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**Business Funding Programs July 2010**

**Grant: Employer of Choice Awards**

Provider: Aged Care Association Australia

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Various

Closes: 31 August 2010

Purpose: This award provides an opportunity for both employers and employees to showcase your facility and to demonstrate to the broader industry what it is that makes your staff/colleagues want to work in aged care and for this aged care provider.

Overview: Nominations must be submitted in 500 words or less (do not include any photos) and address the following criteria:

- innovation and creativity to support staff satisfaction.
- strategies to create a team spirit.
- demonstrated high staff morale.
- evidence of training and an employee career path.
- a demonstrated family friendly workplace.
- evidence that your workplace is a happy place.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.acaacongress2010.com.au/awards.htm>

Guidelines:

<http://www.acaacongress2010.com.au/Employer%20of%20Choice%20Award%20flyer.pdf>

Contact Details: ACAA

Email: [office@agedcareassociation.com.au](mailto:office@agedcareassociation.com.au)

Telephone: (02) 6285 2615 Fax: (02) 6281 5277

**Grant: Building Awards**

Provider: Aged Care Association Australia

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Various

Closes: 31 August 2010

Purpose: To provide all applicants an opportunity to showcase either a new or renovated facility.

Overview: Categories are:

### **NEW BUILDING AWARD**

A new aged care facility built on a Greenfield site or a completely demolished site, which meets one or more of the following criteria:

- Innovative design
- Creative space utilisation
- Innovative application of building materials
- Innovative application of building finish

### **RENOVATED BUILDING AWARD**

The renovation of an existing Aged Care Facility or an existing building which has been converted to an aged care facility that meets current certification requirements and shows some of the following features:

- Innovative application of space within the building footprint
- Creative layout and space utilisation
- Innovative use of building finishes
- Innovative building fabric
- Innovative design

Limitations: New Building Award - applications will only be accepted for buildings that are fully constructed, commissioned and made operational within the last two years. Renovated Building Award - applications will only be accepted for buildings that have been renovated within the last two years.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.acaacongress2010.com.au/>

Guidelines: <http://www.acaacongress2010.com.au/BuildingAwardsflyer.pdf>

Contact Details: ACAA

Email: [office@agedcareassociation.com.au](mailto:office@agedcareassociation.com.au)

Telephone: (02) 6285 2615 Fax: (02) 6281 5277

### **Grant: Space Concession**

Provider: AusIndustry

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Various

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose:

To provide duty-free entry of goods imported for use in a "space project".

Overview:

The Space Concession Program provides duty-free entry of goods imported for use in a "space project", provided certain conditions are met. The main policy objective of the Item 69 concession is to increase the competitiveness of the space industry in Australia, while ensuring compliance with international obligations.

It is intended to facilitate the transfer to Australia of sophisticated space related technology and technical expertise. It is expected to be of significant benefit to companies proposing to establish and develop operations in the high technology, high value-added space sector in Australia.

Who can apply:

To be eligible for authorisation as a "space project", a project must:

- Involve activities between parties from Australia and other countries involving joint investment, research or manufacturing, or the supply of equipment or technologies by one party to another for the purpose of the joint activity; and

- Be in the field of the exploration of outer space, remote sensing, material processing in space, space medicine and biology, space communications and information technologies, satellite navigation systems and technologies, automated and manned space apparatus and systems and corresponding ground equipment, protection of the outer space environment, or space launch services.

How to apply: Mail, Email, Fax

Further Information

Website:

<http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/ImportandExport/SpaceConcession/Pages/SpaceConcession.aspx>

Guidelines:

<http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/ImportandExport/SpaceConcession/Documents/Space%20Guidelines%20March%2009.pdf>

Contact Details: AusIndustry

Email: [hotline@ausindustry.gov.au](mailto:hotline@ausindustry.gov.au)

Freecall: 13 28 46

### **Grant: Venture Capital Limited Partnerships (VCLP)**

Provider: AusIndustry

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Various

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose: To increase foreign investment in the Australian venture capital sector.

Overview: Fund managers seeking to raise a new venture capital fund of at least \$10 million for investing in Australian businesses with assets of up to \$250 million may be eligible for VCLP registration. Registration entitles a fund to flow-through tax treatment. Further, eligible foreign limited partners receive a capital gains tax exemption for gains made on eligible investments.

Australian businesses with assets of less than \$250 million may be able to access capital from funds registered under this program if their primary activity is not finance or property development.

What does it offer?

Partnership entitles a fund to flow-through taxation treatment. Further, eligible foreign investors in the fund are exempt from capital gains tax on their share of any profits made by the fund. The manager is entitled to claim their carried interest in the fund on capital account rather than revenue.

The extent of the tax benefit depends upon a number of factors. Venture Capital Limited Partnership participants should seek professional tax advice.

Who can apply: What investments are eligible?

Eligible investments are defined in section 118-425 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. Generally a Venture

Capital Limited Partnership can invest in unlisted Australian businesses that are structured as either a company or a unit trust by acquiring shares, options, or units. They may also invest in companies or unit trusts that will delist within 12 months.

The investment must be held for a minimum of 12 months.

The investment must also be at-risk and the investee business must meet the following requirements:

- the total value of its assets are not more than \$250 million
- at least 50% of employees and at least 50% of assets are Australia

- its predominant activity is not in property or land development, finance, insurance, construction or infrastructure, or making investments.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website:

<http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/VentureCapital/VentureCapitalLimitedPartnershipsVCLP/Pages/home.aspx>

Guidelines:

[http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/VentureCapital/VentureCapitalLimitedPartnershipsVCLP/Documents/VCLPCustomerInfoGuide\\_FEB10.pdf](http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/VentureCapital/VentureCapitalLimitedPartnershipsVCLP/Documents/VCLPCustomerInfoGuide_FEB10.pdf)

Contact Details:AusIndustry

Email: [VentureCapital@innovation.gov.au](mailto:VentureCapital@innovation.gov.au)

Telephone: (02) 6213 6609 Fax: (02) 630 6428

### **Grant: Women in Export**

Provider: Austrade

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Various

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose: To encourage, support and advance the involvement of women achieving international business success.

