



**Ann Leahy MP**  
**Member for Warrego**  
**Shadow Minister for Local Government, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers**

**March 2024**

**Shadow Minister Ann Leahy's Volunteer Update March Edition**

**New Grant Opportunities**

**Gambling Community Benefit Fund – Round 121 – 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Super Round**

Applications close 30 April 2024 for grants comprising of a maximum of \$100,000 available to eligible not-for-profit community groups. New applicants are encouraged to watch the tutorials on the website. To check eligibility requirements and understand your organisation's responsibilities throughout all stages of the grant funding process, read the guidelines for GCBF applicants and instructions about using the GCBF grant. Contact the GCBF team on phone 1800 633 619; Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or email: [cbf@justice.qld.gov.au](mailto:cbf@justice.qld.gov.au); if you need help. For more information visit: <http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/corporate/sponsorships-and-grants/grants/community-benefit-funding-programs>

**The Queensland Volunteering Awards**

Nominations close 31 March 2024. Celebrating exemplary volunteers across six important categories, from all sectors of the community. Every single volunteer, whether in a formal or informal setting deserves thanks from the Queensland Community, and it is the Queensland Volunteering Awards that highlight the people behind this immense positive wave which embodies the spirit of mateship and togetherness. For more information visit: <https://volunteeringqld.org.au/initiatives/queensland-volunteering-awards/>

**Telstra's Connected Communities Grant Program**

Applications close on 27 March 2024 for grants of up to \$10,000 for not-for-profit community organisations that are providing access to information, technology, education and facilities to support their communities to embrace new technologies and ways of working to build social capital and digital capability across remote, rural and regional Australia to improve resilience, environmental sustainability and liveability through the power of connection. If you have questions contact: Danielle Griffin, Program Manager Ph: 1800 170 020 or email: [info@frrr.org.au](mailto:info@frrr.org.au); Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <https://frrr.org.au/funding/place/telstra-connected-communities-program/>

**Seniors Week Grant - Love Getting Older in Queensland**

Applications close 15 April 2024 and organisations are encouraged to apply for a share in \$100,000 in grants to host events and activities marking Queensland Seniors Month in October 2024. Seniors Month also aims to increase the social connectedness of older people and their communities and recognises their ongoing contribution to the state – as volunteers, in the workforce, as community leaders or carers, and as



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grandparents and advocates. For more information: Ph 3316 2999 or toll free 1300 738 348, email [seniorsmonth@cotaqld.org.au](mailto:seniorsmonth@cotaqld.org.au), Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit:

<https://qldseniorsmonth.org.au/grants/>

### **Investing in Queensland Women Grant**

Applications close 12 April 2024 for one-off grants of up to \$25,000 that can help you bring your idea to life. Supports the delivery of community events and initiatives to raise awareness and address important and unique issues faced by women and girls. For more information email: [women@qld.gov.au](mailto:women@qld.gov.au) or Ph 1800 177 577, Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit:

<https://www.women.qld.gov.au/grants-sponsorship/investing-in-queensland-women-grant>

### **Wambo Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund**

Applications close 28 March 2024 for grants to support projects that help create and lasting change in local communities by making them more sustainable, connected, resilient and healthier. For more information email: [info@wambowindfarm.com.au](mailto:info@wambowindfarm.com.au) or phone Ash on 4160 9235, Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <https://wambowindfarm.com.au/#hero> and scroll down for guidelines and application form.

### **Aurizon's Community Benefit Fund**

Applications are open for grants of up to \$20,000 available to charities and not-for-profit groups across Aurizon's areas of operation, funding projects that deliver benefits in the areas of health and wellbeing, community safety, environment and education. For more information contact Aurizon Ph 13 23 32, email: [community@aurizon.com.au](mailto:community@aurizon.com.au). Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit:

<https://www.aurizon.com.au/community/community-giving-fund>

### **Nominations for Multicultural Queensland Awards**

Nominations close on 7 April 2024 recognising individuals and organisations for their outstanding contribution to multiculturalism. This year the award categories include: Outstanding contribution by a New Queenslanders; Diversity and Inclusion Champion; Multicultural Sector Outstanding Achiever Lifetime Achiever and the Minister's Multicultural Award for the outstanding achievements of a nominee, selected by the Minister from all nominations. For more information contact Multicultural Affairs Queensland: Ph 07 3078 3030 or by email [MQM@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:MQM@des.qld.gov.au); Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <https://www.qld.gov.au/about/events-awards-honours/awards/multicultural-queensland-awards/multicultural-queensland-awards>

