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Community Food Grants 2013–14 Information for applicants



About Community Food Grants

The Australian Government is investing \$1.5 million in the new Community Food Grants program. The Community Food Grants program is a key initiative of the National Food Plan.

The program will provide small grants to support the establishment or improvement of community food initiatives, such as farmers' markets, food cooperatives, food hubs, community gardens and city farms. It will also support initiatives that address food insecurity, such as food rescue services.

Who can apply?

Community Food Grants are open to not-for-profit organisations including, but not limited to:

- farmers' markets
- charities
- food rescue organisations
- cooperative societies
- Indigenous or culturally and linguistically diverse groups
- community groups able to meet the program objectives
- other non-government organisations.

Schools and local, state and territory governments are not eligible to apply for these grants.

How the program will work

Grants of up to \$10 000 for community gardens, city farms or similar activities and up to \$25 000 for farmers' markets, food rescue and similar activities will be available. Grants will be made available for projects to achieve one or more of the following objectives:

1. use community food initiatives to build social networks, community cohesion and resilience, and build connections between farmers and consumers
2. improve people's knowledge about food production and preparation to encourage the adoption of healthy diets
3. improve people's knowledge of food production and agriculture in urban areas
4. help provide surplus safe and nutritious food to disadvantaged groups.



Eligibility

- Grants must be matched as a minimum on a dollar for dollar basis in cash or equipment by the applicant and/or partner organisation(s).
- Projects must not include ineligible activities as identified in the grant guidelines.
- Projects must be completed and a final report submitted by 31 March 2014.
- Priority will be given to proposals that can demonstrate a strong level of support in the local community for the project. This could be a partnership with another organisation such as local government, a Regional Development Australia Committee, a non-government organisation or a commercial business.

How to apply for Community Food Grants

Read the *Community Food Grants guidelines* at daff.gov.au/community-food-grants.

Download an application form at daff.gov.au/community-food-grants, or request a hard copy application form (by email to communityfoodgrants@daff.gov.au or phone 1800 702 330).

Your application needs to be received by the department by email (preferred) or post by 5pm, AEST 4 July 2013.

Further information

Frequently asked questions at daff.gov.au/community-food-grants

Community Food Grants hotline:
1800 702 330

Email program coordinator:
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