



WARREN SNOWDON MP

MEMBER FOR LINGIARI

I am writing to you about the 2021 Local Volunteer Grants.

Funding of up to \$132,450 has been made available to each federal electorate to support projects that support and encourage the work of volunteers within our community. Organisations can apply for grants ranging between \$1,000 and \$5,000. To be eligible for this program, your organisation must have staff made up of at least 40% volunteers. This year, **individuals are not eligible** to apply for a Volunteer Grant on behalf of an organisation that is not a legal entity, typically this might be an unincorporated organisation or informal community group.

This funding is to be used to:

- purchase eligible small equipment items for use by volunteers
- contribute to volunteers' fuel costs
- contribute to transport costs for volunteers with disability who are unable to drive
- assist with the cost of training courses for volunteers
- undertake background screening checks for volunteers
- conduct activities to promote awareness of, and increase participating in volunteering opportunities
- adapting practices to support volunteers' safety in the current pandemic environment.

The objectives of Volunteer Grants are to:

- help community organisations to support the efforts of Australia's volunteers
- help community organisations to support the inclusion of vulnerable people through volunteering
- encourage, support and increase participation in volunteering.

The intended outcome of the activity is to strengthen community functioning by increasing participation in volunteering.

I have attached an expression of interest form – due by Friday 22 April 2021.

If your organisation would like to be considered for a grant, it is important this form is returned on time. My office is available to help you with any queries and can assist you in preparing an expression of interest.



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Nominated organisations will then formally be invited to apply for a grant and applications will be assessed by the Department of Social Services.

Volunteer organisations do an incredibly important job in our local community and I would like to take this opportunity to thank your organisation – and all your volunteers.

If you have any questions, or if you would like assistance with preparing an expression of interest or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact Kirsty Sayers-Hunt in my office on 8383 3129 or kirsty.sayers-hunt@aph.gov.au.

Yours Sincerely



Warren Snowdon MP
Member for Lingiari

Timing of the grant round

Expressions of Interest (EOI) process	March 2021
Expressions of Interest (EOI) process close	22 April 2021
MP nomination period closes*	29 April 2021 (2PM AEST)
Application period opens	20 May 2021
Application period closes	9 June 2021 (9 PM AEST)
Assessment of applications	Mid-June to October 2021
MPs notify successful applicants	November 2021
Letter of Agreement issued to successful applicants	November 2021
Grants executed and payments made	November to December 2021
Activity start date	December 2021