



# Indigenous grants and programs



Regional Development  
Australia, Sydney (RDA)

This directory is a compilation of Australian and NSW State Governments Indigenous programs and grants available to communities and individuals as well as links to relevant websites. It does not represent the totality of available Indigenous grants and programs. RDA Sydney cannot guarantee the accuracy and currency of every grant. Therefore users should check information on websites and seek advice from funding bodies before applying. Last updated September 2010.

<b>Indigenous Wage Subsidy</b>	DEEWR	<b>It is an incentive paid to employers when they employ Indigenous jobseekers on an on-going basis (\$6,600 for over 26 weeks) for full time.</b> Email: <a href="mailto:waadmin@deewr.gov.au">waadmin@deewr.gov.au</a>	<b>On going</b>
<b>Indigenous Heritage</b>	<b>Department of the Environment Heritage and the Arts</b>	The Program supports the identification, conservation and promotion of Indigenous heritage. Up to \$100,000 for individual applicants who are generally eligible for funding (up to \$5,000). Applications for more than these amounts may be considered where the applicant demonstrated special circumstances or a genuine requirement for additional funds. The IHP may also help identify places likely to have outstanding Indigenous heritage value to Australia, suitable for inclusion on the National Heritage List. The program will fund projects which identify, conserve Indigenous heritage places; undertake planning for Indigenous heritage places, construct keeping places to house remains and or objects that require restricted access. Funding is to be granted for maintenance, preservation, restoration, renewal and adaptation. <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au">www.environment.gov.au</a>	5/1/10
<b>Indigenous Family Violence Program</b>	<b>FaHCSIA</b>	Funding is available for projects and initiatives that aim to develop a sustainable reduction in, and prevention of, Indigenous family violence and child abuse through the enhancement of existing, or establishment of new services in partnership with State and Territories throughout Australia. Projects provide education and awareness of family violence through services to victims and perpetrators. <a href="http://www.fahcsia.gov.au">www.fahcsia.gov.au</a>	<b>On going</b>
<b>Indigenous Parenting Support Services (IPSS)</b> It will increase the number of Indigenous families and children that have access to parent child services (families with children aged 0-2) Services will be offered to Indigenous families in safe and informal settings	<b>FaHCSIA</b>	To strengthen parenting skills and support the development, learning and well being of indigenous children. They will be integrate into existing platforms such as childcare centres, schools, Aboriginal health centres and other related services to provide Indigenous families with access to enhanced parenting support. The Department has identified a number of key underpinnings for the delivery of Indigenous Parenting Support Services: 1) should take a pro-active approach to supporting families to address underlying issues –such as social cultural, personal, historical, financial and health	

		<p>factors – that can present barriers to effective parenting. 2) Delivery model should be sufficiently broad and flexible to allow sites to address issues of particular concern in a way that they believe is most appropriate. 3) it should reflect a broad concept of parenting/caring that includes extended families and kinship ties.</p> <p><a href="http://www.fahcsia.gov.au">www.fahcsia.gov.au</a></p>	
<b>Indigenous Women’s Program</b>	<b>FaHCSIA</b>	For activities that respond to the particular needs and circumstances of local Indigenous women. To enhance Indigenous women leadership, representation, safety and well being.	On going
<b>Aboriginal Trust Fund Repayment Scheme</b>	<b>Department of Premier and Cabinet</b>	To collect money from some Aboriginal people who came under their control and to put this money into a Trust Account for them. These accounts are controlled by boards.	
		<a href="http://www.dpc.gov.au">www.dpc.gov.au</a>	
<b>Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records</b>	<b>Dept of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts</b>	It addresses the steady erosion and loss of Australia’s estimated 250 original Indigenous languages by providing support for the maintenance and revival of these languages.	On going
		<a href="http://www.environment.gov.au">www.environment.gov.au</a>	
<b>National Indigenous Cadetship Project</b>	<b>DEEWR</b>	To improve the professional employment prospects of Indigenous Australians. It links Indigenous Australian students with employers who can give them work skills and professional employment.	On going
		<a href="http://www.workplace.gov.au/.../NationalIndigenousCadetshipProject.htm">www.workplace.gov.au/ .../NationalIndigenousCadetshipProject.htm</a>	
<b>National Arts and Crafts Industry Support</b>	<b>Dept of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts</b>	Provides direct funding support to art centres and arts support and advocacy organisations. The objective is to assist art centres for them to become stronger and build a more sustainable visual arts industry.	On going
		<a href="http://www.environment.gov.au">www.environment.gov.au</a>	
<b>NSW Reconciliation Council Grants</b>	<b>NSW Reconciliation Council</b>	Small grants to foster reconciliation at the grassroots.	29/1/10
		<a href="http://www.nswrecon.com/">www.nswrecon.com/</a>	
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Arts</b>	<b>Dept of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts</b>	To support ATSI organizations to advance ATSI arts in Australia.	Ongoing
		<a href="http://www.environment.gov.au">www.environment.gov.au</a>	
<b>Christensen Fund</b>	<b>Christensen</b>	To support Aboriginal and Torres Strait organizations to advance Aboriginal arts in NSW.	On going

