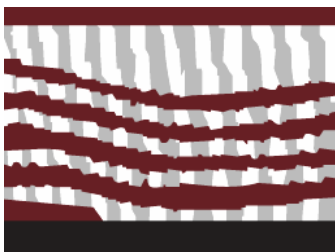


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Abbreviations

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AIATSIS	Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
Austlii	Australasian Legal Information Institute
ATNS	Agreements, Treaties & Negotiated Settlements Project
CATSI Act	<i>Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006</i>
CBF	Community Broadcasting Foundation
Cwth	Commonwealth
DAFF	Department of Agriculture, Forest & Fisheries
DBCDE	Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
DEWHA	Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts
DEEWR	Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
DHA	Department of Health and Ageing
EMA	Emergency Management Australia
FRRR	Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal
IBA	Indigenous Business Australia
ICC	Indigenous Coordination Centre
IFaMP	Indigenous Facilitation & Mediation Project
ILC	Indigenous Land Corporation
NNTT	National Native Title Tribunal
NTA	<i>Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)</i>
NTRBs	Native Title Representative Bodies
NTRU	Native Title Research Unit
NTSDA	Native Title Service Delivery Agency
ORIC	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations
PBCs	Prescribed Bodies Corporate
RNTBCs	Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate

Introduction

This document provides information for prescribed bodies corporate (PBCs) or registered native title bodies corporate (RNTBCs).¹ It is designed to be used primarily as an on-line resource. Throughout the document you will see blue text, this indicates a hyperlink which provides access to additional on-line information.

The Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate National Toolkit includes the following:

- information about establishing a RNTBC;
- a summary listing of Australian Government and other national funding sources that may be relevant to RNTBCs;
- an overview of how RNTBCs might access training for native title holders;
- information about networks and organisations that might be able to provide information and other assistance to RNTBCs;
- a summary listing of resources, including websites and publications that may be useful to RNTBCs.

For additional information about other funding sources, networks, resources and training refer to the relevant State or Territory RNTBC Toolkit:

- New South Wales Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate Toolkit
- Northern Territory Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate Toolkit
- Queensland Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate Toolkit
- South Australia Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate Toolkit
- Victoria Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate Toolkit
- Western Australia Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate Toolkit

¹ The term prescribed body corporate (PBC) derives from Part 2 Division 6 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, which provides that a prescribed body corporate 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 *Native Title Act 1993* (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 RNTBCs will be used to refer to Prescribed Bodies Corporate and Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate.

Establishing a RNTBC

The [Native Title \(Prescribed Bodies Corporate\) Regulations 1999](#) require that RNTBCs be incorporated under the [Aboriginal Councils and Associations Act 1976](#) (ACA Act) which is administered by the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC). This imposes a range of corporate governance requirements on RNTBCs. The ACA Act has recently been replaced by the [Corporations \(Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander\) Act 2006](#) (CATSI Act) which commenced on 1 July 2007. Under transitional legislation, all ACA Act corporations will be transitional CATSI Act corporations at the time of commencement. The CATSI Act includes specific provisions relating to RNTBCs.

Assistance from ORIC

ORIC encourages groups to design corporations with rules that are relevant to their special services and functions. Native title holders who would like help setting up a corporation, or redesigning their existing corporation's rules can contact ORIC for assistance. ORIC can also provide corporate governance training and information for board members and staff and has a dispute assistance service. Further information can be obtained from ORIC on 1800 622 431 or www.orac.gov.au.

The following factsheets are available on the ORIC website:

- [Get in on the Act: a guide to the start of the Corporations \(Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander\) Act 2006](#)
- [Who we are, what we do](#)
- [Fact sheet: What's in the corporation's rule book?](#)
- [Fact sheet: Native title](#)
- [Fact sheet: The Bill and the review – some differences](#)
- [Fact sheet: Duties of directors and other officers](#)
- [Fact sheet: What the Bill means for funding bodies](#)
- [Fact sheet: Arrangements for corporations to move to the new CATSI Act](#)
- [Fact sheet: The Bill and the ACA Act – some differences](#)
- [Fact sheet: The CATSI Act and the Corporations Act – some differences](#)

The Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations will be preparing specific information to assist RNTBCs with these changes, see [Terms of Reference:](#)

