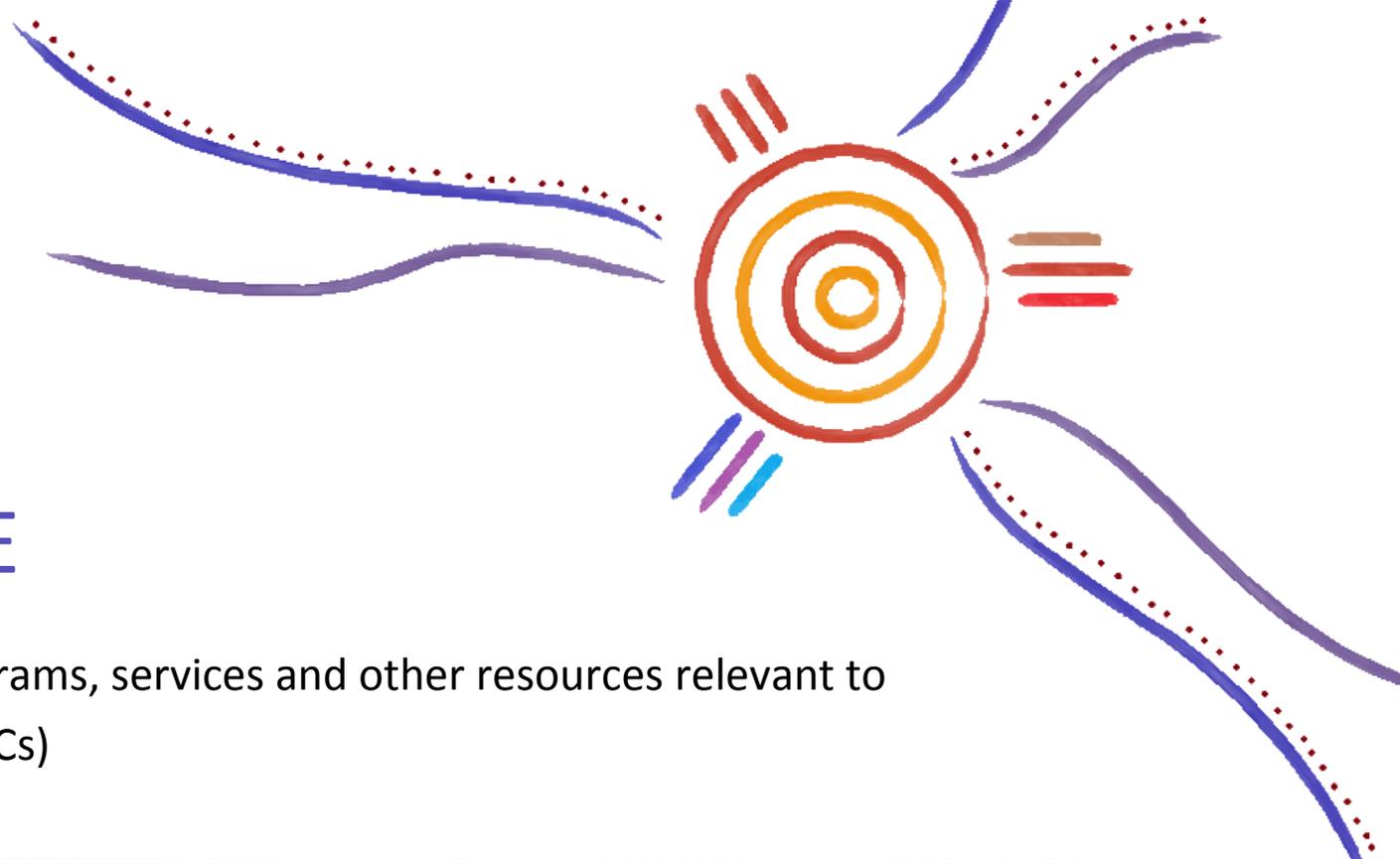


VICTORIA PBC FUNDING & TRAINING GUIDE

A guide to funding, training programs, services and other resources relevant to
Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBCs)

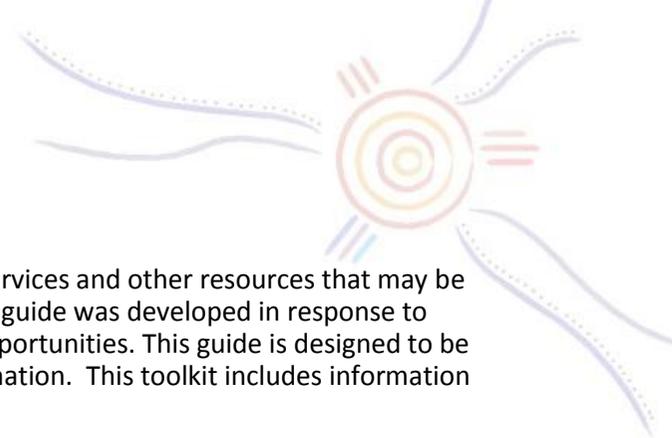
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INTRODUCTION

The Victoria PBC Funding and Training Guide brings together information about funding opportunities, programs, services and other resources that may be useful to prescribed bodies corporate (PBCs), also known as registered native title bodies corporate (RNTBCs).¹ This guide was developed in response to recommendations from PBCs at national and regional meetings for more information about funding and training opportunities. This guide is designed to be used primarily as an on-line resource and throughout the guide you will find links to access additional on-line information. This toolkit includes information about:

- Grants (government and other funding)
- Grant funding assistance
- Training information
- Other assistance.