<b>Grants</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<a href="http://www.christensenfund.org/">www.christensenfund.org/</a>	
<b>Indigenous small grants</b>	<b>Foundation for Young Australians</b>	Provides an opportunity for Indigenous organizations and organizations who work with young Indigenous to support new initiatives and expand existing successful initiatives. <a href="http://www.fya.org.au/">www.fya.org.au/</a>	On hold until March 2009 when an announcement is to be made.
<b>Indigenous Small Business Fund</b>	<b>DEEWR</b>	To assist Indigenous people learn about business, develop good business skills and expand their businesses. <a href="http://www.deewr.gov.au">www.deewr.gov.au</a>	On going
<b>Indigenous Culture Support</b>	<b>Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts</b>	Supports the maintenance and continued development of Indigenous culture at the community level. It funds activities that encourage culturally vibrant Indigenous communities and contribute to the cultural wellbeing of Indigenous individuals and communities. The program supports activities that maintain Indigenous culture through community involvement, support new forms of Indigenous cultural expression, increases public awareness of Indigenous culture through the presentation and exchange of culture and supporting the sustainable development of community organizations involved in cultural activities. Application: <a href="http://www.arts.gov.au/indigenous/how_to_apply">http://www.arts.gov.au/indigenous/how to apply</a> For information: <a href="http://www.arts.gov.au/indigenous/Indigenous-culture_Support">www.arts.gov.au/indigenous/Indigenous-culture_Support</a>	
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Arts</b>		To support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands people to advance Aboriginal art in Australia	
<b>Education Training Grants for Indigenous Australian (conference fees and innovation projects)</b>	<b>Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation</b>	To pursue best practice goals by developing innovative projects in the alcohol and other drug sector. <a href="http://www.aerf.com.au/">www.aerf.com.au/</a>	On going
<b>Indigenous Sport and Recreation Program</b>	<b>Department of Health and Ageing</b>	To increase and encourage the participation of Indigenous Australians in sport and physical recreation activities. <a href="http://www.health.nsw.gov.au">www.health.nsw.gov.au</a>	20 February 2009
<b>The Community Support Service</b> It aims to build on successful elements of	<b>FaHCSIA</b>	Support Indigenous community members and their families by providing links and referrals to a range of mainstream and Indigenous services which may include welfare and social support, family violence, health, drug and alcohol	On Going. Check website for further details.

