboard Coach / referee kits
Household/cleaning items (non-kitchen) Broom / mop Carpet steam cleaner Hand dryer Step ladder Vacuum cleaner	Office equipment (non-computer and non-consumables) Binding machine Cash register Guillotine ID card printer laminator Photocopier Photographic/binders/ mounting materials Whiteboard
Indoor furniture and appliances Chairs Desk (non-fixtured) Indoor lighting (portable) Sewing machine Sofa / lounge Tables	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 2.5x 6.1m) Water tank (incl. installation)
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	Storage Bookcase Cupboard / cabinet (non-structural) Esky / cooler Filing Cabinet Lockers Shed (up to 4x4m portable) Shelving (demountable) Storage containers Trolley
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	Whitegoods and major appliances Clothes dryer Dishwasher Freezer Refrigerator Stove / oven portable (freestanding) Washing machine