Along with the Victoria PBC Funding and Training Guide there is also a national guide and guides for other states and territories:

- [National](#)
- [New South Wales](#)
- [Northern Territory](#)
- [Queensland](#)
- [South Australia](#)
- [Western Australia](#)

The [PBC website](#) provides other useful information, including:

- A timeline of legislation and government policy for PBCs
- A profile of each PBC
- Information about upcoming events for PBCs
- Monthly summaries of relevant news articles about PBCs.

The PBC website is currently being looked after by the Native Title Research Unit at AIATSIS, who are also coordinating a national email network of PBCs. Further information about PBCs can be found through the AIATSIS Native Title Research Unit's [Prescribed Bodies Corporate page](#) and [Native Title Information Handbook](#)

¹ The term prescribed body corporate (PBC) derives from Part 2 Division 6 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (NTA), which provides that a PBC must be determined to manage native title rights and interests. The Native Title (Prescribed Bodies Corporate) Regulations 1999 prescribe the form or types of bodies that may be nominated when a determination recognising native title has been made. The term Registered Native Title Body Corporate (RNTBC) derives from the NTA and describes the organisation that is determined by the Court and entered on the National Native Title Register. Under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* an RNTBC will be required to have the words 'registered native title body corporate' or the abbreviation 'RNTBC' as part of its name. For the purpose of this document from this point forward the abbreviation PBCs will be used to refer to Prescribed Bodies Corporate and Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate.



1 FUNDING

This section provides an overview of grant funding assistance available for PBCs. It details:

- Searching for government and other grant funding
- Relevant grant funding for PBCs
- Sources of grant funding assistance.

1.1 Searching for grant funding

The tables below provide links to assist PBCs to search for grant funding available from the Victorian Government and local governments and from non-government organisations and the private sector.

Table 1: Grant funding databases

Category	Name	Hyperlink
Australian Government Database	Community Grants: a quick guide to key internet links	http://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/pubs/rp/rp1516/Quick_Guides/ComGrants
Australian Government Database	Grants and Assistance Finder	https://www.business.gov.au/assistance
Victorian Government	Grants Victoria	http://www.vic.gov.au/grants.html
Non-Government Database	GrantReady – Community GrantGuru	http://community.grantready.com.au/
Non-Government Database	GrantReady – Business GrantGuru	http://business.grantguru.com.au/



Table 2: Victorian Government department grant funding websites (including local government directory)

Category	Name	Hyperlink
Victorian Government Departments and Agencies	Arts Victoria	http://www.arts.vic.gov.au/Funding_Programs
Victorian Government Departments and Agencies	Business Victoria	http://www.business.vic.gov.au/grants-and-assistance
Victorian Government Departments and Agencies	Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning	http://www.dpced.vic.gov.au/home/grants/find-a-grant
Victorian Government Departments and Agencies	Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (former Department of State Development, Business and Innovation)	http://dsdbi.vic.gov.au/grants-tenders-and-awards/grants-programs-and-assistance
Victorian Government Departments and Agencies	Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning	http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/about-us/doing-business-with-us/grants-and-funding
Victorian Government Departments and Agencies	Department of Justice and Regulation	http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/utility/grants/
Victorian Government Departments and Agencies	Regional Development Victoria	http://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/programs-and-grants



Victorian Government Departments and Agencies	Victorian Multicultural Commission	http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/grants
Victorian Local Government	Local Government Directory	http://www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/local-government/victoria-grants-commission/general-purpose-and-local-roads-grants

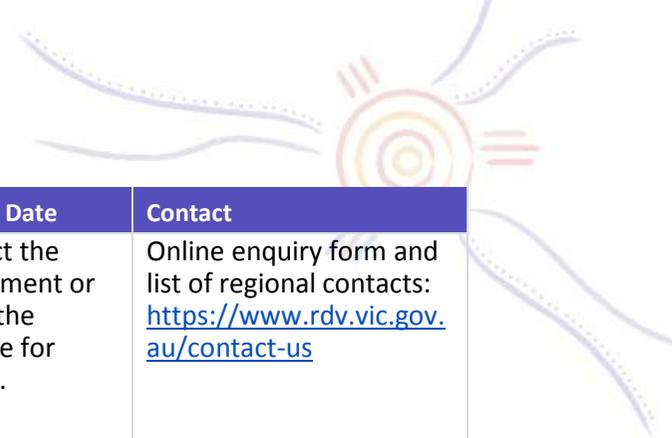


1.2 Relevant grant funding for PBCs

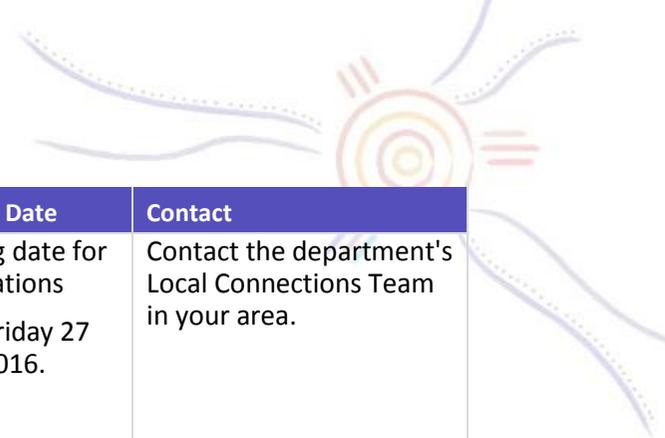
The tables below provide details of Victorian Government and other sources of grant funding for activities related to the exercise of native title rights and interests. While every effort has been made to ensure that details are correct, users of this guide are advised to contact the relevant organisation or visit the relevant website to confirm program details and closing dates.