<p>the former CDEP program by linking indigenous people to other services and support in their region. This will support social inclusion and community cohesion and will assist in closing the gap between Indigenous and non indigenous Australians in accessing services and information.</p>		<p>services, housing, child care and legal. Development and fostering of relationships with other service providers through access and pathways to services. It aims to build on the successful elements of the former CDEP by linking Indigenous people and their families to other services and support in their region. <a href="http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/Indigenous">www.fahcsia.gov.au/Indigenous</a></p>	
<p><b>Aboriginal Child, Youth and Family Strategy</b> Communities Division, Tel: (02) 9716 2876</p>	<p>DoCS</p>	<p>To improve outcomes for Aboriginal children, young people and their families and communities. It focuses on better coordination and targeting of existing government and non-government resources, ensuring mainstream services are meeting the needs of Aboriginal people and testing new ways of supporting these communities. The aim is to develop more responsive and integrated service networks, the strategy will build on the <i>Families NSW</i> approach, bringing together key stakeholders and key policies and initiatives for planning and service development purposes. <a href="http://www.communities.nsw.gov.au">www.communities.nsw.gov.au</a></p>	<p>On going. Check DOCS website for details.</p>
<p><b>Aboriginal Families Connect Project</b></p>	<p>DoCS</p>	<p>To provide four social recreational and cultural events/activities over a 12 month period. The project aims to empower and build the capacity of a volunteer group of Aboriginal parents/carers to organize social, recreational and cultural activities for families with children 0-12 and their community. The project connects Aboriginal families to both Aboriginal and mainstream services, link families to Aboriginal child care centers being established in Mt Druitt. <a href="http://www.communities.nsw.gov.au">www.communities.nsw.gov.au</a></p>	<p>Check DOCS website</p>
<p><b>Speech and Language Connector Project Brief</b></p>	<p>DoCS</p>	<p>It focuses on building the capacity of early childhood services and families to recognize speech and language concerns and to support language development of children through play based enrichment activities. The program will take a multi-pronged approach to the prevention of and early intervention for speech and language concerns. The program will include innovative and creative information and education sessions for specific groups of vulnerable families that will be linked to other services.</p>	<p>Check website. Mission Employment currently facilitating this project in Mt Druitt.</p>

		<a href="http://www.communities.nsw.gov.au">www.communities.nsw.gov.au</a>	
<b>Native Title Program</b>	<b>Attorney General</b>	The Program supports Indigenous native title claimants or holders through the funding of a network of Native title Representative Bodies or other Native Title Service Providers. Their functions of a network of Native Title Representatives or other Native Title Service Providers. Their functions involve support to native title claimants or holders in making claims and negotiating associated agreements. <a href="http://www.ag.gov.au">www.ag.gov.au</a>	
<b>Native Title Anthropologist Grants Programs</b>	<b>Attorney General</b>	The program seeks to attract a new generation of junior anthropologists to native title work and encourage senior anthropologists to remain within the system. The priority areas are training and development of anthropologists to smooth the transition from study to native title field work; professional development and support for anthropologists working in the native title sector and stronger linkages between academics and applied anthropological work. Consultants, organizations, educational institutions and other interested parties working directly with anthropologists in the native title sector are invited to apply. <a href="http://www.ag.gov.au">www.ag.gov.au</a> Tel: (02) 6141 4808	Applications closed in June 2010, but check website for next founding round.
<b>Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records</b>	<b>Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts</b>	Addresses the steady erosion and loss of Australia's estimated 250 original Indigenous languages by providing support for the maintenance and revival of these languages. (Documentation and recording of Indigenous languages and the development of language resources and language databases to assist with the development and delivery of programs through language centres. It also supports greater coordination between language organizations, activities that promote Indigenous languages in the wider community and innovative projects using multimedia and new technologies. <a href="http://www.arts.gov.au/indigenous/how_to_apply">www.arts.gov.au/indigenous/how_to_apply</a>	5/2/10. Check website for details.
<b>National Partnership Agreement for Indigenous</b>	DEWR	Will contribute towards halving the gap in employment between Indigenous and non Indigenous jobseekers. It involves complementary investment and effort by the Federal and State Governments to improve opportunities for Indigenous people to engage in private and public sector jobs through five key	On going

initiatives:

1) Creating jobs through the CDEP program; 2) strengthening government procurement policies to maximize employment; 3) incorporate Indigenous workforce strategies into implementation plans for all COAG reforms; 4) contributing to closing the gap targets, 5) increasing public sector employment to reflect Indigenous working age population share by 2015.

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