[ORIC's contribution to AIATSIS research program 'Building capacity in native title communities'](#). The ORIC has prepared the following information about establishing and operating a Registered Native Title Body Corporate under the new legislation (extracted from the ORIC website): ²

Names

- An RNTBC will be required to have the words 'registered native title body corporate' or the abbreviation 'RNTBC' as part of its name. This will give a signal to third parties that the corporation holds or manages native title rights and interests.
- A corporation that is not an RNTBC will not be permitted to use these words or the abbreviation.
- Once a corporation becomes an RNTBC it must notify the Registrar so that its name can be changed on the Public Register of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations.
- If the Registrar becomes aware that the corporation has become an RNTBC the Registrar can automatically change the corporation's name to include the words 'registered native title body corporate' or RNTBC. This could happen, for example, if the Registrar is advised by the National Native Title Tribunal that the corporation has become an RNTBC. This provision is designed to reduce the administrative burden on RNTBCs which may not have the capacity to notify the Registrar.

Internal Governance

- The CATSI Act makes it clear that the internal governance rules of RNTBCs or bodies applying for registration for the purpose of becoming an RNTBC must be consistent with Native Title legislation. This will ensure that the rules of an RNTBC do not conflict with requirements imposed by Native Title legislation.

Reporting

- Corporations will be streamed into small, medium and large for reporting purposes. Small and medium corporations won't have to provide as many reports as they did under the ACA Act. Large corporations will prepare a more comprehensive report.
- Small corporations will only have to provide a minimum 'general' report and may only have to provide this every second year. Small corporations may also only have to hold an annual general meeting every second year and can hold these by video or teleconference.
- Many RNTBCs will fall into the category of 'small' and will therefore have fewer reporting requirements.
- Native title rights and interests held by an RNTBC will not be included in determining the value of the assets of an RNTBC for reporting purposes. This avoids any possibility that a corporation only holding or managing native title rights and interests might be determined as large for reporting purposes.

² http://www.orac.gov.au/publications/04408-ORIC-PBCs-guide_04.pdf accessed 21/10/08.

Duties of directors and other managers

- The CATSI Act clarifies the duties of directors and includes duties for chief executive officers and other people who manage the corporation. Directors and these managers are called officers. These duties are in line with the *Corporations Act 2001* and are designed to make sure that good corporate governance standards are applied to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations.
- These duties include a duty of care, a duty of honesty, duties of disclosure and to avoid conflicts of interest, and a duty not to trade while insolvent.
- The CATSI Act provides tailored provisions making it clear that a director, officer or employee of an RNTBC who is acting in good faith with the belief that the action is necessary to ensure that the corporation complies with a native title legislation obligation does not breach provisions of the CATSI Act. This makes sure that conflicting duties are not imposed on a director, officer or employee of an RNTBC.
- An exception to this is the duty not to trade while insolvent. If a conflict arises between the duty in the CATSI Act not to trade while insolvent and the duty to comply with a Native Title legislation obligation, the primary duty is to make sure that the corporation does not trade while insolvent. This is a fundamental duty that directors and other managers must comply with.
- The CATSI Act also makes it clear that a person will not be regarded as a director or officer merely because they participate in the making of native title decisions.
- 'Native Title legislation obligation' is defined as an obligation imposed by the Native Title legislation on an RNTBC. This includes obligations to consult with, act in accordance with the directions of, and to act only with the consent of the common law holders of native title.

Members' rights

- The CATSI Act brings members' rights into line with the Corporations Act—for example, members can apply to a court to inspect a corporation's books or to stop a corporation from acting in a way that is unfair to the members.
- The Registrar can act for members in some circumstances, for example, when a corporation is acting unfairly towards members.
- The CATSI Act makes sure that provisions about members' rights cannot be used to prevent an RNTBC from meeting its Native Title legislation obligations. Tailored provisions for RNTBCs prevent a court from granting orders where an officer or employee is acting in good faith with the belief that the action is necessary to ensure that the corporation complies with a Native Title legislation obligation.