Table 2: Grant funding for PBCs through Victorian Government departments

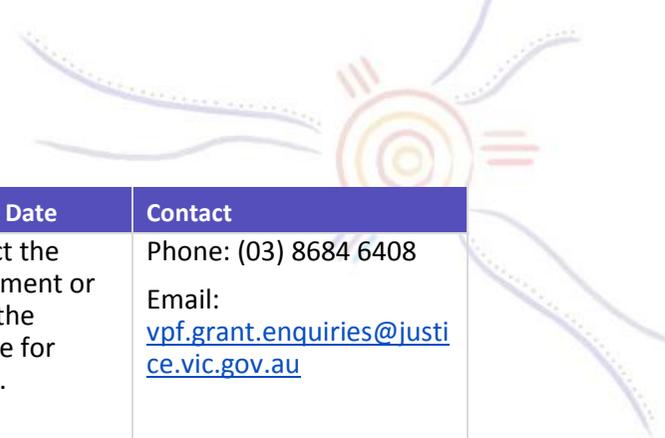
Subject	Program	Program Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
Arts	Arts Victoria Funding Programs	A range of arts grant programs are available including the Indigenous Professional Development Program. http://creative.vic.gov.au/Funding/Arts_Programs/Indigenous_Professional_Development_Program	Arts Victoria	Contact the department or check the website for details.	Phone: (03) 8683 3100 Freecall: 1800 134 894 (toll free country Victoria only) Fax: (03) 9686 6186 Email: artsvic@dpc.vic.gov.au
Business Support	Developing Stronger Regions Program	The Developing Stronger Regions Program provides support for studies, such as a feasibility study, a demand study or a business case to enable prospective applicants to investigate the technical and / or economic viability of a project. The study will be required to be completed by an organisation with the prerequisite expertise. This generally will require the engagement of an independent third party. http://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/programs-and-grants	Regional Development Victoria	Contact the department or check the website for details.	Online enquiry form and list of regional contacts: https://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/contact-us



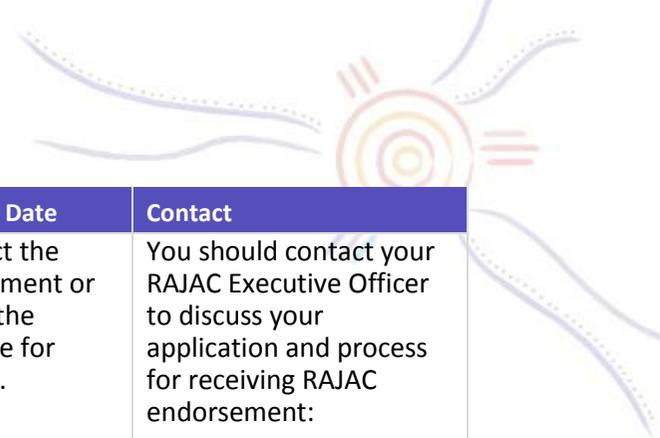
Subject	Program	Program Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
Business Support	Economic Infrastructure Program	<p>The Economic Infrastructure program aims to improve the productive potential of regional Victoria by strengthening regional industries, supporting and growing local economies, and providing opportunities for regional Victoria through investment in enabling strategic infrastructure. There are four categories of funding available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing and sustaining regional industries and jobs • Transforming and transitioning local economies • Building strategic tourism and cultural assets • Energy for the regions. <p>http://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/programs-and-grants/visitor-economy/guidelines</p>	Regional Development Victoria	Contact the department or check the website for details.	Online enquiry form and list of regional contacts: https://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/contact-us
Business Support	Grow Your Business	<p>Grow Your Business is a program designed to help small businesses develop and implement strategies to become internationally competitive. A range of planning and management services are offered.</p> <p>Businesses can engage the services of an independent specialist to undertake either one-on-one or group programs. Businesses can apply one or more of the following program streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Development Plan • Business Strategic Review • Business Development Plan - Mentoring • Group Program • Network Program. 	Business Victoria	Contact the department or check the website for details.	Phone: 13 22 15



Subject	Program	Program Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
Community Support	Men's Sheds Grants	Communities across Victoria can now apply for funding of up to \$60,000 to build new Men's Sheds. Men's sheds are for the health and wellbeing of men in communities. They promote the social, civic and economic participation of men – helping to replace social isolation and dislocation with inclusion and connection.	Department of Human Services	Closing date for applications 5pm Friday 27 May 2016.	Contact the department's Local Connections Team in your area.
Community Support	Regional Development Victoria	A range of funding programs for regional businesses and communities.	Regional Development Victoria	Contact the department or check the website for details.	Online enquiry form and list of regional contacts: https://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/contact-us
Community Support	Victorian Multicultural Commission Community Grants Program	A range of multicultural grants are available.	Victorian Multicultural Commission	Contact the department or check the website for details.	Phone: 1300 366 356 Email: community.grants@dpc.vic.gov.au