Overview: The program aims to complement the work of other women's business and industry networks to help Australian women succeed in international trade and investment.

The aims of the program include:

- Providing advice, support and assistance on international trade and investment by ensuring that women in business are aware of, and have access to, the full range of Austrade's services to assist them in becoming successful and sustainable exporters.
- Sharing the success stories of women exporters who can be role models and mentors for other women in business and connecting women with a strong network of businesspeople who can provide mutual encouragement and become champions of the Women in Export mission.
- Enhancing the professional growth of women through educational programs and activities on trade and investment, including provision of networking opportunities and links to other women's networks both in Australia and internationally.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.austrade.gov.au/Women-in-Export/default.aspx>

Contact Details:Austrade

Email: [info@austrade.gov.au](mailto:info@austrade.gov.au)

Telephone: 13 28 78

### **Grant: Anti-Dumping Program**

Provider: Australian Customs Service

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Various

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose:

To protect Australian industries from import-dumping that generates material or financial injury.

Overview:

Dumping occurs when goods are exported to Australia at a price that is below the "normal value" of the goods. The normal value will usually be based on the domestic price of the goods in the country of export.

Dumping is a form of price differentiation between markets. It is not a prohibited practice under international trade agreements. However, remedial action may be taken where dumping causes (or threatens to cause) material injury to an Australian industry.

There are three categories:

- Dumping or Countervailing Measures
- Continuation of Measures
- Review/ Revocation of Measures

Who can apply:

The Anti-Dumping Program is available to an Australian industry that demonstrates it has been financially injured as a result of dumped or subsidised goods.

Any local industry can apply but there must be sufficient evidence that the local industry produces similar or identical goods to those allegedly being dumped.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.customs.gov.au/site/page4227.asp>

Contact Details: Dumping Liaison Unit , Australian Customs Service

Telephone: (02) 6275 6066 Fax: (02) 6275 6888

### **Grant: TechFast**

Provider: Australian Institute for Commercialisation (AIC)

Region: All States and Territories

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose: To assist small-to-medium enterprises nationally, across all industry sectors, to remain competitive though obtaining "that market edge".

Overview: TechFast assists small-to-medium enterprises by identifying and linking businesses with the right people and organisations to:

- Solve product, process or service challenges
- Identify technical capability to fill internal gaps
- Identify new growth opportunities for your business

Since 2004, TechFast has developed a unique understanding of where capability and technology development activity lies across research organisations and businesses nationally. Importantly, it also specialises in helping businesses to access relevant skills, facilities and technology in these organisations. TechFast provides businesses with support and access to:

- Extensive industry, research and government networks
- A national network of AIC's commercial and technical focused innovation managers
- Support and intelligence to assess solutions and opportunities of interest
- Extensive commercialisation experience and strategic support
- Independent advice and negotiation facilitation

TechFast is a needs-driven business support program that works with businesses to assist in areas that require external capability. The TechFast approach and service provides the following value:

- Practical, hands-on support to grow

- Expands businesses networks and provides introductions to potential partners of interest
- Access to additional innovation and commercial experience and support
- Access to new sources of ideas and thinking
- Assistance through independent facilitation of new commercial negotiation and partnership agreements

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.usicom.com/techfast.php>

Contact Details: Australian Institute for Commercialisation (AIC)

Email: [techfast@usicom.com](mailto:techfast@usicom.com)

Telephone: 1300 364 739 Fax: (07) 3853 5226

### **Grant: Business Tax Break**

Provider: Australian Taxation Office

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Various

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose: To help Australian Businesses, a temporary tax break is available on plant and equipment you need to keep your business running.

Overview: The business tax break is an extra tax deduction available on the plant and equipment you need to buy to keep your business running.

The tax break covers new, tangible, depreciating assets.

It also covers improvements or additions you make to existing assets.

As the tax break is temporary, there are deadlines that apply, so you must buy and use or install the asset within a set timeframe.

The tax break is in addition to the deduction for the decline in value your business is entitled to claim for an eligible asset.

Claiming the tax break

Provided all of the eligibility criteria are satisfied for the income year, the tax break can be claimed as a tax deduction in the income tax return for the income year in which you first use the asset or have it installed ready for use. This also applies to entities using a substituted accounting period.

The deduction will be claimable at the new 'Small business and general business tax break' label. Please refer to the relevant return instructional guides for more information when it is time to claim the deduction.

The tax break deduction is in addition to deductions for the decline in value you are entitled to claim for the asset.

The tax break will not be taken into account in working out the amount of any balancing adjustment amounts, capital gains or capital losses when you stop holding the asset.

The tax break is for 'new, tangible depreciating assets'. The asset has to be something physical, like plant and equipment, and it has to be new - meaning that it hasn't already been used anywhere, by anyone, for any purpose (except for reasonable testing and trialling).

You could buy:

- cars, vans, trucks and other business vehicles
- computer hardware (but not software)
- tools
- furniture

- capital improvements to existing machinery and equipment.

You can buy sets of things which are meant to be used together (eg a base station and handsets as a two-way radio) and claim them as long as their total cost meets the minimum thresholds.

You can also buy identical things (eg 30 identical café chairs) or things that are substantially identical (eg 15 red café chairs and 15 blue café chairs of the same make).

If you need to improve some existing assets, such as buying a new engine for a harvester, you can do that too – but you can't claim the tax break for repairs.

These assets need to be used principally in Australia and principally for business.