Registrar's powers

- The Registrar can appoint an expert to examine a corporation's affairs. This means 'healthy organisation checks' can be carried out to help prevent any problems arising or increasing.
- The Registrar can appoint a special administrator—this power can be used to provide a safety net against the possibility of corporate failure, especially for corporations providing essential services, infrastructure or holding land.
- The Registrar can examine a corporation's books and if they are not produced, seek a warrant from a magistrate to support the Registrar's other powers.
- The Registrar can investigate matters where necessary.

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- A power in the Act allows regulations to be made to modify the provisions of the CATSI Act that relate to RNTBCs. This means regulations can be made to deal with any practical or unforeseen problems that arise with the interaction of the CATSI Act and the Native Title legislation. This makes it clear that regulations cannot be inconsistent with the Native Title legislation.
- Under the CATSI Act regulations can be made clarifying the powers and obligations of administrators, receivers, liquidators and special administrators who may be appointed to an RNTBC. This regulation-making power ensures that if practical issues arise in the interaction between the external administration provisions of the CATSI Act and Native Title legislation, the issues can be resolved quickly and without legislative amendments.

Deregistration

- The CATSI Act prevents the Registrar from deregistering an RNTBC in recognition of the special position of RNTBCs under the Native Title legislation.

For further information about these legislative changes refer to the links under legislation and regulations in the resources section of this guide.

Funding

The only funding program specifically for RNTBCs is the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs [Native Title Program](#) contact the Office of Indigenous Coordination Centres on 1300 653 227 for the *Guidelines for Support of Prescribed Bodies Corporate*.

The Research Unit of the National Native Title Tribunal has published a [Guide to Sources of Assistance and Funding for Prescribed Bodies Corporate](#) (PDF format) which provides information about:

- sources of direct assistance;
- sources of applications-based assistance and funding programs;
- private sector programs; and
- additional information sources.

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government maintain [GrantsLINK](#) which is a constantly-updated database of grants and funding opportunities across all Australian Governments and some community organisations.

Table 1 below, provides a summary of Australian Government and other potential funding sources for activities related to the exercise of native title rights and interests including:

- administration;
- business support;
- caring for country;
- community support
- cultural heritage;
- infrastructure;
- land acquisition;
- research funding;
- telecommunications; and
- tourism.

This table includes many of the funding sources identified in the NNTT Guide as well as other funding sources.

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In instances where the closing date for current funding applications has already passed, users of this toolkit are advised to contact the relevant organisations to seek information about future funding opportunities.

Table 1 Potential funding sources

Ausindustry

<u>Australian Tourism Development Program</u>	
Description	The <i>Australian Tourism Development Program (ATDP)</i> is a highly competitive merit-based grants program that aims to assist in the development of a continuous tourism experience across Australia. It does this by supporting initiatives that will: promote tourism development in regional and rural Australia; contribute to long term economic growth; increase visitation and yield throughout Australia; enhance visitor dispersal and tourism expenditure throughout Australia and increase Australia's competitiveness as a tourism destination. There are two separate categories of grant: Tourism Projects and Integrated Tourism Development Projects.
Subject	Tourism
Closing date	To be announced
Further information	Telephone: 13 28 46 Email: hotline@ausindustry.gov.au
Source	http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/content/level3index.cfm?ObjectID=A241A6BF-9470-45FC-AF72E8AA122553FE&L2Parent=AEB901E5-7CB8-4143-A3BF33B2423F9DA6
<u>Business Ready Program for Indigenous Tourism</u>	
Description	The Business Ready Program for Indigenous Tourism is designed to assist existing and start-up Indigenous tourism businesses to develop the business skills and knowledge required to establish and run a commercially viable tourism operation. The program will fund business mentors to work directly with a portfolio of such businesses to transfer skills to individuals in the businesses on all aspects of small business and the tourism industry.
Subject	Tourism Business Support
Closing date	Contact AusIndustry
Further information	Ph: 13 28 46 Email: hotline@ausindustry.gov.au
Source	http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/content/level3index.cfm?ObjectID=AAC495C7-0289-4F27-903A46D88EF303E4&L2Parent=AEB901E5-7CB8-4143-A3BF33B2423F9DA6 http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/content/content.cfm?ObjectID=72D78BA6-2C8C-400C-9EE1FEB5AD4B375D&L2Parent=AEB901E5-7CB8-4143-A3BF33B2423F9DA6&L3Parent=AAC495C7-0289-4F27-903A46D88EF303E4
<u>Clean Business Australia</u>	
Description	The Australian Government has allocated \$240 million over four years to establish Clean Business Australia a partnership with Australian business and industry for tackling climate change. Clean Business Australia will support a range of activities aimed at improving our energy and water efficiency and increasing sustainability, with a focus on productivity and

