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Grant Opportunities for local Scout Groups and Formations

Dear valued Group Leaders/ Leaders-In-Charge,

Our thoughts are with the many Scouting families across NSW as a result of the floods. We hope all in our local communities are able to stay safe while the flood waters recede and during the clean-up.

We are emailing you to alert you to two (2) grant opportunities, and to invite you, or your representative, to attend a webinar to assist in the writing of the grant applications.

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are now open for the **Federal Government's Volunteer Grants** for 2021, and all Scout Groups and formations are eligible to apply!

Grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are available, with your local Federal MP allocated \$132,450 for distribution to community based, not for profit organisations in that electorate. The grants are intended to **benefit adult volunteers specifically, not the Scouting youth**. Federal MPs are asking eligible groups to fill in an EOI if interested in applying. Some MPs have the EOI up on their website already; for other MPs you will need to contact their Office direct.

The Grant program's full details can be accessed in the buttons below. In particular, I refer to the second document which lists examples of eligible items. To assist you further, we have compiled a list of the Federal electorates in NSW and their contact details for an EOI as well as the EOI submission date.

Volunteer Grants: Guidelines	Volunteer Grants: Eligible Items	Federal Electorate EOI Details
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This grant can be used for anything that will help make volunteering easier. For instance, fuel reimbursements to ease the financial burden of volunteering, a BBQ to help with cooking nights, or a laptop to help with organising the groups finances and storing photographs. Note the grant is not available to cover membership fees which is most unfortunate.

Once the EOI has been approved you will be asked to submit a full application. Help is available with filling out this application if needed.

It is strongly recommended you apply for this grant so make sure to submit your EOI as soon as possible! Information on how to access your Electorates EOI can be found [here](#).

And when the grant applications open be sure to get your application in ASAP as some MPs award grants on a first-come, first-served basis.

Clubgrants are also opening in a number of Local Government Areas (LGAs). We would like to assist relevant Scout Groups, in whatever way we can, to apply for these grants.

To this end, Cassandra Armstrong (Grants and Partnerships Coordinator) and John Dwyer (Scouts NSW Partnerships Commissioner) will be conducting a **webinar via Microsoft Teams at 7.30pm Wednesday the 31st of March and repeated at 7.30pm Wednesday the 7th of April**.

The webinar will take approximately an hour. Cassandra and John will guide you through the process of submitting an application and answer any questions you might have. Questions can be posted in the chat section and the slides will be shared through MS Teams.

[Click here to join the Grants webinar](#)

With best wishes,

Yours in Scouting,

Neville Tomkins OAM JP
Chief Commissioner
Scouts Australia (NSW Branch)

To contact the Chief Commissioner, please email chief.commissioner@nsw.scouts.com.au.

Youth Safety in Scouting

Scouts Australia NSW is committed to operating as a youth safe organisation and implementing youth safe policies and practices in accordance with the elements of a child safe institution outlined by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse report entitled Creating Child Safe Institutions.

Remember

All suspicions, concerns or allegations about criminal matters or child protection matters should be reported directly to the Chief Commissioner, the Deputy Chief Commissioner (Youth Safety, Compliance and Support), the CEO or the Child Protection Officer at the NSW State Office. To make a report use the [online youth protection form](#), call 02 9735 9000 or email youthprotection@nsw.scouts.com.au.

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