### **Helping Regional Communities Prepare for Drought Initiative – Small Network Grants**

Applications close on 26 March 2024 for grants to fund networks, community events, training initiatives, community infrastructure, development and learning initiatives that assist local people and communities to strengthen social capital and capability to prepare for future droughts in regional and rural Australia.

Grants are available across two rounds in :

– Stream 1: Grants up to a maximum of \$20,000; or



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– Stream 2: Grants up to a maximum of \$50,000 see **eligible locations at:** <https://frrr.org.au/wp-content/uploads/SNG-Stream-2-LGAs.pdf> Contact Fiona Bradshaw, Community Engagement Coordinator for any program related queries, Ph 1800 170 020 email: [futuredrought@frrr.org.au](mailto:futuredrought@frrr.org.au) Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <https://frrr.org.au/funding/disaster-resilience-and-climate-solutions/small-networks-grants/>

### **School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI) - free internet for eligible students**

NBN Co is leading implementation of this initiative and is working closely with industry, government and community organisations that support the wellbeing of families who could benefit from the SSBI. To qualify, a family must: have a child that is enrolled in an Australian school that does not currently have an active NBN network internet service at their home (having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility) and live in premises that can access the NBN network through a standard connection. Families can find out more or sign up by contacting the National Referral Centre on 1800 954 610, Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm, contact Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: [www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet](http://www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet)

### **Community Sustainability Action Grants**

Applications close 25 March 2024 for grants of up to \$50,000 (excluding GST) to eligible recipients using best practice to conserve places entered on the Queensland Government's Heritage Register that are, or will be, accessible to the public and promote the heritage conservation values of the heritage-listed place; and demonstrate engagement with the local community or tourists visiting the area. Projects must facilitate or improve community access to the heritage-listed place, including through the use of digital technologies that provide immersive experiences; and demonstrate how the heritage-listed place will engage with the local community and/or tourists. For more information email: [csagrants@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:csagrants@des.qld.gov.au); or Ph (07) 3330 6360, Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/management/funding/community-sustainability>

### **QCoal Foundation Community Spirit Grants**

Applications from not-for-profit organisations with Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status will receive preference and close on 30 April 2024 for grants up to \$2,000 for short term or one-off projects that reflect the spirit and aspirations of the community. Priority is given to projects that focus on one or more of the following areas: Liveability – improving the general liveability of regional and remote communities in a way that is valued by that community. Health – improving access to health services in regional and remote communities. Education – supporting access to education in regional and remote communities to create pathways to employment. QCoal may occasionally refer applications from other community groups to our donor partners who may be able to assist. QCoal are unable to provide grants to individuals. For more information, please review guidelines at <https://qcoalfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/QCoal-Foundation-Community-Grant-Program-Applicant-Guidelines.pdf> contact Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit <https://qcoalfoundation.org/our-initiatives/community-grant-program/>



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## **Accelerating Female Founders Program**

Applications for the first assessment date must be submitted by 15 April 2024. The program funds applicant organisations to provide business support initiatives and opportunities for Queensland female founders to take their innovative businesses to the next level, create connections and networks that open doors and support business growth beyond the life of the initiative. For more information email:

[FemaleFounders@dtis.qld.gov.au](mailto:FemaleFounders@dtis.qld.gov.au) contact Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit <https://advance.qld.gov.au/entrepreneurs-and-startups-industry-small-business/accelerating-female-founders-program>

## **ANZ Community Foundation Grant**

Applications close 5 April 2024. The ANZ Community Foundation provides single year grants of up to \$30,000 to community projects. The Foundation supports projects across four granting areas, aligned to the things ANZ cares about most; financial wellbeing, environmental sustainability, housing access and thriving communities. For more information email: [activephilanthropy@eqt.com.au](mailto:activephilanthropy@eqt.com.au); visit:

<https://www.eqt.com.au/philanthropy/grant-funding/folder-other-grants/anz-community-foundation> or contact Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430.

