

Nurturing Evolutionary Development (NED) Grant scheme

GUIDELINES

The NED Foundation is a non-profit organisation established for the purposes of fostering social and personal evolutionary processes within Australia and the world. NED affirms the life-enhancing importance of fostering co-operative and mutually supportive relationships among Australian citizens. We seek the emergence of an invigorated, unifying Australian ethos, and then beyond this we advocate an Australian role in helping humanity steer itself to secure a future on the Earth.

PURPOSE

To support these objectives NED funds projects that meet the aims and goals of the foundation.

The broad goals of the foundation are:

- a life-enhancing, inclusive ethos;
- improved linkages, mutual acceptance and co-operation;
- a maximising of our human potential at the levels of:
 - the individual person,
 - communities everywhere;
 - global society; and thus
- steering ourselves effectively and collectively towards a future for our planet, by
- building whatever level of world cultural convergence is necessary to energise effective, comprehensive global action on global issues

There are 5 streams of funding available:

- Community (General) – projects, events or activities that address social participation or promote multiple group involvement and interaction around a general issue of community wellbeing.
- Community (Youth) – projects, events or activities that promote involvement and inclusion of young people in addressing issues specific to young people in their community.
- Community (Environmental) – projects, events or activities that promote sustainable environmental practices or initiatives or that address a specific environmental issue faced by the community.
- Community (Sport/ Health/ Recreation and/or Well-being) – projects, events or activities that promote physical and psychological well-being within the community through the organisational involvement of participants.
- Community (Education or Arts) – may include projects, events or activities that promote or increase awareness and understanding of the arts or cultural participation within the community.

FUNDING PARAMETERS

- Proposed projects must align with one of the five funding streams outlined above.
- There are 2 tiers of funding available:
 - Tier 1: “Seeding Grants” – funding of \$1,000 - \$2,000 per project OR
 - Tier 2: “Larger Projects” – funding of \$2,000 - \$10,000 per project.

Applications for grants in excess of \$10,000 may be considered in exceptional circumstances

- The NED Grant Scheme is a competitive fund and applicants must indicate how their proposed project fits within the funding parameters, satisfies the eligibility conditions and addresses the selection criteria listed below.
- Priority may be given to applicants who have already attended, or who undertake to attend, a Social Developers Network (SDN) Workshop. For more information about these workshops please see sdn.ned.org.au.
- Funds must be expended within 12 months of grant approval unless otherwise agreed to by NED.
- Funding is for non-recurrent items of expenditure including (but not limited to):
 - project management wages and on-costs
 - travel related to the project as outlined in the funding submission
 - equipment, including hardware and software
 - Supplies and materials for use in the project.
- What will not be funded
 - Capital or ongoing maintenance works
 - General administrative or ongoing wages
 - Projects that are fundraising in nature
 - General operational costs for organisations

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

- Your (The applicant's) organisation is an incorporated, not-for-profit organisation or association or is auspiced by one. Mission and guidelines of the organisation are consistent with the NED foundation ethos;
- Your (The applicant's) project activity is auspiced by an unincorporated, not-for-profit small, citizen group;
- Your project / activity is an individual one, and we assess that your purposes are socially developmental;
- The applicant is able to demonstrate the knowledge and the expertise necessary to implement the program as well as the skills necessary for the sustainable management of the program and the responsible stewardship of resources;
- Applications from schools will be considered if the proposed project or activity strengthens participatory school culture.

NED favours programs or projects that:

- "fall between the cracks" of other funding sources;
- are not associated with well-established organisations with significant reserves and/or are capable of raising their own funds;
- are not eligible for funding from government or other sources.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Clearly articulated outcomes and a clear argument demonstrating how the project fits with the purpose and objectives of the NED Grants Scheme and the priorities of the selected stream;
- Significance of the project to the broader community;

- Evidence of volunteer community involvement in your proposed project/activity planning and implementation;
- A plan for how outcomes will be disseminated;
- Scope for sustainability, expansion or impact of the project beyond the grant funding period.
- Provision of a realistic and achievable implementation plan, timeline and budget (the latter to include justification for the amount claimed and an indicative timeframe for the expenditure of grant monies);
- Demonstrated commitment to rigorous evaluation of the project.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

- Applicants are required to engage with mentoring support by the NED Project Management team and/or other persons approved by NED in the development of the grant application

Please note that NED:

- does not guarantee to fund any applicant;
- does not guarantee to fund any applicant to the full amount requested;
- is not responsible for meeting any funding shortfall if the project runs over budget;
- officers or agents will not be responsible at any time for any liabilities incurred or entered into by the recipient person or organisation as a result of, or arising out of that person/organisation's responsibilities.

GRANT DELIVERABLES

Successful applicants will be expected to:

- Agree to the promotion and communication of your involvement in the NED seed-funding program. This may be through the NED Inc. website, marketing material and funding applications;
- Recognise NED Inc. in all marketing and promotional activities associated with the project / activity;
- Disseminate information about the project through the work-in-progress Project Update section of the NED/SDN Website, either personally, or via the Project Management Team;
- Provide a Grant Acquittal Report that documents project outcomes within 3 months of project completion.

SUBMISSION

Applications are to be made through the Project Grant Manager:

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