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Title:	Grant Opportunity – Volunteering Queensland 2024-25 Strong and Resilient Communities Activity (SARC)
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Summary:	Grant Opportunity – Volunteering Queensland 2024-25 Strong and Resilient Communities Activity (SARC) – Community Support – Small Grants for Volunteer Involving Organisations (EOI STAGE ONLY: open 18 September, closing 4 October 2024)
Date:	19 th September 2024

Expressions of Interest are now open for the **Volunteering Queensland 2024-25 Strong and Resilient Communities Activity (SARC) – Community Support – Small Grants for Volunteer Involving Organisations, closing 4 October 2024**. This grant program seeks to support eligible grassroots volunteer organisations to build volunteer management capability to uplift volunteer capability, including volunteer knowledge, skills and volunteer numbers.

Eligibility

- The small grants are to build capacity of not-for-profit volunteering programs in grassroots organisations that:
 - Have an annual income under \$500,000
 - Use volunteers as 40% or more of the workforce
 - Support one or more of the following:
 - Young people 12 to 18 years who are disengaged, or at risk of disengaging, from education to reconnect with their community, school, training and/or employment;
 - People with disabilities and/or mental health conditions to participate in the community, and work towards becoming or remaining independent and engaged in the economy and/or society;
 - Women who experience, or are at risk of experiencing isolation or discrimination to participate in the community and/or economy and increase their self-agency; and/or
 - People who are unemployed to increase participation in their community and/or increase their capacity to engage in employment, training, or existing employment services.

Key points

- Grants of \$10,000 - \$20,000 (ex GST; from a total pool of \$300,000) for one-off, time limited projects that build volunteer management capability, and help the organisation to support the social and economic participation of vulnerable and disadvantaged people
- Funding can be used for, but is not limited to:

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- training opportunities for volunteer managers to improve the quality of volunteer programs e.g. building volunteer recruitment, engagement and retention;
- engaging consultants to review policies and processes (such as recruitment and retention processes)
- cultural workshops with your volunteers to understand the needs of, and support people within the identified cohorts
- Ineligible projects include but are not limited to purchasing equipment not directly related to the projects and projects that require an extended period of community/participant consultation (i.e. 3 months+)
- Please note that following the EOI assessment and selection process, eligible organisations will be invited to submit an application through their State volunteer peak body
- This is a two-step process involving submission of an EOI by 4:00PM AEST 4 October 2024. Those who are successful at EOI stage are then invited to submit a full submission by 12:00PM AEDT 28 October 2024 (those invited will be notified on 14 October)

For more information and the guidelines, please visit [SARC Grants - Volunteering Queensland](#).

If you would like the SLSA Grant Seeking Unit (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 below GSU team members as soon as possible, due to the extremely short opening period for EOIs:

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