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	innovation.
Subject	Business Support
Closing date	Contact AusIndustry
Further information	Ph: 13 28 46 Email: hotline@ausindustry.gov.au
Source	http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/content/level3index.cfm?ObjectID=013F14B3-6F31-4F7D-9895B1427C5362E6&L2Parent=AEB901E5-7CB8-4143-A3BF33B2423F9DA6

Green Building Fund

Description	The Green Building Fund (\$90m over 4 years) aims to reduce the impact of Australia's built environment on green house gas emissions, by reducing the energy consumed in the operation of existing commercial office buildings.
Subject	Infrastructre
Closing date	Contact AusIndustry
Further information	Ph: 13 28 46 Email: hotline@ausindustry.gov.au
Source	http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/content/level3index.cfm?ObjectID=C09F0FF E-92FA-40C6-B74DFC4FAF14A66A&L2Parent=AEB901E5-7CB8-4143-A3BF33B2423F9DA6

LPG Vehicle Scheme

Description	There are two different grants available. 1) A grant of \$2,000 for the LPG conversion of a new or used petrol or diesel motor vehicle. This includes new or used vehicles where the conversion occurs after the vehicle is registered; and new vehicles where the LPG unit is fitted after manufacture but before the vehicle is registered for the first time. 2) A grant of \$1,000 for the purchase of a new motor vehicle with a LPG unit fitted at the time of manufacture of the vehicle.
Subject	Infrastructure
Closing date	Contact AusIndustry
Further information	Ph: 13 28 46 Email: hotline@ausindustry.gov.au
Source	http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/content/level3index.cfm?ObjectID=D47685 C8-0B0B-459C-B07A2EFBDB3D4AF7&L2Parent=AEB901E5-7CB8-4143-A3BF33B2423F9DA6

AusAID

Australian Development Research Awards

Description	The aim of the Australian Development Research Awards (ADRA) is to attract high quality research that informs policy development and increases the general stock of knowledge around development issues. The 2008 ADRA Funding Round is open to all Australian and international not-for-profit institutions or organisations where research is a core component of the organisation's mandate. Proposals should address pertinent and cutting edge questions in development research in the following areas of high priority: development effectiveness; disability; economics; education; environment; food security; gender; governance and state building; and
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health.

Applicants can apply for funding for projects up to three years in duration, with successful proposals eligible to receive between A\$50,000 and A\$250,000 per year.

Subject	Research Funding
Closing date	Contact AusAID
Further information	Email: research@ausaid.gov.au .
Source	http://www.ausaid.gov.au/research/default.cfm

Australian Business Arts Foundation (ABaF)

[Autralian Business Arts Foundation](#)

Description	The Australia Business Arts Foundation (AbaF) promotes private sector arts support by connecting business, the arts, donors and foundations through its Partnering, Volunteering and Giving programs. AbaF is a company of the Australian Government, established in 2000, and is supported by a board and national council of over 90 leading companies.
Subject	Cultural Heritage Business Support
Closing date	Contact ABaF
Further information	Ph: (03) 9616 0300 Email: info@abaf.org.au
Source	http://www.abaf.org.au/

Community Broadcasting Foundation Ltd

[Community Broadcasting Foundation](#)

Description	The Community Broadcasting Foundation is an independent non-profit funding agency that solicits and distributes funds for the maintenance and development of community broadcasting in Australia including specialist services for Ethnic, Indigenous and Radio for the Print Handicapped audiences.
Subject	Community Support
Closing date	Contact CBF
Further information	Ph: (03) 9419 8055
Source	http://www.cbf.com.au/

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)

[Rural Financial Counselling Service](#)