## **Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) Small & Vital Grants**

Applications close on 5 June 2024 for grants up to \$10,000 available for a broad range of grassroots, community-led initiatives that directly and clearly benefit local communities to strengthen local people, places and climate solutions, with a preference given to smaller communities (populations under 15,000).

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and assessed quarterly. If you have significant issues accessing a stable internet connection, please contact our team to discuss an alternative way of applying:

Ph: 1800 170 020 or Email: [info@frrr.org.au](mailto:info@frrr.org.au) For more information contact Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <https://frrr.org.au/funding/place/src-small-vital/>

## **Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) Prepare & Recover program**

Applications close 5 June 2024 for grants up to \$25,000 to support communities in remote, rural and regional communities across Australia to implement initiatives that prevent and prepare for future climate related impacts or recover from existing disasters in the medium to long-term timeframe, generally one to ten years after the disaster. For more information: Ph: 1800 170 020, email: [info@frrr.org.au](mailto:info@frrr.org.au)

Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <https://frrr.org.au/funding/place/src-prepare-recover/>

## **CCI Giving In a Good Place Supporting mental health in rural communities**

Expressions of Interest open 9 April 2024 and are due by 30 April 2024 for grants that provide support for community-driven initiatives that reduce social isolation, increase social participation and connectedness, and encourage people in remote, rural and regional communities who are at risk of, or are experiencing, mental health issues to seek help. For more information contact: Jeanice Henderson email:

[j.henderson@frrr.org.au](mailto:j.henderson@frrr.org.au) Ph 1800 170 020, Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <https://frrr.org.au/funding/place/in-a-good-place/>



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## **Gallagher Landcare Electric Fencing Grant**

Applications close 15 April 2024. The Gallagher and Landcare Australia Electric Fence grants provide support for conversation and biodiversity protection projects aligned with the priority areas of Conversation/Inclusion Fencing and Riparian Protection and Farm Dam Restoration on agricultural land. A total pool of \$176,000 worth of Gallagher permanent electric fencing product, with up to 22 grants available, each valued at \$8,000. For more information email: [grants@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:grants@landcareaustralia.com.au) or contact Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <https://landcareaustralia.org.au/gallaghergrants/>

## **2024 Qantas Regional Grants Program**

Applications close on 10 May 2024 for grants to support Australian-based not-for-profit community groups and projects that benefit regional areas. Grants will include a combination of cash, marketing support and flights according to the specific needs of each group. For more information email the Qantas Regional Grants team at: [qantasregionalgrants@qantas.com.au](mailto:qantasregionalgrants@qantas.com.au). Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <https://www.qantas.com/au/en/about-us/our-company/in-the-community/qantas-regional-grants.html>

## **Previous Grant Opportunities**

### **RACQ Foundation Resilience Grant and Recovery Grant**

Applications close 4 October 2024 RACQ Foundation helps Queensland community groups, charities, organisations, First Nations Councils and clubs impacted by natural disasters. This includes both recovery grants and resilience-based project grants which may relate to physical, nature-based and social solutions. Please contact RACQ Foundation Coordinator via email: [racqfoundation@racq.com.au](mailto:racqfoundation@racq.com.au) if you would like to discuss your application. If you are having trouble filling out the form, email: [racqfoundation@racq.com.au](mailto:racqfoundation@racq.com.au) or Ph 07 3872 8603. For more information contact Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <https://www.racq.com.au/about-us/community/racq-foundation>

### **Telstra Footy Country Grants**

All Community Club's affiliated to the AFL can apply for up to \$20,000 in funding per club for things like safety and training equipment, finance and software upgrades, volunteer resources and growing the game for young girls. There are four rounds opening between February and June with a final closing date of 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024. For eligibility criteria visit: <https://play.afl/sites/default/files/2023-09/telstra-footy-country-grants-criteria.pdf> For more information Ph 1800 752 9235, Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <https://www.telstra.com.au/exchange/how-to-apply-for-telstra-footy-country-grants>

