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The Australian Government have announced details for the <u>Volunteer Grants 2024-25</u> 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.

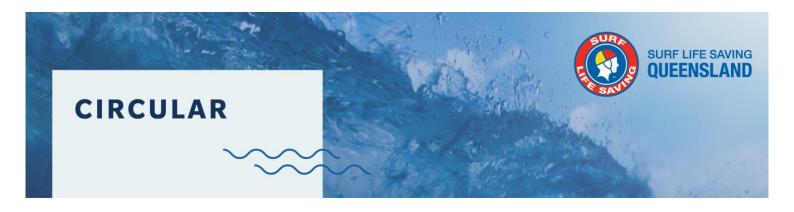
Grant funds can be used by community organisations under one or more of the following categories:

## 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)

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- 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.
- <u>Ineligible items/costs</u> 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.

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# **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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# 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:

- 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
- ✓ 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

- ✓ 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