Description	The RFCS Program provides grants to state and regional organisations to provide free and impartial rural financial counselling to primary producers, fishers and small rural businesses who are suffering financial hardship and who have no alternative sources of impartial support.
Subject	Business Support
Closing date	Always available
Further information	Ph: 1800 686 175
Source	http://www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/drought/rfcs

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Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry (DAFF) & Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and Arts (DEWHA)

Caring for our Country

Description	Caring for our Country is a natural resource management initiative. It is designed to foster a business approach to investment, clearly articulated outcomes and priorities and improved accountability. It commenced on 1 July 2008 and aims to integrate delivery of the Commonwealth's previous natural resource management programs, the Natural Heritage Trust, the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality, the National Landcare Program, the Environmental Stewardship Program and the Working on Country Indigenous land and environmental program.
Subject	Caring for country
Closing date	To be announced
Further information	Telephone: 1800 552 008 Fax: (0)2 6274 1094 (Attention: Communications Team) Email: via website
Source	http://www.nrm.gov.au/index.html

Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (DBCDE)

Backing Indigenous Ability (Telecommunications Program)

Description	The \$36.6 million BIA telecommunications program is designed to address the need for telephones, Internet and videoconferencing, provide training and skills development and promote and develop Indigenous online content.
Subject	Telecommunications
Closing date	To be announced
Further information	Freecall: 1800 355 014 Telephone: (02) 6271 1000 Fax: (02) 6271 1886 Email: bia@dbcde.gov.au
Source	http://www.dbcde.gov.au/communications_for_consumers/funding_programs_and_support/backing_indigenous_ability_telecommunications_program

Satellite Phone Subsidy Scheme

Description	The Satellite Phone Subsidy Scheme makes mobile communications more accessible and affordable for people living or working in the most remote parts of Australia. This Australian Government initiative provides a subsidy towards the purchase of a satellite mobile phone.
Subject	Telecommunications
Closing date	To be announced
Further information	Freecall: 1800 674 058
Source	http://www.dbcde.gov.au/communications_for_consumers/mobile_services/the_satellite_phone_subsidy_scheme

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Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations (DEEWR)

[Indigenous Small Business Fund](#)

Description	The Indigenous Small Business Fund (ISBF) offers funding to Indigenous community-based organisations to assist Indigenous people learn about business, develop good business skills and expand their businesses.
Subject	Business Support
Closing date	Applications accepted anytime
Further information	Telephone: 1802 102
Source	http://www.workplace.gov.au/workplace/Individual/IndigenousAustralians/IndigenousSmallBusinessFund

[Indigenous Capital Assistance Scheme](#)

Description	The Indigenous Capital Assistance Scheme (ICAS) increases employment opportunities for Indigenous Australians by giving Indigenous businesses access to commercial finance, and culturally appropriate professional and mentoring support services. The programme is managed by 22 Westpac branches in all capital cities and regional areas throughout Australia.
Subject	Business Support
Closing date	Contact ICAS
Further information	Telephone: 1802 102
Source	http://www.workplace.gov.au/workplace/Individual/IndigenousAustralians/IndigenousCapitalAssistanceScheme/CAS.htm http://www.westpac.com.au/internet/publish.nsf/Content/BBFC+Indigenous+Capital+Assistance+Scheme

Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA)

[Commemoration of Historic Events and Famous Persons Program](#)

Description	The Commemoration of Historic Events and Famous Persons Grants-In-Aid (CHEFP) Program commemorates people, events and places of national historical significance. Its scope has grown to include other kinds of commemorative monuments, exhibitions, surveys of historical sites and curatorial work etc, all of national significance. The CHEFP program does not fund war-related projects or the construction of museums. Funds available under CHEFP are modest. Grants have varied in size though most have been no more than \$5,000.
Subject	Cultural heritage
Closing date	12 December 2008
Further information	Ph: (02) 6274 1111
Sources	http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/programs/chefp/index.html

[Contemporary Music Touring Program](#)

Description	The Contemporary Music Touring Program will continue to support touring opportunities for Australian musicians, and increase audience access to live Australian contemporary music, particularly in regional and remote Australia. The Contemporary Music Touring Program includes special assistance for tours to remote communities, through its Touring Remote Areas (TRAX) guidelines. The closing date for Round 15 applications is 5 February 2008 (for tours taking place from 1 July 2008).
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Subject	Cultural heritage Business Support
Closing date	5 February 2009
Further information	Ph: (02) 6274 1111
Sources	http://www.arts.gov.au/arts/contemporary_music_touring_program