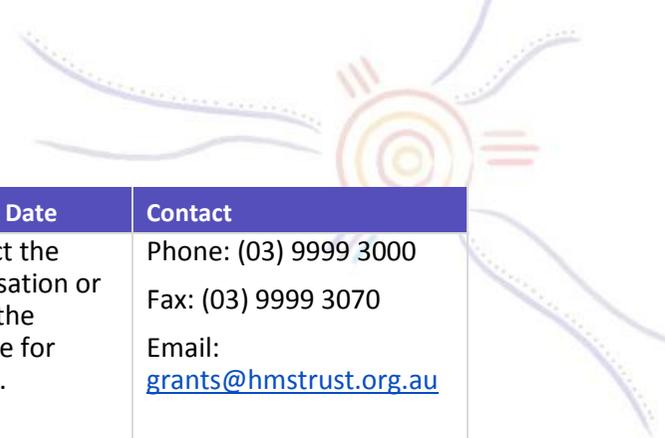
Subject	Program	Program Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
Community Support	Victorian Property Fund Grants	<p>Grants from the VPF can be awarded for various property-related purposes. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> community education, advice or information services programs promoting ownership of real estate training estate agents and agents' representatives dispute resolution and advocacy services reviewing, reforming or researching real estate law reviewing and researching the real estate market housing assistance for low income or disadvantaged Victorians developing environmentally sustainable housing protecting Victoria's natural and architectural heritage. 	Consumer Affairs Victoria	Contact the department or check the website for details.	<p>Phone: (03) 8684 6408</p> <p>Email: vpf.grant.enquiries@justice.vic.gov.au</p>
Land and Water	Coastcare Victoria Community Grants Program	<p>The aim of the Grants Program is to support the conservation of coastal and marine ecosystems and environments across the State through rehabilitation, restoration and preventative actions undertaken by volunteer groups.</p> <p>http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/forestry-and-land-use/coasts/coastcare/Coastcare-Victoria-Community-Grants-Program</p>	Department of Environment and Primary Industries	Contact the department or check the website for details.	To find out more about Coastcare Grants, please contact your regional Coastcare Facilitator. Contact details are available on the website.
Research Funding	Local history grants	The Local History Grants Program provides small grants to community organisations to support the cost of projects that preserve, record or publish Victorian local history.	Public Records Office of Victoria	Contact the department or check the website for details.	Email: grants@prov.vic.gov.au



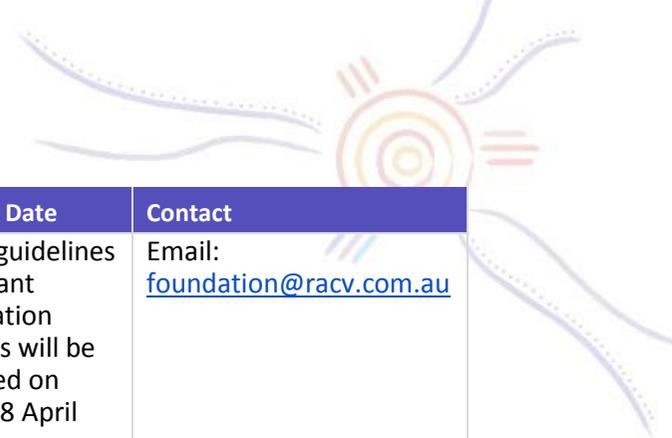
Subject	Program	Program Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
Youth	Frontline Youth Initiatives and Community Initiatives Programs	<p>There are currently two grants available:</p> <p>Community Initiatives Program - provides communities with opportunities to develop pilot initiatives and undertake research that will reduce negative contact between the Koori community and the criminal justice system.</p> <p>Frontline Youth Initiatives Program - provides communities with opportunities to engage Koori youth at risk of contact with the criminal justice system in socially and physically healthy activities that reduce the likelihood of future negative contact with the justice system.</p>	Department of Justice and Regulation	Contact the department or check the website for details.	<p>You should contact your RAJAC Executive Officer to discuss your application and process for receiving RAJAC endorsement:</p> <p>http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/home/your+rights/aboriginal+justice+agreement/regional+aboriginal+justice+advisory+committee.shtml</p>

Table 3: Grant funding for PBCs through other sources

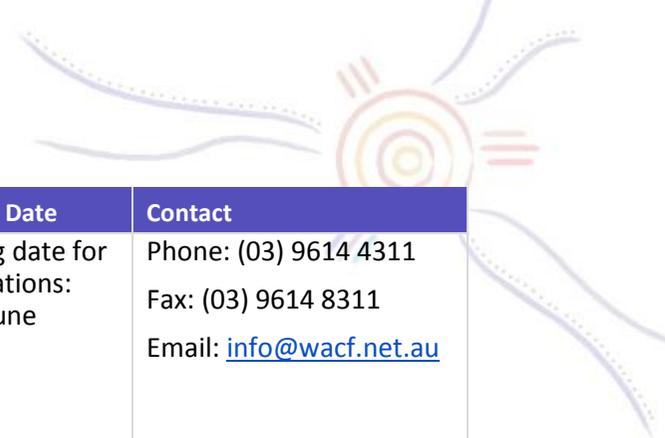
Subject	Program	Program Details	Organisation	Closing Date	Contact
Community Support	Aurizon Community Giving Fund	This program provides funding to charitable projects aimed at improving the health and wellbeing, community safety, environment and education in the local communities in which Aurizon operates and where Aurizon employees reside.	Aurizon	Contact the organisation or check the website for details.	<p>Phone: 13 23 32</p> <p>Online: http://www.aurizon.com.au/Pages/Contact-Us.aspx</p>
Community Support	EastWeb Grants	This program provides funding to support projects working with Indigenous, asylum seeker or refugee communities within Victoria. The programs major objective is to fund whole start-up projects that build the capacity of communities to create long term strategies for change.	EastWeb	Contact the organisation or check the website for details.	Email: eastwebadmin@gmail.com



