



# 2024-2025 VOLUNTEER GRANTS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Please complete this form and return to [sam.birrell.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:sam.birrell.mp@aph.gov.au)  
by 5pm on January 15, 2025

**Sam Birrell MP**  
Federal Member For Nicholls

Dear applicant,

Volunteers play a critical role in communities across the electorate and I am pleased to welcome expressions of interest from organisations that need assistance. Grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 will be available to eligible not-for-profit community organisations to support the work of local community organisations by reducing barriers for volunteers and increasing participation in volunteering.

The EOI is the first step, applications will then be assessed by myself and a community committee before recommendations are made to the Department of Social Services. Nominated recipients will then be invited to apply in February, 2025 with the grants finalised in June, 2025.

The Government has made changes to the Volunteer Grants Program for the first time since 2001, to better align the program with the National Strategy for Volunteering 2023-2033, its vision for children and young people, and to support some key costs facing all volunteering organisations.

The changes to the Volunteer Grants program in 2024-25 will strengthen the volunteer sector and encourage volunteering by:

- enabling organisations to utilise funds for items and services that support online communication, in recognition that this can reduce the administrative burden associated with many forms of volunteering;
- focusing on young volunteers and activities that support children's wellbeing and development; and
- specifying new items and services on which grant funds can be used, including covering the costs of insurance, internet usage and phone bills for volunteer organisations.

Thank you for your interest in the Volunteer Grants program, your EOI will be considered and the outcome of the initial assessment will be advised in February, 2025.

Yours sincerely

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## Organisation Details

|                       |              |        |           |  |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------|-----------|--|
| Organisation Name:    |              |        |           |  |
| Organisation ABN:     |              |        |           |  |
| Organisation Address: |              |        |           |  |
|                       | Town/Suburb: | State: | Postcode: |  |
| Activity Address:*    |              |        |           |  |
|                       | Town/Suburb: | State: | Postcode: |  |

\*The activity address refers to the address where the volunteering activity occurs. If this is the same as the organisation address, this field can be left blank.

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|-------------------------|---------|
| Primary Contact Name:   | Mobile: |
| Email:                  |         |
| Secondary Contact Name: | Mobile: |
| Email:                  |         |

## Questions

All funding sought must directly benefit your organisation's volunteers or volunteer run activities as per Category 1 and 2 below.

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| 1. How will the grant activity enable your organisation's volunteers to address the needs of the local community and demonstrate value for money?  |   |
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| 2. Do volunteers make up 40% or more of your organisation's staff?   | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No  |
| 3. What is the total amount of funding being sought? (between \$1,000 and \$5,000)   | \$  |
| 4. If applying under Category 1, which communication items are you seeking to purchase? (if applying under category 2 select NA) (note you can apply under more than one category)   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile phones, phone bills and radio communication devices<br><input type="checkbox"/> Computers, laptops and tablets<br><input type="checkbox"/> Software<br><input type="checkbox"/> Insurance premiums | <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic audio and visual equipment<br><input type="checkbox"/> Electronic payment devices (e.g. payment devices)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Internet service fees<br><input type="checkbox"/> NA |



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5. If applying under Category 2, are you seeking to support volunteers under the age of 18 or volunteer run activities for the development and well-being of children? (you may select more than one) (If only applying under Category 1 please select NA)

- Purchase items or services for the main purpose of supporting a community organisation's volunteers under the age of 18.
- 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.
- NA

6. If applying under Category 2 what items will be you seeking to purchase? (If applying under 1 category only select NA) (note you can apply under more than one category)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility equipment                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Heat/cooling (portable)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Background screening checks of volunteers                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Office equipment                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers, laptops, tablets and relevant software             | <input type="checkbox"/> Promotion of volunteering opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational equipment   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sport and recreation equipment          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic audio and visual                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Storage                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event costs including promotion of volunteering opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Tools                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First aid, safety and hygiene                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Training                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food preparation equipment and appliances                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel/fuel costs                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Furniture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Whitegoods and appliances               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds maintenance   | <input type="checkbox"/> NA                                      |

7. Has anyone from your organisation submitted an expression of interest in another electorate?

Yes  No

### Further Information

All applications will be assessed by a Community Committee. Grants are not ongoing and if your organisation is nominated by your local Federal Member of Parliament you will be invited to apply for a grant which will be assessed by the Department of Social Services after the expression of interest process has been finalised. Please attach any supporting documentation i.e. letters of support. Please be aware that if your organisation is nominated to apply for a Volunteer Grant, some or all of this information will be shared with the Department of Social Services.

Note: If your organisation is an unincorporated association, a person connected to your organisation will be required to assume personal legal liability. The person will be legally liable for the delivery of the funded activity, expenditure of funds and any other associated obligations arising from the grant agreement. For more information see [Section 4 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines](#).

I, \_\_\_\_\_ declare that the details provided above, to the best of my knowledge, are true and correct  
(Print name)

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(Authorised Representative Signature Required)