Festivals Australia

Description	Festivals Australia is an Australian Government cultural funding program which provides assistance to Australian regional and community festivals for the presentation of quality cultural projects. Funding is available to add a new or special sort of cultural activity that has never been done before and could not otherwise be afforded.
Subject	Cultural heritage
Closing date	15 February and 15 July 2009
Further information	Ph: 1800 819 461
Sources	http://www.arts.gov.au/arts/festivals_australia

Indigenous Culture Support Program

Description	The Indigenous Culture Support program (ICS), formerly the Regional Arts and Culture Support program, supports the maintenance of cultural practice within Indigenous communities and the promotion of Indigenous cultures as dynamic and integral elements of Australian culture and identity.
Subject	Cultural heritage
Closing date	February 2009
Further information	Contact your nearest ICC
Sources	http://www.arts.gov.au/indigenous/Indigenous_Culture_Support http://www.arts.gov.au/indigenous/Indigenous_Culture_Support/how_do_I_apply

Indigenous Broadcasting Program

Description	The Indigenous Broadcasting Program (IBP) supports Indigenous community radio broadcasting through direct funding for individual broadcasters, and indirect support of activities such as regional and peak bodies, radio content production and media training for the sector. In 2007-08, the IBP is providing \$14.0 million in funding to support 77 Indigenous community broadcasting projects in rural, remote, urban and regional locations.
Subject	Cultural heritage
Closing date	To be announced
Further information	Contact your nearest ICC
Sources	http://www.arts.gov.au/indigenous/broadcasting http://www.arts.gov.au/indigenous/broadcasting/how_do_I_apply

Indigenous Heritage Program

Description	The Indigenous Heritage Program (IHP) is an Australian Government initiative that supports projects that identify, conserve and promote the Indigenous heritage values of places important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Individual project funding for organisations will in
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general be available up to a maximum of \$100,000 (GST inclusive). Individual applicants will generally be eligible for funding up to \$5000. Applications for more than these amounts may be considered where the applicant demonstrates special circumstances or a genuine requirement for additional funds. The IHP may also help identify places likely to have outstanding Indigenous heritage value to Australia suitable for inclusion on the National Heritage List.

Subject	Cultural heritage
Closing date	To be announced
Further information	Telephone: 1800 982 280 Email: heritagegrants@environment.gov.au Contact your nearest ICC
Source	http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/programs/ihp/index.html

[Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records](#)

Description	The Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records program supports the revival and maintenance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages as living systems of knowledge shared by communities and passed down from generation to generation.
Subject	Cultural heritage
Closing date	February 2009
Further information	Contact your nearest ICC
Sources	http://www.arts.gov.au/indigenous/Maintenance_of_Indigenous_Languages_and_Records http://www.arts.gov.au/indigenous/Maintenance_of_Indigenous_Languages_and_Records/how_do_I_apply

[National Crafts and Arts Industry Support Program](#)

Description	The National Arts and Crafts Industry Support (NACIS) program provides direct funding support to Indigenous art centres and arts support and advocacy organisations. The program's overall objectives are to assist art centres to become stronger and to build a more sustainable Indigenous visual arts industry.
Subject	Cultural heritage Business Support
Closing date	To be announced
Further information	Ph: (02) 6274 1111
Source	http://www.arts.gov.au/indigenous/national_arts_and_crafts_industry_support

[Playing Australia](#)

Description	Playing Australia gives all Australians, wherever they live, better access to some of the country's best performing arts. From ballet to Indigenous dance, jazz to classical music and Shakespeare to bilingual theatre, Playing Australia has been assisting the touring of performing arts across Australia since 1992.
Subject	Cultural Heritage
Closing date	15 December 2008
Further information	Ph: 1800 819 461 Email: playing.australia@environment.gov.au

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Contact your nearest [ICC](#)

Sources http://www.arts.gov.au/arts/playing_australia

Regional Arts Funding (RAF)

Description The Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund supports the arts in regional and remote areas. While the Department is responsible for the program, it is delivered in partnership with state and territory regional arts organisations representing hundreds of local regional arts councils covering the length and breadth of Australia.