### **The Queensland Arts Showcase Program (QASP) - Round 5**

Focused on celebrating Queensland's artists and stories, applications close on 15 April 2024. Single year projects— attract up to \$70,000 for projects and programs for up to 12 months. Two-year projects—up to \$150,000 to support the development and delivery of single projects and programs across financial years. QASP supports the development and presentation of new arts and cultural works by individual Queensland artists, organisations, and communities. For more information contact an Arts Investment



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Officer on (07) 3034 4016 or toll free 1800 175 531 email: [investment@arts.qld.gov.au](mailto:investment@arts.qld.gov.au); Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <http://artsengage.initiatives.qld.gov.au/aq-funding/fund/firstnationsarts/aq-queensland-arts-showcase-program>

### **Ann Leahy's Scholarships Guide**

The Guide is a summary of contact numbers and website addresses for scholarships at major universities, agricultural colleges, training and apprenticeship information, and a listing of scholarships in a range of areas such as rural industry, veterinary, medicine, pharmacy, teaching, sport, engineering and the arts. Year 12 students in the Warrego Electorate will receive a copy of the 2023/24 Guide, however should any other students, teachers or mature age students require a copy it will be made available upon request from my Electorate Offices Ph 1800 814 479 or Ph 1800 625 430 or email [warrego@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:warrego@parliament.qld.gov.au)

### **SwimStart Vouchers – Learn to Swim Program**

SwimStart is a new voucher program to support learn to swim activities for babies to 4-year-olds. Parents, carers or guardians can apply for a voucher valued up to \$150 for their child, which can be used towards swimming lessons with a registered SwimStart activity provider. There is a limit of 1 voucher per child per financial year. For more information, email [swimstartvouchers@dtis.qld.gov.au](mailto:swimstartvouchers@dtis.qld.gov.au) Ph 13 74 68; contact Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/swimstart>

### **National Science Week 2024 School Grants**

Schools can apply for up to \$500 of assistance when the Australian Science Teachers Association (ASTA) conduct their annual grant round to assist schools to hold a special event in National Science Week, 10 to 18 August 2024. Applications are expected to open in Term One and the results of the selection process announced in Term Two. Schools can apply for up to \$500 of assistance. For more information Ph 02 6270 2880 email: [scienceweek@questacon.edu.au](mailto:scienceweek@questacon.edu.au) contact Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <https://www.scienceweek.net.au/schools/>

### **Small Environment Grant Scheme**

Applications are open. The Scheme provides grants for projects about flora and fauna conservation around Australia covering monitoring, recording and sharing data; delivering community education; providing community capacity building and research and science. For more information Ph. 0431 219 980; Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit <https://wettenhall.org.au/grants/small-environmental-grants/>

### **Self-employment Assistance**

This program provides support to people interested in starting their own business or who need help to refocus an existing small business. This assistance includes: business plan development, free accredited small business training, business advice sessions and small business coaching. Applications are open at any time. For more information Ph 1800 805 260; Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/self-employment-assistance-dewr>



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### **Community Road Safety Education Grants**

Applications close 29 March 2024. Community Road Safety Education Grants provide an opportunity for not-for-profit groups to support local road safety initiatives that drive a change in behaviours and attitudes to road safety in local communities. Funding of up to \$40,000 is available. For more information contact the Community Road Safety Grants team Ph 1300 186 159 email: [roadsafetygrants@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:roadsafetygrants@tmr.qld.gov.au); Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/road-safety/community-road-safety-grants>

### **Domino's Give for Good**

Eligible Australian registered charities and not-for-profit organisations are encouraged to reach out to their local store. Successful applications must target the wellbeing of the local community and drive long term positive outcomes. For more information and to access Give for Good guidelines, visit: <https://www.giveforgood.org.au/guidelines-for-support> or contact Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430.

### **Buy Smart 2023**

School-aged students can learn vital consumer skills and win cash prizes for themselves and their school or community group. For more information Ph. 13 74 68; Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <https://www.qld.gov.au/law/fair-trading/buy-smart-competition>

### **Grants offered by Councils**

Have you checked your local Council's website? Most Councils offer grant programs or in-kind support to help local non-profit community groups develop and improve community facilities and services.

