



Mr Sam Birrell MP
Federal Member for Nicholls
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Volunteer Grants Now Open

Federal Member for Nicholls, Sam Birrell MP, is encouraging local not-for-profit-community organisations to express interest in the Federal Government's Volunteer Grants Program.

The Volunteer Grants Program aims to support the efforts of local volunteers as well as encourage, support and increase participation in volunteering.

Mr Birrell said volunteers are the backbone of local organisations.

"Volunteers bring communities together and drive physical and social wellbeing of residents."

"Clubs and groups across Nicholls rely on the selfless work of volunteers and these grants aim to give volunteers a much needed hand up."

"Community groups, projects, services and events could not go ahead without the efforts of volunteers," he said.

Eligible not-for-profit community organisations can apply for grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000.

Mr Birrell said organisations can **request an Expressions Of Interest form by emailing sam.birrell.mp@aph.gov.au**

"While the grants are small, the impact will be much bigger, and comes at a good time for organisations that are rebuilding their volunteer base following the pandemic and floods," Mr Birrell said.

Funding can be used in a variety of ways including purchasing eligible small equipment used by volunteers, fuel costs for volunteers, assisting with the cost of training courses for volunteers, costs to undertake background screening checks for volunteers, support volunteers' safety, and conducting activities to promote and increase participation in volunteering.

EOI's open Tuesday August 1, 2023 and close Monday September 4, 2023.

EOI's will be assessed by a community panel and selected EOI's will be invited to submit an application form, before grants are assessed by the Department of Social Services.

To find out more about eligibility visit <https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/>

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