Subject	Program	Program Details	Organisation	Closing Date	Contact
Community Support Cultural Heritage Land and Water	Helen Macpherson Smith Trust	<p>Helen Macpherson Smith Trust is an independent perpetual philanthropic trust established by Helen Macpherson Schutt (née Smith) in 1951 for the benefit of Victorian charitable institutions.</p> <p>Provides grants to a wide variety of eligible charities and a diverse range of projects that seek to benefit the people of Victoria.</p> <p>Programs cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and vocational pathways • Regional resilience • Cultural heritage • Land and environmental stewardship • Health advancement. 	Helen Macpherson Smith Trust	Contact the organisation or check the website for details.	Phone: (03) 9999 3000 Fax: (03) 9999 3070 Email: grants@hmstrust.org.au
Community Support	Jack Brockhoff Foundation	Grants funds in response to need and opportunity to build social capital, and to address ill-health, disadvantage, vulnerability and inequality to improve the overall wellbeing of community in Victoria.	Jack Brockhoff Foundation	Contact the organisation or check the website for details.	Phone: (03) 9006 1765 Email: foundation@jackbrockhoff.org.au



Subject	Program	Program Details	Organisation	Closing Date	Contact
Community Support	RACV Community Foundation	The Foundation focuses on supporting mobility in the community as its primary area of philanthropic funding, with a view to enhancing safety, environmental sustainability and/or social cohesion.	RACV	Grant guidelines and grant application process will be released on Friday 8 April 2016 Grant Round Opens: Monday 11 April 2016 Grant Round Closes: Friday 3 June 2016 (5pm)	Email: foundation@racv.com.au
Community Support	R E Ross Trust	The Trust offers grants in four impact areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vulnerable Victorians • Children and young people • Public education • Australian flora and fauna. 	R E Ross Trust	The Trust accepts applications throughout the year.	Phone: (03) 9690 6255 Email: information@rosstrust.org.au
Community Support	Victorian Law Foundation Grants	Supports Victorians to understand the law and use it to improve their lives. Grant projects have a connection to the Foundation's own work – legal projects that reach out to the community, engage Victorians with the law or provide better legal information for Victorians.	Victorian Law Foundation	Contact the organisation or check the website for details.	Phone: (03) 9604 8100 Email: grants@victorialawfoundation.org.au



Subject	Program	Program Details	Organisation	Closing Date	Contact
Community Support	The William Angliss Charitable Fund	<p>Applications for funds are accepted only from Victorian and Queensland organisations in the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple service organisations • Services for the ageing • Services for children and families • Services for the disabled • Services for educational, cultural and religious organisations • Services provided by hospitals and health organisations • Services for research purposes • Services for youth welfare. 	The William Angliss Charitable Fund	Closing date for applications: 30th June	Phone: (03) 9614 4311 Fax: (03) 9614 8311 Email: info@wacf.net.au
Community Support	William Buckland Foundation	The William Buckland Foundation provides funding to support activities, organisations and project which focus on the health and wellbeing, particularly children and young people, scientific and educational activities, particularly agriculture to create lasting benefit for the Victorian community.	Equity Trustees	Applications can be submitted all year round.	Phone: 1300 133 472 Email: charities@egt.com.au
Women	The Victorian Women's Trust	Funds projects benefiting women and girls across Victoria.	The Victorian Women's Trust	Contact the organisation or check the website for details.	Phone: 03 9642 0422 Fax: 03 9642 0016 Email: women@vwt.org.au

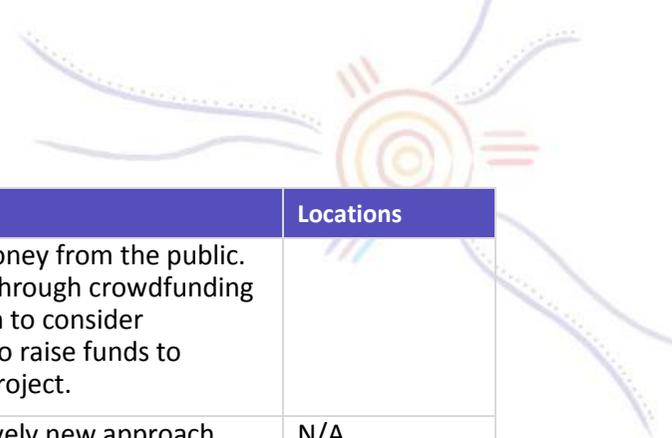


1.3 Applying for grant funding

The table below provides a list of resources to assist PBCs with applying for grant funding. The list includes guides to writing grant funding applications. It also includes guides to crowdfunding – a relatively new way of raising funds through donations of money from the public using crowdfunding websites.

Table 4: Grant funding assistance and training

Subject	Program	Information	Locations
Guides to writing a grant proposal	Our Community Funding Centre	Grant help and resources.	N/A
Guides to writing a grant proposal	The Grantseeker Manual – CommunityBuilders NSW [PDF 403KB] http://juwarki.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/grantseekermanualfinal.pdf	<p>This manual covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand what grantmakers will be looking for when they read grant applications • Plan your project • Write an application for funding which tells the grantmaker what you are planning to do. • Keep up a relationship with the grantmaker that enhances your chances of future success. <p>There is also a Glossary to assist with any unfamiliar terms. You will also find a detailed list of links, further reading and resources to help expand your knowledge on all aspects of the grantseeking process.</p>	N/A
Guides to writing a grant proposal	Youth Central	Tips for writing grant applications.	N/A
Guides to writing a grant proposal	VCOSS	Links for writing funding applications.	N/A
Crowdfunding guides	Australian Government https://www.business.gov.au/info/run/finance-and-	Crowdfunding is a relatively new approach that is being used by groups to raise funds	N/A