Who can apply: You may be eligible to claim the business tax break if you:

- carry on a business
- buy the asset by the deadline
- use or install the asset by the deadline
- meet the minimum thresholds
- use the asset principally in Australia and principally in your business, and
- are eligible to claim a deduction for the asset's decline in value under section 40-25 of the Income Tax

Assessment Act 1997

How to apply: Contact your tax advisor or phone the business tax break info line on 1300 337 921

Further Information

Website: <http://www.ato.gov.au/businesses/content.asp?doc=/content/00193781.htm>

Contact Details: Australian Taxation Office

Freecall: 1300 337 921

### **Grant: Cleaner Fuels Grants Scheme**

Provider: Australian Taxation Office

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Various

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose: To encourage the manufacture and importation of fuels that have a reduced impact on the environment.

Overview: The cleaner fuels grants scheme encourages the manufacture or importation of fuels that have a reduced impact on the environment. If you manufacture and import cleaner fuels that meet the relevant fuel standard under the Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000, you may be entitled to a cleaner fuel grant.

The two types of eligible cleaner fuels are:

- renewable fuels, such as biodiesel and renewable diesel, and
- low or ultra low sulphur conventional fuels, such as low sulphur premium unleaded petrol (PULP) and ultra low sulphur diesel (ULSD).

From 1 July 2011, the following cleaner fuels will be eligible for the grant:

- compressed natural gas
- liquefied petroleum gas
- liquefied natural gas
- ethanol, and methanol.

Who can apply: You are eligible to claim a cleaner fuels grant if:

- you are registered for the cleaner fuels grants scheme
- you are an importer or a licensed person
- your fuel is an eligible cleaner fuel, and

- your cleaner fuel meets the applicable fuel standard under
- the Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000, and
- you enter the fuel for home consumption, or
- you bought the fuel from an importer or a person licensed for the fuel and the fuel had previously
- been entered for home consumption, and
- the fuel is either consumed in your business or sold to an unlicensed person.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website:

[http://www.ato.gov.au/businesses/pathway.asp?pc=001/003/044/008&mfp=001/003&mnu=9957#001\\_003\\_044\\_008](http://www.ato.gov.au/businesses/pathway.asp?pc=001/003/044/008&mfp=001/003&mnu=9957#001_003_044_008)

Appl. Forms:

[http://www.ato.gov.au/content/downloads/N9915\\_12\\_2006\\_w.pdf](http://www.ato.gov.au/content/downloads/N9915_12_2006_w.pdf)

Contact Details: Australian Taxation Office

Telephone: 1300 137 294 Fax: 1300 131 456

### **Grant: Drought Assistance**

Provider: Centrelink, Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Various

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose: To provide drought assistance to small businesses.

Overview: Many small businesses that rely on farmers and their income may be eligible for exceptional circumstances income support and business support.

Income support, or the Small Business Income Support Payment, is provided through Centrelink as a fortnightly payment in a similar manner to the Newstart Allowance. Interest rate subsidies, or the Small Business Interest Rate Subsidy, is administered by the State and Territory rural assistance authorities.

Both forms of support are available to eligible small businesses that rely on farmers for their income.

Who can apply: To be eligible, the owners of small businesses must

- source a minimum 70 per cent of their income from the provision of goods and services for farming activities in EC-declared areas, or after 25 September 2007, demonstrate that the business is located in a town that is substantially reliant on farm income, has a population of 10 000 or less and is in an Exceptional

Circumstances (including prima facie and interim assistance) declared area

- employ up to 100 full time equivalent staff
- have experienced a significant downturn as a result of the drought
- contribute a significant part of their labour and capital to the business and derive a significant part of their income from the business
- be an Australian resident or have permission to stay permanently in Australia, and
- have a current Australian Business Number (ABN) and carry out commercial activities.
- income and assets tests do apply but assets essential to the running of the small business are not included.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: [http://www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/drought/assistance/small\\_businesses](http://www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/drought/assistance/small_businesses)

Contact: Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) Telephone: 13 23 16

**Grant: National Multicultural Marketing Award**

Provider: Community Relations Commission for a Multicultural NSW

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Various.

Closes: 31 August 2010

Purpose: To encourage and reward the efforts of businesses and organisations that focus on the cultural diversity of Australia in their overall marketing strategies.

Overview: The awards aim to:

- promote the advantages for commercial managers of marketing their product or service to every potential client or customer.
- highlight the responsibility of public sector managers to cater to the needs of the whole community and to fully inform all people about their services and activities.
- stimulate creativity in marketing to a culturally diverse society.
- recognise work of a high standard so as to inspire marketers who are not yet meeting the challenges of a culturally diverse society or enjoying the benefits of the market created by it.
- promote a more equitable representation of our diversity as a nation through mass media marketing channels.

**Awards categories:**

- Commercial Award
- Commercial Big Business Award
- Commonwealth Bank Commercial Small Business Award
- CMC Markets Government Award
- AFL Community Award
- Advertising Award
- Information Technology Award
- Export Award
- Grand Award

Who can apply: Any person or organisation from Australia is eligible to nominate for an award. Marketing initiatives that have either been completed or in operation 18 months prior to the closing of nominations may be nominated.

The initiatives may have:

- used our cultural diversity as a base for producing, exporting or marketing a product, service, event, etc
- targeted a particular market by way of language, culture or ethnicity
- broken out of the traditional marketing mould in an attempt to reach a wider market within a culturally diverse society
- used the language and cultural skills of their staff to market a product or service either domestically or internationally
- used innovative multicultural marketing techniques in a mass media context.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.crc.nsw.gov.au/awards/>

Guidelines:

[http://crc.nsw.gov.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/13719/2010\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://crc.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/13719/2010_Guidelines.pdf)

Appl. Forms:

[http://www.crc.nsw.gov.au/Awards\\_\\_and\\_\\_Sponsorships/multicultural\\_marketing\\_awards/nomination\\_form](http://www.crc.nsw.gov.au/Awards__and__Sponsorships/multicultural_marketing_awards/nomination_form)

Contact Details: Manager of Multicultural Marketing and Business  
Multicultural Marketing Awards, Community Relations Commission  
Telephone: (02) 8255 6819

**Grant: IT Writers Awards**

Provider: Consensus

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Various

Closes: 9 July 2010

Purpose: To improve the quality of journalism in mainstream and industry publications.

