

The Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW “Promoting Sustainable Fishing”

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Volunteer Grants 2011

The **Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW**, the peak volunteer recreational fishing representative group is encouraging all volunteer angling groups who help our in their local communities to apply for funding assistance under the Commonwealths Volunteer Grants 2011 program before it **closes on the 8th June 2011**.

So check out the eligibility of your not-for-profit organisation and in the community grant [guidelines](#), you might able to apply for office equipment like a computer/software or a printer, maybe its tools or equipment for local clean up activities or fish rehabilitation and tree planting projects, maybe some training and upskilling your community volunteers, what about a BBQ for community events, or even assistance to cover fuel costs for your volunteering projects.

Volunteer Grants 2011

- **How much?**
\$16 million is available for Volunteer Grants 2011
- **Apply when?**
from 4/05/2011 to 8/06/2011
- **Who to contact?**
Ph: toll-free Volunteer Grants Hotline - 1800 183 374 (Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm AEST) *Email* vg2011@fahcsia.gov.au

Short Description: Funding to support volunteers and encourage volunteering

Funding of \$16 million is available under Volunteer Grants 2011

Volunteer Grants 2011 recognises the important role of Australia’s volunteers and is part of the Government’s ongoing commitment to supporting volunteers, assisting disadvantaged communities and encouraging social inclusion to assist vulnerable individuals, families and communities.

Funding of \$16 million is available to eligible not-for-profit community organisations to assist their volunteers and encourage volunteering.

Volunteer Grants 2011 provides funding of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to not-for-profit organisations to:

- Purchase portable, tangible, small equipment items to help volunteers
- Contribute to the reimbursement of fuel costs for their volunteers who use their own car to transport others to activities, deliver food and assist people in need
- Contribute to the reimbursement of transport costs incurred by volunteers with disability who are unable to drive
- Contribute to the costs of training courses and/or undertake background screening checks for volunteers.

Funding is limited and applications will be assessed and prioritised according to how strongly they meet the selection criteria. The selection criteria, eligibility criteria and other essential information about Volunteer Grants 2011 are provided in the:

- [Volunteer Grants 2011 Application Guidelines](#)

How to Apply

Online/electronic applications

Note: All applications successfully submitted should receive written confirmation from the Department.

The online Volunteer Grants 2011 Application Form is provided:

- [Volunteer Grants 2011 Application Form](#) PDF [1.2MB]

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All completed online applications must be received by:
Wednesday 8 June 2011 at 5pm AEST.

Applicants must have Adobe Reader v7.0.5 or later to use the electronic Volunteer Grants 2011 PDF Application Form. The latest version of Adobe Reader can be downloaded for free from www.adobe.com/downloads. Applicants using other PDF Reader software (e.g. Foxit) or who experience technical difficulties displaying or using the electronic PDF Application Form should call **1800 183 374** or email vg2011@fahcsia.gov.au.

Online application forms should not be printed, completed and submitted because this may result in important information not appearing on the printed version of the electronic application form and the application may not be able to be assessed.

Paper-based applications

A paper-based alternate, Word version of the Volunteer Grants 2011 Application Form and Application Guidelines can be requested by phoning the toll-free Volunteer Grants Hotline on **1800 183 374** or by emailing vg2011@fahcsia.gov.au. The alternate Word version allows you to type your information into the form, and then print a copy. Once printed, sign your completed paper-based Application Form and either email to vg2011applications@fahcsia.gov.au or post to:

Volunteer Grants 2011
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
Locked Bag 5001
TUGGERANONG BC ACT 2901

To be included in the Volunteer Grants 2011 assessment process, posted paper-based Application Forms must be postmarked no later than **Wednesday 8 June 2011**. Do not send additional documents, attachments or equipment quotes with your application. The Department reserves the right to request further information, if required. Faxed applications will not be accepted.

Questions and Answers

A 'Questions and Answers' facility for Volunteer Grants 2011 is available. You can email questions to the Volunteer Grants Team at vg2011@fahcsia.gov.au or call the toll-free Volunteer Grants Hotline on **1800 183 374**. The Department will respond to questions within five working days.

Note: A list of [Frequently Asked Questions and Answers](#) is available on the Department's website. Responses to questions of interest to all applicants may be added to the list during the application period.

A help facility in the form of hover boxes also provides useful information to assist applicants complete the online/electronic Application Form. Section Two of the Guidelines provides information on how to complete the Volunteer Grants 2011 Application Form.

Closing Date and Time

Applications close on **Wednesday 8th June 2011 5pm AEST**. Applications submitted or postmarked after this date may not be accepted.