Subject	Program	Information	Locations
	accounting/finance/crowdfunding-how-to-fund-your-business-idea	through donations of money from the public. This is commonly done through crowdfunding websites. PBCs may wish to consider crowdfunding as a way to raise funds to undertake a particular project.	
Crowdfunding guides	Queensland Government	Crowdfunding is a relatively new approach that is being used by groups to raise funds through donations of money from the public. This is commonly done through crowdfunding websites. PBCs may wish to consider crowdfunding as a way to raise funds to undertake a particular project.	N/A
Crowdfunding guides	Our Community Funding Centre	Crowdfunding is a relatively new approach that is being used by groups to raise funds through donations of money from the public. This is commonly done through crowdfunding websites. PBCs may wish to consider crowdfunding as a way to raise funds to undertake a particular project.	N/A



2 TRAINING INFORMATION

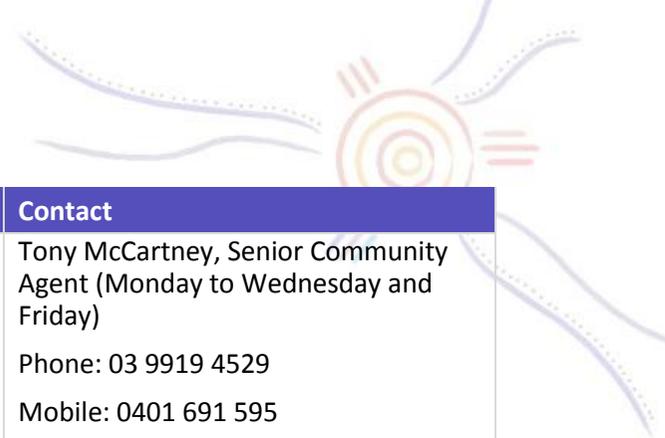
PBC directors, members and staff may require training to ensure that they are able to deal with issues of decision making, dispute management, communication, governance, business management, as well as land and resource management. The table below provides a list of training courses and training providers that may be of interest to PBCs.

Table 5: Training providers and courses

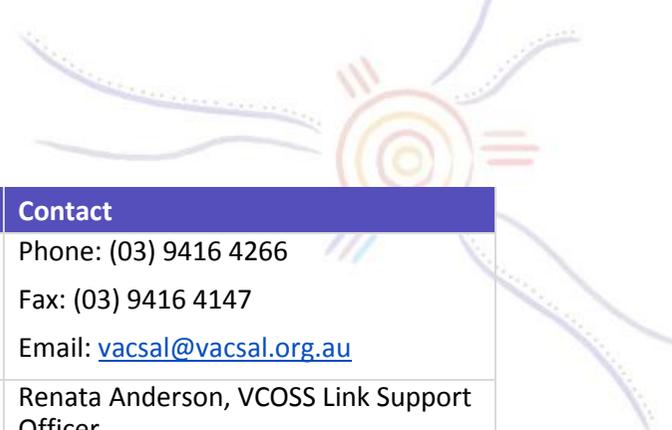
Organisation	Course	Information	Location	Contact
Office of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria University	Governance Training	The Office of Aboriginal Affairs in partnership with Victoria University offers a three-day workshop and supports participants in a Certificate IV in Business (Governance) recommended for Aboriginal organisations.	Contact the organisation or check the website for details.	Katrina Touzeau Senior Project Officer, Sector Support Aboriginal Victoria Tel: 03 9208 3253 Fax: 03 9208 3292 Email: katrina.touzeau@dpc.vic.gov.au or Graeme Fletcher Manager – Sustainability and Business Unit Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation Inc. 17-23 Sackville Street, Collingwood Vic 3066 Tel: 03 9411 9411 Email: GraemeF@vaccho.org.au Website: www.vaccho.org.au



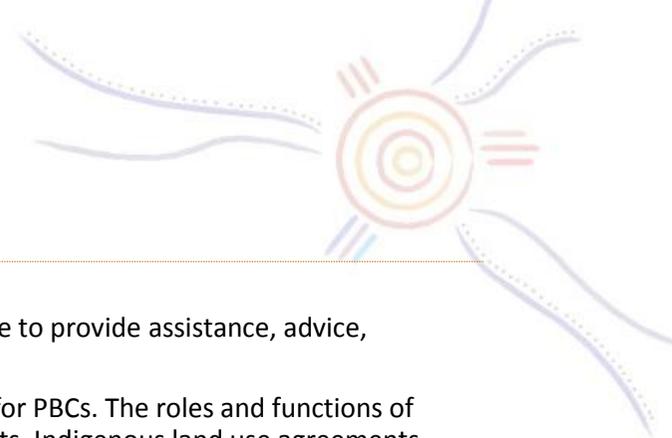
Organisation	Course	Information	Location	Contact
Office of Aboriginal Affairs La Trobe University	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Training Program	The Office of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria has developed a program of training for Aboriginal Victorians with a role or an interest in the state's unique and irreplaceable Aboriginal cultural heritage.	Contact the organisation or check the website for details.	Christina Pavlides Manager, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Program Office of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria Phone: (03) 9208 3279 Mobile: 0419 353 804 Fax: (03) 9208 3292 Email: christina.pavlides@dpc.vic.gov.au or Maddy Maitri Senior Educator Certificate IV in Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Archaeology Program, La Trobe University Phone: (03) 9479 2806 Mobile: 0435 658 008 Fax: (03) 9479 1881 Email: m.maitri@latrobe.edu.au