### **Matana Foundation for Young People Grants**

Matana's focus is on improving the welfare and wellbeing of young people from severely disadvantages or marginalised backgrounds, or whose concerns and issues are not readily funded from other sources. Matana provides grants in the range of \$1,000 to \$10,000 to organisations that hold Deductible Gift Recipient or Tax Concession Charity endorsements from the Australian Tax Office. Applicants will need to demonstrate the tangible impact the organisation's work in improving the welfare or wellbeing of disadvantaged young people, particularly where the organisations core activities correlate with Matana's funding priorities. For more information email [info@matanafoundation.org.au](mailto:info@matanafoundation.org.au); Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit <http://matanafoundation.org.au/apply-for-a-grant>

### **Support Plantation Establishment 2023-2024 Grant**

The Australian Government is inviting organisations via a demand driven process to apply to deliver services under the Support Plantation Establishment 2023-2024 program. The objectives of this program are to increase future plantation forest resources available for processing; support private industry, First Nations businesses and farm foresters to expand the Australian plantation forest estate and to contribute to meeting Australia's carbon emission reduction targets. Assessment and notification of outcomes will be divided into three batches, with the cut off times for these batches being 15 August 2023, 25 October 2023 and 24 January 2024. For more information Ph 1800 020 283, email [support@communitygrants.gov.au](mailto:support@communitygrants.gov.au); Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit:



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<https://help.grants.gov.au/getting-started-with-grantconnect/find-opportunities/>

### **The Brisbane Broncos Charities Fund (BBCF)**

Applications must be submitted in the last week of the month prior to BBCF Meetings that are held quarterly in February, May, August and November. Open to Queensland based charities endorsed by the Australian Tax Office as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) under Item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the Income Assessment Act 1997. Financial assistance must be directed to underprivileged and disadvantaged youth of Queensland. All applications must be received in writing with an official request from the participating charity AND the completed Grant Application Form

<https://www.broncos.com.au/siteassets/2023/03/bbcf-grant-application-2023.pdf> to: Brigid Donnelly, email: [community@broncos.com.au](mailto:community@broncos.com.au) For more information visit:

<https://www.broncos.com.au/community/charities-fund/>

### **The 'Pick of the Crop' Program Health and Wellbeing Queensland**

With a focus on creating a love of nutritious vegetables and fruit in schools across Queensland the program tackles the ongoing and persistent low intake of vegetables among children. For more information contact: your Pick of the Crop Regional Coordinator via Health and Wellbeing Qld at [pickofthecrop@hw.qld.gov.au](mailto:pickofthecrop@hw.qld.gov.au); Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit:

<https://hw.qld.gov.au/pick-of-the-crop/>

### **Inger Rice Foundation Grants**

Applications are ongoing, with grants available to eligible applicants of up to \$5,000. The Inger Rice Foundation seeks to fund incorporated organisations with supporting relationships between young children (0-5) and their families/carers. Preference is given to disadvantaged communities. The Foundation's objective is to promote children's health, welfare and development. For more information phone Youth Affairs Network Queensland on 0407 655 785; Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit <https://www.yanq.org.au/sector-news/inger-rice-foundation-grants>

### **Ski for Life**

Applicants are invited to detail their project for funding that must align with Ski for Life's mission of promoting mental health, wellbeing and suicide prevention. This is a multi-step form that collects the information required to process your applications. Please ensure that you fill out all applicable fields. Make sure that you step through the entire form, otherwise, your application will not be processed. Projects must be completed within 12 months from receipt of funding. Before applying for a Ski for Life grant, please read the Grant Guidelines at: <https://www.skiforlife.com.au/grants> For enquiries regarding your eligibility or any other question please contact Ski for Life at <https://www.skiforlife.com.au/contact> visit: <https://www.skiforlife.com.au/> or contact Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430.

### **The Charitable Recyclers Reimbursement Program**

Provides funding to reimburse waste levy payments made by eligible charitable recycling entities who were unable to use their existing Certificate of Exempt Waste under section 28 of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011 (the Act). To be eligible, an applicant must be a charitable recycling entity with





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an approved Certificate of Exempt Waste under section 28 of the Act. Applications must also be made by the legal entity that holds the Certificate of Exempt Waste. Applicants are able to apply for reimbursement on a quarterly basis. For information about eligibility and how to apply visit: [https://www.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0021/138027/crrp-guidelines.pdf](https://www.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0021/138027/crrp-guidelines.pdf) Applicants can also contact the Program Manager by email: [wasteprograms@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:wasteprograms@des.qld.gov.au) or Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430.

