



Memorandum

To:	All NSW Clubs and Branches
From:	SLSNSW
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Subject:	NSW Centre for Volunteering - Supplementary Volunteer Grants (closing 20/9)

PLEASE NOTE: TO BE ELIGIBLE, YOU MUST NOT HAVE RECEIVED FUNDING UNDER THE PREVIOUS ROUND OF VOLUNTEER GRANTS. To check if you received funding under the last round, visit https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/06_2020/2019-20-vgs-successful-applicants-electorate-10-june-2020.pdf

Please note that this program is very similar to previous national Volunteer Grant rounds, however this round is being run by State/Territory, so please ensure you are looking at the correct information for your State/Territory. The volunteering peak body for NSW is **The Centre for Volunteering** (see link below).

The Australian Government has provided The Centre for Volunteering NSW with funding to administer a **Supplementary Volunteer Grants program** to volunteer involving organisations. **This round is now open, closing 20/9/20.**

The objectives of the Supplementary Volunteer Grants are to:

- Help support the efforts of Australia's volunteers;
- Help support the inclusion of vulnerable people through volunteering;
- Encourage, support and increase participation in volunteering;
- Post COVID-19 re-engagement activities for volunteers; and
- Adapting practices to support volunteers' safety in relation to COVID-19.

Grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 will be awarded to eligible organisations. A total pool of \$748,000 will be available within NSW.

To be eligible, organisations MUST

- **not have received funding under the previous round of Volunteer Grants** (see link in box above)
- **at least 40 per cent of the organisation's staff must be volunteers**

Examples of eligible items under this grant include but are not limited to computer equipment, first aid and safety equipment, storage equipment, volunteer training courses, and COVID safety items, e.g. signage, PPE, handwashing facilities. Please refer to **Attachment A** for a more comprehensive list of eligible items.

More information and guidelines can be accessed from <https://www.volunteering.com.au/supplementary-volunteer-grants/>

To provide more assistance to our Clubs and volunteers, SLSNSW provides a range of grant services for club (at no fee) through SLISA's Grant Seeking Unit (GSU). If you would like the GSU to assist with the writing and submission of an application, or you have any queries in relation to this funding opportunity, please contact one of the following:

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Kind regards

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ATTACHMENT A: Eligible items as listed in guidelines

- Small equipment items
 - Computer equipment
 - First aid and safety equipment
 - Landscape/ gardening equipment
 - Heating/ cooling equipment
 - Leisure and sporting equipment
 - Household/ cleaning items
 - Outdoor furniture and equipment
 - Kitchen appliances
 - Storage equipment
 - Tools/ power tools/ construction tools
 - Whitegoods and major appliances
- Transport costs of volunteers with a disability: contribute to the reimbursement of transport costs incurred by volunteers with disability, who are unable to drive
- Fuel costs incurred by volunteers: contribute to the reimbursement of volunteers' fuel costs who use their own car/ vehicle when undertaking their volunteering activities
- Training for volunteers: contribute to the costs of training courses for volunteers
- Background screening checks of volunteers: contribute to the cost of Police checks (also called Criminal History checks) or Working with Vulnerable People checks (also called Working with Children checks)
- Post COVID-19 re-engagement activities for volunteers
 - Events to reengage and welcome back volunteers once volunteer programs can recommence post COVID-19 such as morning tea, BBQ, etc. Please note: Organisations will need to abide by public health directives to ensure such events are safe, e.g. required social distancing, etc.
 - Re-designing volunteer roles based on service need and volunteer interest and skills
 - Re-designing volunteer programs to be suitable in a COVID-19 environment, e.g. purchasing technology so a volunteer program can operate remotely.
 - Volunteer team building events
- Adapting practices to support volunteers' safety in relation to COVID-19
 - Resourcing to adapt policies and procedures for volunteering programs to allow volunteers to safely return, e.g. signage, use of equipment, etc.
 - Collateral development and printing in relation to signage for volunteers' safety and health
 - PPE for volunteers
 - Handwashing facilities
 - WHS training