Overview: The Awards are structured to reflect both the individual excellence of journalists, and also reward consistency in publication values for titles. The Awards also provide an interface for journalists with respected industry figures enabling better understanding and dialogue between practitioners and journalists. All judges are identified as is the judging criteria and each individual submission reproduced on the web-site for you to read.

How to apply: Mail, Email

Further Information

Website: [http://www.consensus.com.au/itw\\_awards/itw\\_index.html](http://www.consensus.com.au/itw_awards/itw_index.html)

Contact Details: Consensus

Email: [contact@consensus.com.au](mailto:contact@consensus.com.au) Telephone: (02) 9719 9344

**Grant: Caring for our Country - Community Action Grants**

Provider: Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Max: \$20,000 Min: \$5,000

Closes: 31 August 2010 Opens: 6 July 2010

Purpose: To take action to help protect and conserve Australia's environment.

Overview: Community Action is an element of the Australian Government's \$2 billion Caring for our Country initiative. It will provide small grants of \$5 000 to \$20 000 (GST exclusive) to help community groups involved in managing and protecting natural resources contribute to the achievement of Caring for our Country's ambitious outcomes.

The program aims to reach a broad range of community organisations across the country, including landcare, coastcare, 'friends-of', Indigenous and other environmental and sustainable land management groups.

Community Action projects will directly contribute to Caring for our Country by:

- enhancing community engagement and participation; and
- increasing the recruitment and retention of volunteers in community organisations involved in managing natural resources.

Eligible projects must:

- involve volunteers and communities in activities which work towards achieving outcomes in the Caring for our

Country national priority areas of Biodiversity and Natural Icons, Coastal Environments and Critical Aquatic Habitats, and Sustainable Farm Practices

- be completed within 18 months or less

Projects need to align with one or more of the Caring for our Country national priority areas of Biodiversity and Natural Icons; Coastal Environments and Critical Aquatic Habitats; and Sustainable Farm Practices.

Limitations: Community Action Grants are only available to eligible community groups not individuals.

Who can apply: Eligible community groups include:

- community groups involved in coastal rehabilitation, restoration and conservation
- groups of farmers or land managers working on sustainable farming or improving natural resource management
- Indigenous partnerships involved in protecting or improving the environment
- community groups involved in biodiversity conservation, environmental protection or managing natural resources

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.nrm.gov.au/cag/index.html#guide>

Guidelines: <http://www.nrm.gov.au/funding/pubs/cag-guidelines.pdf>

Appl. Forms: <http://www.nrm.gov.au/funding/pubs/cag-sampleform.pdf>

Contact Details: Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)

Freecall: 1800 552 008

#### **Grant: Endeavour Executive Awards**

Provider: Dept of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Various

Closes: 31 July 2010

Purpose: To provide professional development opportunities for high achieving Australians in business, industry, education or government.

Overview: The Awards focus on building skills and knowledge through a host work environment rather than through formal enrolment in a study program at a host institution and are not intended to fund direct academic research.

Professional development activities could include intensive management training, peer-to-peer learning, short-term courses and developing leadership skills.

Applicants must be nominated by either their home organisation or host organisation.

The professional development activity must not have a commercial outcome as its purpose. Host organisations for Australian Executive Award applicants cannot include offshore branches of the home organisation or an Australian company offshore. A home or host organisation may nominate up to 5 applicants.

The Endeavour Executive Awards aim to:

- enable high achieving professionals to further develop their skills and knowledge
- deepen professional engagements between Australia and participating countries
- strengthen mutual understanding between the people of Australia and Award Holders' host countries
- build linkages and networks between Australia and participating countries
- allow professionals the opportunity, on returning to Australia, to share their updated skills and knowledge with colleagues.

How to apply: Applications should be submitted through the online system.

Further Information

Website:

<http://www.deewr.gov.au/International/EndeavourAwards/Pages/Home.aspx>

**Guidelines:**

<http://www.deewr.gov.au/International/EndeavourAwards/Documents/ApplicantGuidelines.pdf>

Contact Details: Dept of Education, Science and Training (DEST)

Email: [endeavour.scholarships@dest.gov.au](mailto:endeavour.scholarships@dest.gov.au) Fax: (02) 6123 6775

**Grant: Diversity@Work Awards**

Provider: Diversity@work

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Various

Closes: 26 July 2010

Purpose: To recognise and reward the efforts of individuals, teams and organisations who encourage diversity and inclusion in their workplace.

Overview: The 2010 Diversity@Work Awards will reinforce the benefits and importance of social inclusion within business, government and the community

Nominating for a Diversity@Work Award affords your organisation the prestige of being recognised nationally as an employer of choice.

Applications are open to all organisations that wish to highlight initiatives, programs and individuals demonstrating a commitment to diversity and inclusion in their workplace practices.

Organisations can self-nominate or nominate another organisation.

Does your organisation have a diversity initiative or champion that deserves national recognition?

Has your organisation established a program which excels in the empowerment of staff from diverse backgrounds?

Have you established successful working practices which strongly promote diversity and inclusion of your staff?

The Diversity@Work Awards recognise, celebrate and promote achievements in diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

Awards will be made for diversity champions and organisational and team initiatives that increase workplace diversity and inclusion.