### **Australian Red Cross – Drought Resilience Program**

This ongoing program aims to support communities, organisations, services and leaders to manage the psychosocial impacts of living with dryness. The program offers: Workshops and training for organisations and service providers about communicating in times of stress, 'supporting the supporters' and psychological first aid. Applicants can include group-mart configured references. Wellbeing support and practical assistance at community events, gatherings and meetings, as well as outreach direct to homes and properties. For more information contact 1800 733 276; email [macampbell@redcross.org.au](mailto:macampbell@redcross.org.au); Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <https://www.redcross.org.au/emergencies/drought-resilience-program/>

### **The Great Barrier Reef Education Experience Program**

Provides up to \$150 per student paid directly to schools to go towards the cost of a school excursion which includes a reef experience from Bundaberg to Cooktown. To be eligible for the subsidy the school excursion itinerary must include at least one curriculum-related reef activity, facilitated by a commercial reef tourism operator registered with the program, operating within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and World Heritage boundaries. Applications for the education subsidy are now open to schools for excursions undertaken until June 2024. For morning information contact 1300 175 614; email: [QldEducationExperiences@thebusygroup.com.au](mailto:QldEducationExperiences@thebusygroup.com.au); Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <https://www.qldeducationexperiences.org.au/>

### **Outback Queensland Education Experience Program**

The Outback Queensland Education Experience Program encourages teachers to take their students to Outback Queensland and integrate its rich history and heritage into school learning. It provides the opportunity for students to learn from and give back to Outback communities by experiencing life on the land. Subsidies are available depending on the distance travelled from the school to the outback locations visited. For more information contact 1300 175 614; email: [QldEducationExperiences@thebusygroup.com.au](mailto:QldEducationExperiences@thebusygroup.com.au); Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <https://www.qldeducationexperiences.org.au/>

### **The Queensland Off-The-Track (QOTT) Event Sponsorship Program**

Applications from all Queensland Associations and Organisations across any equestrian or domestic horse sport discipline are encouraged for sponsorship for equestrian and domestic horse sport Events, Series and Clinics across all disciplines to create competition opportunities and stimulating the demand for retired thoroughbred and standardbred racehorses. If you require assistance with completing the



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application, please contact QOTT at [offthetrack@racingqueensland.com.au](mailto:offthetrack@racingqueensland.com.au) or Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430. For more information, visit: <https://www.racingqueensland.com.au/animal-care/off-the-track/event-sponsorship>

### **Rural Aid – Disaster Assistance**

Providing assistance to primary producing farmers before and after disaster events.

Rural Aid are able to provide primary producers registered with Rural Aid assistance with hay, domestic water, financial assistance and counselling. For more information Ph 1300 327 624, Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <https://www.ruralaid.org.au/services-provided/>

### **Drought Angels Natural Disaster Assistance**

Apply for immediate assistance from Drought Angels if you are a farmer or producer on the land and facing hardship from drought, flood or fire. For more information contact Drought Angels Ph: 07 4662 7371; email: [admin@droughtangels.org.au](mailto:admin@droughtangels.org.au); Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit [www.droughtangels.org.au](http://www.droughtangels.org.au)

### **Rural Aid - Counselling and Wellbeing Service**

Rural Aid offers free, confidential counselling to registered farmers and their family. They conduct counselling at the place that best suits, on farm, in town or over the phone. Rural Aid counsellors are professionally trained to help support people navigate all kinds of life challenges but come with an understanding of the unique needs of rural people. For more information Ph 1300 175 594, Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit <https://www.ruralaid.org.au/services-provided/>

### **ORIDA Farm Management Grants**

Farm Management Grants offer primary producers a 50 per cent rebate on the cost of eligible professional advice up to a maximum \$2,500 to produce a Farm Business Resilience Plan for their property. For more information on guidelines and the application process, visit: <https://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/program/farm-management-grants> or contact Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430.

