



Australian Government Grants News – December 2019 Edition

Great News!



This December edition of Grants News provides a number of interesting articles on:

- **Launch of redesigned Grant webpages**
- **Update on the next Grants Community of Practice**
- **End of Year 'wrap up'**

Welcome to the December 2019 edition of Grants News. We hope that you find this edition full of useful updates.

It's going LIVE!!!

In November 2019, the Department of Finance (Finance) updated the Finance website. The July Grants Community of Practice Forum provided an opportunity to gather views on the existing grants webpages on the website and workshop what people would like to see improved.

The feedback we received from attendees was primarily focused on the accessibility of Grants information, but also touched on the need for

This feedback complements our analysis of queries that entities, providers and recipients send to Finance. We have taken this information and have incorporated feedback from our various stakeholders into the redesign of the grants webpages. This is the first phase of the grants webpages redesign project.

We have finalised the new grants webpages and the new pages are now **live** on the website. <https://www.finance.gov.au/government/commonwealth-grants>.

We have provided information on how to find a grant (link) under the Business and Individual tabs on the website taking people to GrantConnect and providing information on the Commonwealth grant agreement templates

If you still have any ideas on how we can improve our grants web content, send them through to grants@finance.gov.au

An Update on the Grants Community of Practice Forum

On 31 July 2019, the Department of Finance (Finance) hosted the 2019 mid-year Grants Community of Practice Forum (the Forum). The next Forum was planned for December 2019, however due to a number of external factors we have postponed the next Forum to February 2020. A call for presenters will be sent out in the New Year. If you have a topic you would like to present on please contact us.

Finance will also be launching the new Grants Community of Practice GovTeams page at the Forum in 2020.

If you have any ideas on what content you would like to see at the Forum, send your ideas through to grants@finance.gov.au

GrantConnect

GrantConnect Statistics

GrantConnect is the single point of discovery for all Australian Government Grant Opportunities since 30 April 2017, and Grants Awarded information since 31 December 2017.

GrantConnect statistics as at 10 December 2019:

- Approx. 42,100 public - Registered Users, 430 Entity Users
- 3.2 million opportunity notifications emails have been sent to Registered Users
- 98 Forecast Opportunities published (72 linked to Grant Opportunities)
- 785 Grant Opportunities published with 113,000 downloads of grant documents
- Approx. 46,500 Grant Awards published with a total value of \$28.4 billion

For more information about GrantConnect, visit www.grants.gov.au or watch the video available on [YouTube](#).

How to register for GrantConnect

Registering on GrantConnect is a simple three step process, when completed will notify you of new opportunities and enable you to access information on GrantConnect.

1. Select 'New User Registration' (top right of screen)
2. Set up your preferences
 - Select from Categories, or provide Keywords within your area of interest
3. Activate the account
 - The link provided in the confirmation email must be actioned within 14 days or the account will be suspended.

Most importantly registration is free.

End of Year Wrap up

It has been an extremely busy year for the Grants team here at Finance. We have had a high

volume of grant opportunity guidelines to review, our web content redesign project and a gateway review of the Streamlining Government Grants Administration (SGGA) program.

Our plans for 2020 include further development of the grants content on our website covering training modules as well as investigating the option of having an online smart form for grants guidelines.

Capital clauses have been provided to the grants Hubs for trialling, if other entities want to trial the capital clauses please contact us.

We have also been holding workshops to consider options for enhancing the SGGA program.

We would also like to thank all of our agencies that participated and contributed to this work in this space. Your ideas/suggestions/feedback and ideas have helped shape the future of commonwealth grants administration.

We are all looking forward to the holiday season and a good rest. From everyone here at Grants we wish all a very Merry Christmas and hope you have a wonderful 2020.



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