Share your success by nominating for a 2010 Diversity@Work Award and:

- Receive national recognition for your successful strategies;
- Become an employer of choice within the Australian community;
- Recognise your staff for their efforts and initiatives.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.diversityatwork.com.au/awards/nominations>

**Guidelines:**

[http://www.diversityatwork.com.au/files/awards/09/D\\_W\\_Nomination\\_Form.doc](http://www.diversityatwork.com.au/files/awards/09/D_W_Nomination_Form.doc)

Contact Details: Ms Jodie North

Diversity@work

Email: [diversityawards@rdimarketing.com.au](mailto:diversityawards@rdimarketing.com.au) Telephone: (03) 9862 4222

**Grant: Ethnic Business Awards**

Provider: ETCOM

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: The winner in each category will be awarded a crystal trophy, \$10,000 cash towards their business or charity of choice and an assortment of gifts from our sponsors.

Closes: 16 August 2010

Purpose: To celebrate the success of migrants who have contributed to Australia's economic development, and to Australia's cultural and social fabric.

Overview: Individual entries will be accepted for either of the following categories:

- Small business with a turnover less than and including AUD\$5M per annum
- Medium/Large business with a turnover greater than AUD\$5M per annum
- Indigenous in Business Award: Aiding in the process of Indigenous reconciliation and advancement

All entrants meeting specific criteria are eligible for the Additional Award categories presented at a date to be confirmed, in late 2009.

The judging panel will consider each Award nominee against the following criteria, and will be looking for information that supports and demonstrates examples and evidence of each:

- Hardship endured
- Financial obstacles overcome
- Social obstacles overcome
- Company financial viability
- Fiscal application to company
- Positioning in the marketplace
- Potential future growth in the marketplace
- Ingenuity and creativeness in the market place
- Contribution to Australia and its social fabric
- Contribution to the community.

Who can apply:

- Entrants have to be born overseas, in a country other than Australia.
- Entrants must be Australian citizens or hold permanent residency
- Entrants must hold and provide a Registered Business Number in Australia
- Entrants must own the whole or part of the business nominated
- Entrants must be financially transparent with due diligence reporting structures
- Entrants must be of good fame and character and must not have engaged, directly or indirectly in any conduct which in the opinion of the Ethnic Business Awards might discredit the Awards
- Entrants must comply with all Australian Government legislation and regulations and all relevant industry codes of practice
- If short-listed, entrants must agree to have their business and personal story made subject of a three minute documentary style presentation to be screened during the night of the gala presentation and subsequent broadcast to national and international television audiences.

How to apply: Email, Fax

Further Information

Website: <http://www.ethnicbusinessawards.com/>

Appl. Forms: <http://www.ethnicbusinessawards.com/nomination-form>

Contact Details:ETCOM

Email: [awards@ethnicbusinessawards.com](mailto:awards@ethnicbusinessawards.com)

Telephone: (02) 9568 5022 Fax: (02) 9568 5633

### **Grant: Travel Grants**

Provider: Heart Foundation of Australia

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Max: \$2,000

Closes: 9 August 2010

Purpose: To offer Travel Grants to junior researchers working in the area of cardiovascular disease or related areas.

Overview: There is a limited budget allocation for each funding round, therefore only those who fit into one of the categories listed below are eligible for Heart Foundation Travel Grant awards. All applicants must be presenting research related to cardiovascular disease. All applicants must be Australian Citizens or hold current residency status at the time of application and must be based in Australia.

1. Current NHFA Fellows/Scholars travelling overseas for conference presentation (award will be offered in addition to current travel allowance associated with your award).
2. Higher degree students traveling overseas for conference presentation.
3. Junior postdoctoral fellows (no more than 5 years postdoc) traveling overseas for conference presentation.
4. Indigenous health researchers travelling within Australia to present their research.

Who can apply:

- Students studying for higher degrees (PhD, Masters etc.) and junior Postdoctoral Fellows (no more than 5 years postdoctoral).
- Travel Grants will only be awarded to researchers who are based in Australia and who will be travelling overseas to present their cardiovascular research at a conference.
- Postdoctoral appointees traveling to take up an overseas position.
- Indigenous Health Researchers wishing to present their research at an appropriate conference in Australia are also eligible for a Travel Grant award.
- Current Heart Foundation Fellows and Scholars may apply for Travel Grants to supplement their current travel allowance.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website:

[http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/Professional\\_Information/Research/Available\\_Funding/Travel\\_Grants/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/Professional_Information/Research/Available_Funding/Travel_Grants/Pages/default.aspx)

Guidelines:

<http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/%272010TravelGrant%27Instruct.pdf>

Appl. Forms:

[http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/2010%20Travel%20Grant%20Application\\_FINAL.doc](http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/2010%20Travel%20Grant%20Application_FINAL.doc)

Contact Details: The National Heart Foundation

Email: [research@heartfoundation.org.au](mailto:research@heartfoundation.org.au) Telephone: (03) 9321 1581

### **Grant: The Alcohol and Health Research Grants Scheme (AHRGS)**

Provider: Lion Nathan Limited (LNL)

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Max: \$35,000

Closes: 14 August 2010

Purpose: To provide financial support for independent research in the area of Alcohol and Health .

Overview: The grants are available to post-graduate researchers on a competitive basis and as determined by the independent AHRGS Assessment Committee.

Among the key objectives of the AHRGS is to help build capacity among young researchers in the early stages of their career and, for example, assist them building towards a position where they can compete for grants from the National Health and Medical Research Council.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.ahrgs.com.au/>

Guidelines: <http://www.ahrgs.com.au/GetFile.aspx?nodeid=207>

Appl. Forms: <http://www.ahrgs.com.au/GetFile.aspx?nodeid=208>

Contact Details: Alcohol and Health Research Grants Scheme

Email: [trudi.williams@fmc.sa.gov.au](mailto:trudi.williams@fmc.sa.gov.au)

Telephone: (08) 2404 4463

### **Grant: Centres of Research Excellence (CRE) Scheme**

Provider: National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Various

Closes: 25 September 2010

Purpose: To fund teams of researchers to pursue innovative, high quality collaborative research activities.