### **ORIDA Drought Preparedness Grants**

Primary producers can apply for a grant of 25 per cent of the cost of purchasing new permanent capital infrastructure to a maximum cumulative amount of \$50,000 over five years. This co-contribution grant is designed to assist primary producers undertake on-farm capital improvements that will improve the drought preparedness of their property. For more information on guidelines and the application process, visit: <https://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/program/drought-preparedness-grants> or contact Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430.

### **South West Indigenous Network – Sporting Pathways Program**

Grants of \$1,000 are available to assist with the costs of competing, which can often exempt families from being able to send their young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to sporting competitions, to represent their communities at regional and state level. For more information: contact the following



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### **IOOF Foundation Community Grants**

To be eligible for funding from IOOF Foundation, charitable organisations must have an Australian Taxation Office Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) endorsement. Open on an ongoing basis this program provides grants that support Australian not-for-profit organisations working with disadvantaged families, disadvantaged children and youth, and aged care. For more information email:

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### **Tennis Australia – Facility Loan Scheme**

Open for applications on an ongoing basis this program aims to assist affiliated Australian tennis clubs, centres and associations with upgrades, replacements and improvements to their tennis facilities, by providing low interest loans. For more information visit: <https://www.tennis.com.au/clubs/funding-and-facilities> or contact Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430.

### **AgFunding Database**

Looking for farm loans, grants, scholarships or agriculture funding opportunities to develop your skills, expand your farming business or support in a time of need? The Australian AgFunding farm database brings together funding programs relevant to Australian farmers, rural Australians and agribusinesses, from across government, educational, community and private institutions. Visit:

<https://farmtable.com.au/grants-funding/> or contact Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430.

### **Santos Community Sponsorships**

Applications are being accepted for community sponsorships via Santos online portal in the geographic areas of the Cooper Basin in northeast South Australia and South West Queensland, the Maranoa and Gladstone regions in Queensland. The purpose of Santos community sponsorships is to create social value by building capacity, leading to benefits such as improved social inclusion, increased skills, environmental preservation, stronger local businesses and economies, as well as positive health outcomes.

For more information email: [community.sponsorships@santos.com](mailto:community.sponsorships@santos.com); contact Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit: <https://www.santos.com/sustainability/community-and-supply-chain/sponsorships/>

### **The Rural Financial Counselling Service Southern Queensland (RFCS-SQ)**

Rural Financial Counselling Service Southern Queensland provides free, impartial, confidential, and responsive rural financial counselling services, supporting and assisting primary producers, and small and medium businesses experiencing financial hardship. For more information, Small and Medium Business call 1300 732 777, Primary Producers 07 4622 5500 or visit: <https://www.rfcssq.org.au/>. If you do not have internet access, please contact Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 for assistance.



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## **QCWA Public Rural Crisis Fund (PRCF)**

The QCWA are currently assisting farmers and their families in general financial hardship with household support as well as those in flood and drought affected areas, in every part of Queensland. Assistance is limited to one successful application per calendar year. Support is given in the form of grocery vouchers, store credit or being able to pay some overdue accounts such as utility bills. For more information, Ph 07 3236 6419 email: [prcf@qcwa.org.au](mailto:prcf@qcwa.org.au); Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or visit:

<https://qcwa.org.au/Public-Rural-Crisis-Fund>

## **Regional Development Australia Darling Downs and South West Queensland**

Regional development Australia Darling Downs and South West QLD is providing information on available grants from the government, corporate and private sectors. For more information visit

<https://www.rda-ddsw.org.au/current-grants/>

## **Other Grants and Assistance available to Businesses and Employers, Individuals and Households:**

To find information and stay up-to-date on the Australian Government's latest support for businesses and employers, individuals and households visit: <https://treasury.gov.au/> or call 13 28 46.

For Queensland Government business grants and assistance visit: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/> or Ph 1300 654 687.

## **Cost of living support**

Families and individuals are encouraged to check their eligibility for concessions and other support, by visiting: <https://www.qld.gov.au/community/cost-of-living-support/concessions> and

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/>

If you do not have internet access or require assistance, please contact Ann Leahy's Electorate Office Ph 1800 625 430 or [warrego@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:warrego@parliament.qld.gov.au); for further information regarding any of these grant programs.