Subject Cultural Heritage

Closing date Contact RAF

Further information Contact your [state or territory's RAF organisation](#)

Sources http://www.arts.gov.au/arts/regional_arts_fund

Visions of Australia

Description Visions of Australia aims to enable more Australians to enjoy our diverse culture by accessing exhibitions of cultural material. It provides funding to eligible organisations to develop and tour exhibitions of Australian cultural material across Australia. Exhibitions should have a predominantly Australian source or theme.

Subject Cultural Heritage

Closing date Contact RAF

Further information Ph: (02) 6275 9517
Email: visions.australia@environment.gov.au

Sources http://www.arts.gov.au/arts/visions_of_australia

Solar Homes and Communities Plan

Description The Solar Homes and Communities Plan provides cash rebates for the installation of solar photovoltaic systems on homes and community use buildings.

Subject Infrastructure

Closing date Contact DEWHA

Further information Ph: 1800 808 571

Sources <http://www.environment.gov.au/settlements/renewable/pv/index.html>

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs

Native Title Program

Description The Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination provides funding to support the administrative costs of RNTBCs under the Native Title Program. Refer to the *Guidelines for Support of Prescribed Bodies Corporate*.

Subject Administration

Further information (02) 6121 4000

Expansion of Playgroups for Indigenous Families

Description The Australian Government is funding the implementation of facilitated playgroups in regional and remote communities to provide early childhood services and parenting support within a playgroup setting to Indigenous

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	families under the Expansion of Playgroups for Indigenous Families (EPIF) initiative.
Subject	Community Support
Closing date	Contact FaHCSIA
Further information	Ph: 1800 752 478
Source	http://www.facsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/indigenous/programs-epif.htm

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

[Australian National Commission for UNESCO Grant Scheme](#)

Description	The Australian National Commission for UNESCO assists projects which will further National Commission and UNESCO priorities and objectives as set out in UNESCO's approved Program and Budget and Medium Term Strategy. Grants applications should be in the order of \$2,000 to \$30,000.
Subject	Caring for Country
Closing date	Contact DFAT
Further information	Ph: (02) 6261 2333
Sources	http://www.dfat.gov.au/intorgs/unesco/grant_awards_2007_08.html

Department of Health and Ageing (DHA)

[National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program](#)

Description	The National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program is a competitive grants program that enables eligible organisations and individuals to apply for funding that will assist with the provision of essential health and medical infrastructure, equipment and service planning.
Subject	Infrastructure Community Support
Closing date	19 December 2008 and February 2009
Further information	Ph: 1800 020 103
Sources	http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/nrrhip-lp

Emergency Management Australia (EMA)

[Bushfire Mitigation Program](#)

Description	The Bushfire Mitigation Program aims to identify and address bushfire mitigation risk priorities across the nation. It funds construction and maintenance of fire trails and associated access measures that contribute to safer, sustainable communities better able to prepare, respond to and withstand the effects of bushfires.
Subject	Infrastructure Caring for Country
Closing date	Contact the Lead Agency in your state or territory
Further information	Contact the Lead Agency in your state or territory
Sources	http://www.ema.gov.au/agd/ema/emainternet.nsf/Page/Communities_Natural_Disasters_BMP_Bushfire_Mitigation_Programme_(BMP)

[Natural Disaster Mitigation Program](#)

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Description	Natural disasters such as floods, bushfires and tropical cyclones occur regularly across the Australian continent. They cause more than \$1 billion damage each year to homes, businesses and the nation's infrastructure, along with serious disruption to communities. Scientific research indicates that more extreme weather events, and large-scale single events with more severe cyclones, storms and floods, are expected in the future.
Subject	Infrastructure Caring for Country
Closing date	Contact the Lead Agency in your state or territory
Further information	Contact the Lead Agency in your state or territory
Sources	http://www.ema.gov.au/agd/ema/emainternet.nsf/Page/Communities_Natural_Disasters_NDMP_Natural_Disaster_Mitigation_Programme_(NDMP)

Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR)

[Caring for Ageing in Rural Australia](#)