Overview: The CRE Scheme seeks applications from teams of researchers to pursue innovative, high quality collaborative research activities in the following priority areas:

- Clinical Research
- Research into Asbestos Related Diseases
- Population Health Research
- Electromagnetic Energy Research
- Health Services Research

The CRE will build capacity, support research that will lead to improved community health outcomes, and ensure effective translation of research outcomes primarily into practice.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/cre/index.htm>

Contact Details: National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)

Email: [centres.researchexcellence@nhmrc.gov.au](mailto:centres.researchexcellence@nhmrc.gov.au)

### **Grant: Research Projects**

Provider: Sugar Research and Development Corporation

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Various

Closes: 13 August 2010 Opens: 21 June 2010

Purpose: To encourage researchers and members of Australia's sugarcane industry to submit expressions of interest for research projects.

Who can apply: Researchers and members of Australia's sugarcane industry.

How to apply: via the application centre

Further Information

Website: <http://www.srdc.gov.au/pages.aspx?id=37>

Guidelines

<http://www.srdc.gov.au/UserImages/File/Tools%20and%20Forms/2009%20call/090603%20>

[Research%20Project%20EOI\\_Application\\_Kit%202009.doc](#)

Contact Details: Mr Robert Troedson, Senior Investment Manager

Sugar Research and Development Corporation

Email: [rtroedson@srdc.gov.au](mailto:rtroedson@srdc.gov.au)

Telephone: (07) 3210 0495 Fax: (07) 3210 0506

### **Grant: SRDC Postgraduate Scholarship**

Provider: Sugar Research and Development Corporation

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Various

Closes: 3 September 2010 Opens: 21 June 2010

Purpose: To foster training in technical and social disciplines compatible with SRDC's research priorities.

Overview: The selection criteria are:

1. Relevance of the proposed course of study to the sugar industry and to the SRDC R&D Plan 2007-2012.

2. Potential of the candidate as a student and/or researcher, and probability of successful completion of the course - based on the student's academic record and referees' comments. Short listed applicants will be also required to take aptitude and psychometric tests, make a short presentation and undertake an interview (further details will be provided if your application is short listed)

3. Potential for the candidate to make a future contribution to the sugar industry - based on the likely value to the industry of the general field of the proposed study.

4. For research degrees, quality of the proposed research environment including partnerships with R&D providers and industry - based on the experience, track record and quality of the proposed research supervisors and the capacity of the University and other R&D providers to support projects in the student's field.

Who can apply: SRDC will support funding in 2010 for three postgraduate scholarships which foster training in technical and social disciplines relevant to SRDC's research priorities.

- SRDC Scholarships are available for postgraduate study including PhD, Masters and Graduate Diploma Programs.

- Applicants for research degrees should normally have an Honours degree but this requirement may be waived if the applicant has comparable qualifications or experience. SRDC will consider applications of candidates that hold other available bursaries.

How to apply: Email

Further Information

Website: <http://www.srdc.gov.au/pages.aspx?id=39>

Guidelines

<http://www.srdc.gov.au/UserImages/File/Tools%20and%20Forms/2009%20call/090603%20>

[Scholarship%20Application%20Kit%2010-11.doc](#)

Appl.Forms:

<http://www.srdc.gov.au/UserImages/File/Tools%20and%20Forms/2009%20call/090603%20>

[Scholarship%20application%20form.doc](#)

Contact Details: Sugar Research and Development Corporation

Email: [apply@srcdc.gov.au](mailto:apply@srcdc.gov.au) Telephone: (07) 3225 9443

**Grant: Telstra's Disability Equipment Program**

Provider: Telstra

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Various

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose: To provide eligible customers with specialised equipment to access the standard telephone service.

Overview: Products hired under Telstra's Disability Equipment Program are provided at the same annual rental charge as a standard rental telephone handset.

If you do not currently have a Telstra rental handset a once-only provisioning fee will apply.

The Disability Enquiry Hotline staff can advise of the current rental charges and if a provisioning fee is applicable. Limitations: Business customers who have a PABX, Commander System or other switchboard system, are not eligible for products through the Disability Equipment Program.

Who can apply: To be eligible for equipment through Telstra's Disability Equipment Program customers must:

- have a disability and be unable to use a standard telephone handset and
- be a Telstra customer i.e. obtain basic line rental from Telstra or be an associate of a Telstra customer residing at the same address (for example, spouse, member of household or employee) and
- complete an application form (available from the Disability Enquiry Hotline) and have it signed by an authorised professional i.e. a Medical Practitioner, Audiologist, Audiometrist, Ophthalmologist, Optometrist, Occupational Therapist, or Speech Pathologist.

How to apply: Fax

Further Information

Website: <http://www.telstra.com.au/abouttelstra/commitments/disability-services/disability-equipment-program/>

Guidelines: <http://www.telstra.com.au/abouttelstra/download/document/disability-equipment-program-c036-0708.pdf>

Contact Details: Telstra

Email: [disability@online.telstra.com.au](mailto:disability@online.telstra.com.au)

Freecall: 1800 068 424

Freecall Fax: 1800 814 777 TTY: 1800 808 981

**Grant: The General Sir John Monash Awards**

Provider: The General Sir John Monash Foundation

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Max: \$150,000

Closes: 31 August 2010

Purpose: To award outstanding Australian citizens graduating from Australian Universities to enable them to undertake postgraduate study abroad at the world's best Universities, appropriate to their field of study.

Overview: The General Sir John Monash Awards are not limited by age, gender, and academic field of study, country or university, subject to the university being considered to be amongst the global leaders in the chosen field of study.