Organisation	Course	Information	Location	Contact
Victoria University	Certificate IV in Business (Governance)	<p>The course is delivered by Victoria University and participants are supported by the Office of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria.</p> <p>Certificate IV builds on the knowledge and skills introduced in the three-day workshop. Upon completion of training, students graduate with a nationally accredited qualification.</p> <p>https://www.vu.edu.au/courses/certificate-iv-in-business-bsb40215</p>	Melbourne and in the workplace	<p>Tony McCartney, Senior Community Agent (Monday to Wednesday and Friday)</p> <p>Phone: 03 9919 4529</p> <p>Mobile: 0401 691 595</p> <p>Email: governance@vu.edu.au</p>
Office of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria	Scholarships for the Company Directors Course	<p>The Office of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria (OAAV) provides scholarships for Aboriginal Victorians to undertake the Company Directors Course with the Australian Institute of Company Directors. The five-day course is designed for people who have leadership responsibilities within Aboriginal community controlled organisations or enterprises.</p> <p>http://www.companydirectors.com.au/director-resource-centre/governance-and-director-issues/board-diversity/diversity-scholarship-program</p>	Various delivery modes	<p>If you are interested in applying for a scholarship please complete the Expression of Interest form and return via email.</p> <p>Phone: (03) 9208 3261</p> <p>Email: marie.hapke@dpc.vic.gov.au</p>
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	Victorian Skills Gateway – A search engine for education and training opportunities	<p>The Victorian Skills Gateway website provides information on education and training opportunities for the community.</p>	Victoria	<p>TAFE and Training Line</p> <p>Phone: 131 823</p> <p>Email: tafe.courseline@edumail.vic.gov.au</p> <p>General Enquiries</p> <p>Phone: (03) 9637 2000</p> <p>Free call: 1800 809 834</p>



Organisation	Course	Information	Location	Contact
Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Inc.	Community services training	VACSAL is a Registered Training Organisation and runs a Certificate III in Community Services Work through the Victorian Aboriginal Community Training Centre.	Melbourne	Phone: (03) 9416 4266 Fax: (03) 9416 4147 Email: vacsal@vacsal.org.au
Victorian Council of Social Service	VCOSS Link - A search engine for training opportunities for Victorian community sector organisations	VCOSS Link is a centralised community sector-specific service designed to assist community sector organisations in Victoria to search for relevant practical resources and training opportunities to further develop their capacity.	Victoria	Renata Anderson, VCOSS Link Support Officer Phone: (03) 9235 1000 Email: renata.anderson@vcoss.org.au Victorian Council of Social Service Level 8, 128 Exhibition Street Melbourne VIC 3000 T: 03 9235 1000 F: 03 9654 5749 E: link@vcoss.org.au W: www.vcoss.org.au



3 OTHER ASSISTANCE

Native title holders, through PBCs, may seek to establish relationships with a range of organisations that may be able to provide assistance, advice, information or resources.

Native Title Representative Bodies (NTRBs) and Native Title Service Providers (NTSPs) are key sources of assistance for PBCs. The roles and functions of NTRBs and NTSPs include providing assistance to native title holders in relation to native title applications, future acts, Indigenous land use agreements, rights of access and other matters.

The National Native Title Tribunal provides a map of native title representative body regions at: http://www.nntt.gov.au/Maps/RATSIB_map.pdf

The table below provides details of the sole NTSP servicing Victorian PBCs.

Table 7: Native Title Representative Bodies and Native Title Service Providers

Region	Organisation	Organisation Type	Contact
Victoria	Native Title Services Victoria	Native Title Service Provider	Phone: (03) 9321 5300 Free call: 1800 791 779

Some other organisations of interest are listed in the table below. The assistance available through these organisations is grouped by the following themes:

- Administration
- Advocacy
- Employment
- Informational and procedural assistance
- Interns and Volunteers
- Land and water
- Language
- Legal
- Research
- Whole of Government



Table 8: Other assistance available

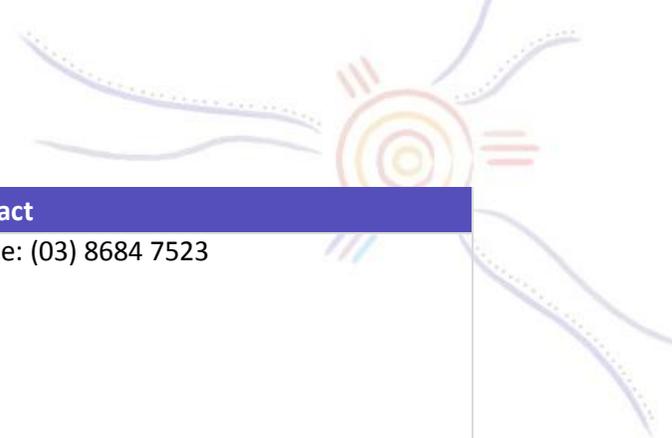
Subject	Organisation	Details	Contact
Advocacy	ANTaR Victoria	<p>ANTaR Vic is a not-for profit community organisation dedicated to achieving equal rights and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.</p> <p>http://antarvictoria.org.au/our-story</p>	<p>Phone: (03) 9483 1363</p> <p>Fax: (03) 94172691</p> <p>Email: antar@antarvictoria.org.au</p>
Advocacy	Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations	<p>The Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations (FVTOC) is an alliance of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations and the first of its kind in Victoria.</p> <p>It aims to be a strong voice for Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations – committed to caring for country, increasing economic opportunities and broadening political engagement.</p>	<p>Phone: (03) 9321 5388</p> <p>Email: info@fvtoc.com.au</p>
Advocacy	Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Inc.	<p>The Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Ltd (VACSAL) is a state-wide agency that provides advice to Government on a range of community development issues as well as being a major provider of extensive services to the Aboriginal community in both the metropolitan and some regional communities.</p>	<p>Phone: (03) 9416 4266</p> <p>Fax: (03) 9416 4147</p> <p>Email: vacsal@vacsal.org.au</p>
Advocacy	Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council	<p>Created to ensure that Aboriginal people throughout Australia play a central role in the protection and management of their heritage. The council works with key partners to influence policy and educate people about Victoria’s rich Aboriginal Heritage.</p> <p>The Council provides advice to the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Community Development; Evaluates Cultural Heritage Management Plans prepared by the Secretary; Promotes public awareness about Aboriginal cultural heritage and; Manages dispute Resolution.</p>	<p>Phone: (03) 9208 3243</p> <p>Fax: (03) 9208 3292</p> <p>Email: vahc@dpc.vic.gov.au</p>



