

Grants Program for Volunteer Fuel Cost

Audience: Club Secretaries

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Summary: SLSWA has taken advice relating to the Volunteer Grants Program 2008. Club may now be able to apply for grants to help their volunteers with fuel costs.

Groups can apply for grants of between \$1000 and \$5000 to purchase equipment - including computers, air conditioners, mowers and sporting items used by volunteers.

Action: Clubs to apply online for the Grant Program to help their volunteers with fuel cost.

The Volunteer Grants Program 2008 **closes 5pm AEDT on Friday 17 October 2008**

The Volunteer Grants Program

The Volunteer Grants Program 2008 recognises the valuable work of Australia's volunteers and is part of the Australian Government's ongoing commitment to supporting volunteers and encouraging volunteering in local communities. Funding is available to eligible not-for-profit organisations to purchase small equipment and sporting items to help their existing volunteers and to encourage more people to become volunteers. Organisations will be able to request funding to contribute towards reimbursement to their volunteers for fuel costs incurred in their volunteering work. This will assist volunteers in their important work, including those who use their cars to transport others to activities, deliver food and assist people in need.

The Volunteer Grants Program 2008 provides funding of between \$1000 and \$5000 to help not for profit organisations to:

- buy tangible, small equipment items to help volunteers, and/or
- cover costs such as club sporting equipment and uniforms, training of volunteer sports coaches, and travel for specific sports-related purposes, and/or
- contribute towards fuel reimbursement for their volunteers.

Contribution to the reimbursement of fuel costs.

The contribution towards reimbursement of fuel costs is available for volunteers who incur these costs directly in undertaking their volunteering activities.

Eligible fuel costs include all motor vehicle fuels.

Not eligible fuel costs include:

- already funded from other sources
- not reasonably costed
- travel that is not part of the volunteers' work.

Note: Applications for a contribution towards the reimbursement of fuel costs are limited to \$2500 per organisation.

Procedure for obtaining grant

In order to apply for the grant an online single organisation application form needs to be completed and submitted by the closing date. This form can be found on the fahcsia government website;

http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/aboutfacs/programs/sfsc-vgp_2008_form-single.htm

The Volunteer Grants Program 2008 funding round opens on **Friday 5 September 2008** and closes on **Friday 17 October 2008 at 5pm AEDT**. Only the 'online' or approved paper Volunteer Grants Program 2008 Application Forms will be considered.

All information regarding guidelines on eligibility of items and contribution towards fuel reimbursement for volunteers can be found on the fahcsia website or you can email your query to vgp2008@fahcsia.gov.au, or call the toll-free hotline on **1800 183 374**.

Further information

For further information please contact SLSWA office on 08 9243 9444.

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