However, whilst no upper age limit is stipulated, Awards will generally favour those whose major contribution to their field and to the community lies ahead of them. The Foundation supports study programmes in any field, which leads to the highest academic research degree generally accepted in that field of study. Principally this will be a PhD or DPhil or an equivalent research doctoral degree. Only in exceptional circumstances, would the Foundation consider supporting an applicant to undertake a Masters Degree that extends their capability for a special purpose. Benefits:

- Up to AUD \$150,000 per annum over 3 years;
- The General Sir John Monash Awards may be held concurrently with other scholarships or awards, at the discretion of the Foundation;
- The annual Award sum of \$50,000 is normally paid in two equal payments, in advance and after six months.

Australian citizens who are graduates of or who are about to graduate from an Australian University are eligible to apply for a General Sir John Monash Award.

Who can apply: In awarding scholarships, important factors considered include:

- Academic excellence - having completed or are about to complete by the end of the year of application, a university degree or degrees with outstanding results, such as an honours degree (with a classification of 1 or 2A) or equivalent.;
- Demonstrated outstanding leadership ability;
- Altruism demonstrated through community service;
- Proof of arrangements with a foreign University to conduct a well-defined research project or study programme;
- The case presented by the Applicant of how the proposed study or research will advance their field of study and benefit them and the country;
- Well-developed communication skills
- Referee Reports outlining the Applicant's abilities.
- The Applicant's presentation at interview.

How to apply: Mail, Email

Further Information

Website: <http://www.monashawards.org/>

Contact Details: The General Sir John Monash Foundation

Email: [applications@monashawards.org](mailto:applications@monashawards.org)

### **Grant: Indigenous Capital Assistance Scheme**

Provider: The Westpac Group

Region: All States and Territories

Funding: Max: \$500,000 Min: \$50,000

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose: To offer eligible Indigenous businesses financial and advisory support.

Overview: Key features of the scheme:

- Available nationwide
- Finance from \$50,000 to \$500,000 with subsidised interest for the first three years
- Reimbursement of loan establishment/documentation fees (up to \$820)
- Provision of business advisory and mentoring services to assist in the development of a business
- Reimbursement of fees for professional services purchased from accredited and registered accountants, lawyers, tax advisers and training from a registered training organisation

What types of finance are available under the scheme? Westpac offers the following solutions to meet the different financing needs of Indigenous businesses.

- **Business Overdraft**

An overdraft can be used to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow, with easy access to a revolving line of credit..

- **Business Loan**

If you're looking to borrow a set amount with repayments over a term of up to 25 years we offer a choice of variable or fixed interest rates.

- **Equipment Finance**

If you're looking to borrow a set amount with repayments over a term of up to 25 years we offer a choice of variable or fixed interest rates.

Who can apply: To apply for the scheme, you must:

- Have an ABN
- Be at least 51% Indigenous Australian owned (for companies this refers to shareholders), or for a partnership of two people, have at least one partner who is an Indigenous Australian.
- Have at least 50% Indigenous Australian employees
- Utilise funds for the establishment of a new business, expansion or acquisition of an existing business that will lead to an increase in Indigenous employment
- Conduct a lawful business that does not involve the sex industry, or the production and distribution of pornography, and that is not culturally or socially inappropriate in the relevant local community
- Not be insolvent or in undischarged bankruptcy
- Have total business debt liabilities (including ICAS finance) that do not exceed \$500,000 at any one time.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website:

<http://www.westpac.com.au/internet/publish.nsf/Content/BBFC+Indigenous+Capital+Assistance+Scheme>

Contact Details: Westpac

Telephone: 1802 102

### **Grant: Business Development Initiative (BDI)**

Provider: Bio Innovation SA

Region: South Australia

Funding: Max: \$250,000

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose: To assist South Australian bioscience companies to develop their business.

Overview: Bio Innovation SA is a South Australian Government funded organisation established to enhance the development of the local biotechnology industry.

This Initiative aims to increase the success of biotechnology commercialisation in South Australia. The BDI is positioned to provide early stage companies with funds to overcome obstacles prior to raising institutional equity finance and applying for Federal grants (e.g. Commercial Ready).

Examples of eligible expenditure under the BDI are the costs of:

- incorporation and start-up costs for a new company;
- crucial "proof of commercial concept" experiments;
- the generation of supporting data to strengthen patent applications;
- specific professional advice (legal, patent, market, financial, accounting) for an identified project;

- training or travel of key individual(s); and
  - projects that will achieve key milestones within a maximum of a 1-year timeframe.
- It is anticipated that companies awarded BDI grants will receive ongoing advice and in-kind support from Bio Innovation SA.

Who can apply:

The following requirements must be met for a company to be eligible for assistance:

- the applicant must be a South Australian bioscience company or individual(s)/organisation(s) in the process of forming a South Australian bioscience company. In the case of the latter, a condition of the grant will be that the applicant registers a new South Australian company with the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC);
- the requested funding must be for activities that will achieve important commercial outcomes for the company;
- demonstrated access to existing and potential IP;
- the applicant must demonstrate that they are unable to fund the activities without financial assistance; and the applicant must be registered for the R & D Tax Concession.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: [http://www.bioinnovationsa.com.au/financial\\_support.htm](http://www.bioinnovationsa.com.au/financial_support.htm)

Guidelines:

<http://www.bioinnovationsa.com.au/resources/13/BDI%20Guidelines%202009%20final.pdf>

Contact Details: Bio Innovation SA

Telephone: (08) 8217 6400 Fax: (08) 8217 6416

### **Grant: Commercial Development Initiative**

Provider: Bio Innovation SA

Region: South Australia

Funding: Max: \$50,000 Average: \$30,000

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose:

To assist the commercialisation of South Australian bioscience technologies originating from public sector organisations, including universities, hospitals and research institutes.

