



Memorandum

To:	All Branches and Clubs
From:	Nikki Ronald, Partnerships Manager
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Subject:	Aus Gov Volunteer Grants 2024-25 – EOIs now opening, closing from December 2024

The Australian Government have announced details for the **Volunteer Grants 2024-25** program. Expressions Of Interest (EOIs) are **now opening**, with **closing dates from December 2024 to mid-January 2025**.

Grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 will be available to support the efforts of volunteers. Applications follow a two-stage process. Applicants must first submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to their Federal MP, after which selected organisations will be invited to complete a full application. Each Federal MP has \$66,225 (ex GST) to allocate per electorate. To be eligible, organisations must have a minimum of 40% of volunteers working for the organisation.

IMPORTANT:

- This program is run by Federal electorate; not all electorates will open for EOIs at the same time and closing dates for EOIs will vary by electorate.
- **If you are interested in applying, please contact your Federal MP's electorate office ASAP to discuss your proposed project and obtain the process to submit an EOI.**
- Once you have obtained these details, please contact the SLSA Grant Seeking Unit (details below) if you would like assistance with your EOI.
- If you wish to confirm the Federal Government electorate your Club/Branch is located in, visit electorate.aec.gov.au.

The Volunteer Grants 2024-25 program aims to:

- help not-for-profit community organisations to support the efforts of Australia's volunteers,
- encourage, support and increase participation in volunteering, and
- support children's wellbeing through volunteering.

Grant funds can be used by community organisations under one or more of the following categories:

Category 1

Purchase communication or insurance items that will benefit any of a community organisation's volunteers as listed below:

- Mobile phones, phone bills and radio communication devices
- Computers, laptops and tablets, where those items are primarily used for online communications and activity
- Software packages, where the software is primarily used for or to facilitate online communications and activity (e.g. email or videoconferencing software)
- Electronic audio and visual equipment, where the equipment is primarily used for or to facilitate online communications and activity (e.g. video-communication equipment)
- Electronic payment devices where the device is primarily used for or to facilitate online communication and activity
- Internet service fees incurred by the community organisation
- Insurance premiums incurred by the community organisation



Category 2

(A) Purchase items or services for the main purpose of supporting a community organisation's volunteers from the following cohorts:

- Children (under 18) as a means of supporting their development, or
- Adults whose volunteering activities support children's development and wellbeing

(B) Fund volunteer-run activities within the community organisation for the main purpose of supporting:

- Children's (under 18) development and wellbeing, or
- Parents/carers to develop the skills necessary to ensure a child's development

Eligible expenditure:

Grant funding can only be used for eligible items that:

- are category 1 items that directly benefit volunteers;
- are purchased for the main purpose of supporting category 2 volunteers (any benefit obtained by any other volunteer must only be incidental); OR
- facilitate activities, run by volunteers, that are for the main purpose of supporting category 2 priority cohorts.

Note:

- You are not limited to applying for items under only one category – you may purchase item/s in any or all of the above categories – however applicants **MUST** indicate in their application whether you are seeking funding for category 1, category 2, or both.
- Where the grant money is used to purchase equipment that may require installation, the cost of installation is an eligible expenditure.
- Ineligible items/costs include but are not limited to usual running costs for the organisation in which the volunteers are working (with the exception of those costs explicitly listed above); capital works; and retrospective costs.

Please see Attachment A for more details on eligible items and costs.

Expected timing for this grant

- Expressions of Interest close – as per Federal electorate closing date
- Notification of EOI result – by 26 February 2025
- If invited to Full Submission stage, submission required - by 12 March 2025
- Notification of Full Submission result – July 2025
- Earliest date you can start your project – July 2025 after you have received the notification of Full Submission result

For more information on this program visit '[Forecast Opportunity View - FO2024-2610: GrantConnect](#)'.

For assistance with the writing and submission of an EOI or if you have any queries, please contact the SLSA Grant Seeking Unit:

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Kind regards,

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ATTACHMENT A: Eligible items as listed in guidelines

Grant funds can be used by community organisations under one or more of the following, noting that there are two categories of eligible items.

There are 2 different categories to apply for funding under. Below are examples of the types of items and services that are eligible under each category.

Category 1 – Examples of communication or insurance items that will benefit any of a community organisation's volunteers:

Eligible expenditure can be made from the categories below:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Mobile phones, phone bills and radio communication devices✓ Computers, laptops, tablets and iPads, where those items are primarily used for communications and activity✓ Software where the software is primarily used for or to facilitate online communications and activity✓ Electronic audio and visual equipment used for or to facilitate online communications and activity✓ Electronic payment devices✓ Internet service plans✓ Insurance premiums

Category 2 – Examples of items or services to support the development and wellbeing of children (under 18):

Eligible items
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Accessibility equipment✓ Background screening checks of volunteers✓ Computers, laptops, tablets, and relevant software✓ Educational equipment✓ Electronic audio and visual✓ Event costs including promotion of volunteering opportunities✓ First aid, safety and hygiene✓ Food preparation equipment and appliances✓ Furniture✓ Grounds maintenance✓ Heat/cooling (portable)✓ Office equipment✓ Promotion of volunteering opportunities✓ Sport and recreation equipment✓ Storage✓ Tools✓ Training✓ Travel/fuel costs✓ Whitegoods and appliances