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Advocacy	Victorian Council of Social Service (VCOSS)	<p>VCOSS is committed to working towards a society where there is both recognition of the Aboriginal custodians of the country and where injustices have been reconciled between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians.</p> <p>To achieve improved outcomes for Aboriginal Victorians, VCOSS is committed to working collaboratively with Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, Aboriginal Victorians, the broad Victorian community sector and the Victorian Government.</p> <p>VCOSS supports and shares the vision for Aboriginal People: 'Valued, self-determining and culturally strong Aboriginal peoples'.</p> <p>VCOSS also supports and shares the vision for the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Sector: 'A strong Aboriginal Community Controlled Sector that contributes to ensuring health and wellbeing outcomes align with Aboriginal people's aspirations.'</p>	<p>Phone: 03 9235 1000</p> <p>Freecall: 1800 133 340</p> <p>Fax: (03) 9654 5749</p> <p>Email: vcooss@vcooss.org.au</p>
Advocacy	Victorian Indigenous Youth Advisory Council	<p>VIYAC is a state-wide network of volunteer Indigenous young people between 12 and 25 years who provide a voice to government and community on issues of importance to them. VIYAC is an avenue for Indigenous young people to come together and voice their ideas, passions and interests, in a safe, structured and supportive environment. VIYAC is committed to supporting and encouraging all who become involved to build their skills and capacity.</p>	<p>Jade Colgan - State Coordinator</p> <p>Phone: (03) 9267 3788</p> <p>Fax: (03) 9639 1622</p> <p>Email: viyac@viyac.org.au</p>
Advocacy	Victorian Traditional Owner Land Justice Group	<p>The Land Justice Group (LJG) is an unincorporated body which provides a voice for each traditional owner group in Victoria. Membership is open to 1 representative, and a deputy, from each traditional owner group in Victoria. It meets approximately every 3 months in Melbourne. Its aim is to lobby the Victorian government for improvements to policy, legislation and action to achieve greater land justice for all of the traditional owners in the State.</p>	<p>Phone: (03) 5282 3991</p> <p>Email: bunjilin@bigpond.com</p>



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Informational and procedural assistance	National Native Title Tribunal	<p>Assistance to Prescribed Body Corporates can be provided on request. The type of assistance includes capacity building, governance training, dispute resolution services and assistance in negotiating ILUAs.</p> <p>Prescribed body corporates seeking assistance should contact their relevant Tribunal office.</p>	<p>Phone: (03) 9920 3000</p> <p>Freecall: 1800 640 501</p> <p>Fax: (03) 9606 0680</p> <p>Email: vicandtasenquiries@nntt.gov.au</p>
Interns and volunteers	Victoria's Volunteering Portal	Volunteering Portal is a free online resource to support volunteering in Victoria.	<p>Phone: (03) 9096 1183</p> <p>Fax: (03) 9096 9137</p>
Interns and volunteers	Volunteering Victoria	Volunteering Victoria is the state peak body for volunteering.	<p>Phone: (03) 8327 8500</p> <p>Fax: (03) 8327 8599</p> <p>Email: info@volunteeringvictoria.org.au</p>
Land and water	Department of Environment and Primary Industries	<p>DEPI is committed to the improvement of Aboriginal wellbeing through the development of partnerships to achieve Aboriginal aspiration for land, resources, culture, heritage, family and community.</p> <p>The Indigenous Partnership Framework is a vital step in weaving inclusiveness of Indigenous perspectives into all aspects of DEPI's business.</p>	<p>Phone: 136 186</p> <p>Online contact form: http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/about-us/contact-us</p>
Land and water	Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN)	<p>MLDRIN performs a number of functions for traditional owners in the southern Murray Darling Basin:</p> <p>Facilitate and advocates the participation of 24 Indigenous nations within the different levels of government decisions on Natural Resource Management.</p> <p>Develops response on the cultural, social and economic impacts of development on Indigenous traditional country.</p> <p>Be a collective united voice for the rights and interests of their traditional country and its people.</p>	<p>Mobile: 0417 837 549</p> <p>Email: ngintait@gmail.com</p>



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Legal	Native Title Unit, Department of Justice and Regulation	<p>The Native Title Unit in the department is responsible for the administration and implementation of the state's responsibilities under the <i>Native Title Act 1993</i> (Cth) and the <i>Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010</i> (Vic). This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">leading agreement-making with traditional owner groups to resolve native title and address land justiceimplementing a coordinated approach to managing native title claims and negotiating agreements across the governmentproviding policy advice and coordination.	Phone: (03) 8684 7523
Whole of Government	Office of Aboriginal Affairs	The Office of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria (OAAV) is a key agency that provides advice to the Victorian Government on Aboriginal policy and planning and delivers key programs.	Phone: 1800 762 003 Fax: (03) 9208 3292 Email: Aboriginalaffairs@dpc.vic.gov.au



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