Overview:

Bio Innovation SA is a South Australian Government funded organisation established to enhance the development of the local biotechnology industry.

CDI grants of up to \$50,000 can be used for such activities as proof-of-concept research, intellectual property advice and market research.

The objectives of the CDI are to:

- enable research organisations to further develop the commercial potential of existing technologies;
- enable crucial "proof of concept" experiments;
- enable the generation of supporting data either to file of new provisional patent applications or to strengthen intended PCT patent applications;
- fund projects with a clear commercial relevance, e.g. a defined product that addresses an unmet medical need;
- facilitate commercially relevant training or travel of key individual(s);

- provide financial assistance for projects that will achieve key milestones within a maximum duration of 1 year; and
- develop technologies with a commercial potential that research organisations would otherwise be unable to fund.

This CDI aims to increase the success of biotechnology commercialisation in South Australia and to address the well recognised funding gap between discovery research and product development. With the exception of hospitals intending to file a provisional patent application, a CDI grant will not be awarded for the purposes of funding patent costs.

Who can apply:

The following requirements must be met for a project to be eligible for assistance:

- the applicant must be a South Australian public research organisation;
- the applicant must demonstrate access to any intellectual property required to complete the project and to the intellectual property developed as a result of the project;
- the applicant must demonstrate that they are unable to conduct the project without financial assistance from Bio Innovation SA;
- the project must be in the field of biotechnology; and
- the project must aim to generate outcomes that will assist with the commercialisation of biotechnology by the research organisation.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: [http://www.bioinnovationsa.com.au/financial\\_support.htm](http://www.bioinnovationsa.com.au/financial_support.htm)

Guidelines: <http://www.bioinnovationsa.com.au/resources/14/CDI%20Guidelines.pdf>

Contact Details: Bio Innovation SA

Telephone: (08) 8217 6400 Fax: (08) 8217 6416

### **Grant: Industry Partnership Program**

Provider: Dept of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology (SA)

Region: South Australia

Funding: Various

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose: To support co-investment in training and employment at the business and enterprise level across priority industry sectors and skill demand areas.

Overview:

**Role of Industry Skills Boards (ISBs)**

Industry Skills Boards have been established to provide the State Government with workforce information, a vehicle to disseminate best practice models and tools for workforce and tools for workforce development. The aim is to ensure that South Australian businesses have the ability to better plan for future workforce needs.

**Role of Industry Partnership Program**

The purpose of the IPP is for ISBs to work more closely with industry to develop a workforce that has the right skills, in the right place and at the right time by creating employment and training opportunities that are industry-led and demand-driven.

ISBs would achieve this by submitting proposals under the IPP that propose, broker and manage workforce development programs that recruit, induct, train and retain unemployed and under-employed people in South Australia.

### **Funding**

Successful IPP proposals, which demonstrate matched funding from industry, would be funded on a contractual basis.

Following the approval of an IPP proposal a funding agreement will be prepared between the Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education and the relevant ISB.

Project monitoring and reporting requirements will be negotiated for each project.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website:

<http://www.saworks.sa.gov.au/Informationfor/Industry/IndustryPartnershipProgram/tabid/110/Default.aspx>

Guidelines: <http://www.saworks.sa.gov.au/Portals/0/downloads/2009-10%20Industry%20Partnership%20Program%20-%20Program%20Guidelines.pdf>

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### **Grant: Outback Business Networks**

Provider: Desert Knowledge Australia

Region: New South Wales

Funding: Various

Closes: Ongoing

Purpose: To develop networks and business opportunities by facilitating training programs, information sessions, meetings, collaborative projects and forums.

Overview:

The \$10 million Desert Knowledge Australia Outback Business Networks Project will strengthen the SME sector in regional areas helping to build local economies. The project establishes new networks and builds on existing cross border industry networks across Outback Australia.

Desert Knowledge Australia Outback Business Networks gives small and medium sized businesses (SMEs) across desert Australia the opportunity to:

- Increase revenue by identifying new projects, collaborations and market reach
- Reduce cost through shared marketing and input
- Connect with people across industry, regions and Outback Australia
- Save time by accessing information and contact in an efficient way

Outback Business Networks develops networks and business opportunities by facilitating:

- training programs
- information sessions
- meetings
- collaborative projects and forums
- links to key corporate partners
- links to established regional services

Connecting nine regions across Outback Australia

- Pilbara , WA
- Mid West Gascoyne , WA
- Kalgoorlie-Boulder, WA
- Far North SA
- Far West NSW
- Central West QLD
- North West QLD

- Barkly, NT
- Across five industries
- Creative Industries
- Local Police
- Mining Services
- Sustainable Building
- Tourism

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website:

[http://www.desertknowledge.com.au/dka/index.cfm?attributes.fuseaction=bn\\_intro](http://www.desertknowledge.com.au/dka/index.cfm?attributes.fuseaction=bn_intro)

Guidelines: <http://www.desertknowledge.com.au/dka/documents%5COBNP.pdf>

Contact Details: Desert Knowledge Australia

Telephone: (08) 8959 6000 Fax: (08) 8959 6025

### **Grant: Safe Work Awards**

Provider: SafeWork SA

Region: South Australia

Funding: Various

Closes: 30 July 2010

Purpose: To shine the spotlight on best practice health and safety in South Australian workplaces.

Overview: The Award categories are:

- Best Workplace Health and Safety Management System
- Best Solution to an Identified Workplace Health and Safety Issue
- Best Workplace Health and Safety Practices in Small Business
- Best Individual Contribution to Workplace Health and Safety
- Employer of the Year
- Best Public Event, Safety.

The 2010 Safe Work Awards are linked to the National Safe Work Australia Awards, and winners in four of the state categories are automatically nominated for the national awards in those categories.

How to apply: Mail

Further Information

Website: <http://www.safework.sa.gov.au/>

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