Description	A small grants program offering \$250,000 in grants to assist in caring for the aged in rural Australia. Support from two major philanthropic trusts makes this annual program possible.
Subject	Infrastructure
Closing date	Contact FRRR
Further information	info@frrr.org.au Ph: 1800 170 020
Sources	http://www.frrr.org.au/programsDetail.asp?ProgramID=3

[Helping Hands](#)

Description	Not-for-profit organisations can apply for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities living in small rural and remote locations in Australia. Grants will be made in amounts up from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Preference will be given to communities with less than 10,000 people and initiatives which benefit community infrastructure, health or community services, environment and adaptation to climate change, provision of education or training, innovative community-based business ventures.
Subject	Infrastructure Caring for Country Business Support
Closing date	Contact FRRR
Further information	info@frrr.org.au Ph: 1800 170 020
Sources	http://www.frrr.org.au/programsDetail.asp?ProgramID=15

[Small Grants for Small Rural Communities Program](#)

Description	A small grants program for small rural Australian communities will offer about \$850,000 a year in grants to benefit people in rural and remote communities. Currently, preference will be given to initiatives that target community hardship in drought effected areas, retention of young people and community infrastructure.
Subject	Infrastructure
Closing date	31 March and 30 September 2009
Further information	info@frrr.org.au

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Sources <http://www.frrr.org.au/programsDetail.asp?ProgramID=4>

Seeds of Renewal

Description Seeds of Renewal is a small grants program providing funding to small, rural not-for-profit organisations for projects and activities to aid the growth of their community.
Independently administered by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) and proudly supported by ANZ, the program aims to assist small rural and regional communities working towards a more sustainable future.

Subject Infrastructure
Caring for Country

Closing date Contact FRRR

Further information info@frrr.org.au
Ph 1800 170 020

Sources <http://www.frrr.org.au/programsDetail.asp?ProgramID=1>

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA)

IBA Enterprises

Description IBA Enterprises aims to provide Indigenous people with skill development services and alternate funding products to achieve greater independence from Government and improve business management capabilities. The programme provides eligible Indigenous applicants with a range of funding products for the acquisition, establishment and/or development of commercially viable small to medium sized enterprises that have demonstrated, or have the potential, to achieve long-term commercial viability.

Subject Business

Closing date Applications accepted anytime

Further information Telephone: 1800 804 754
Email: enterprises@iba.gov.au

Source <http://www.iba.gov.au/ibaenterprises/>

IBA Investments

Description The Investments Programme has a central role in working with the private sector and local Indigenous people to encourage and foster Indigenous economic independence. The Programme invests directly in business opportunities, often through joint venture arrangements with expert industry partners and Indigenous organisations, communities and/or individuals. The objective is to assist Indigenous organisations, communities and/or individuals to participate in business. The Investments Programme is involved in investments throughout Australia in an extensive range of industries that include; Mining and Services, Accommodation, Tourism, Restaurants and Cafes, Transport, Cultural and Recreational Services, Other Services, Insurance, Property, Agriculture and Fishing.

Subject Business

Closing date Applications accepted anytime

Further information Telephone: 1300 662 746
Email: investments@iba.gov.au

Source <http://www.iba.gov.au/ibainvestments/>

Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC)

[Land Acquisition: Cultural Acquisition Program](#)

Description	The objective of this program is to acquire culturally significant land for traditional owners and those with traditional historical and contemporary links over time.
Subject	Land
Closing date	Contact ILC
Further information	Telephone: 1800 818 490 Email: ilcinfo@ilc.gov.au
Source	http://www.ilc.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/CAPguidelines.pdf

[Land Acquisition: Economic Acquisition Program](#)

Description	The objective of this program is to purchase and successfully operate, through arrangements, commercially viable businesses that deliver economic benefits to Indigenous people. These purchases should also deliver significant social and cultural benefits. To generate profits for the equity partners. To grant these lands and the associated ILC purchased business assets to an Indigenous corporation.
Subject	Land
Closing date	Contact ILC
Further information	Telephone: 1800 818 490 Email: ilcinfo@ilc.gov.au
Source	http://www.ilc.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/ECAPguidelines.pdf

[Land Acquisition: Environmental Acquisition Program](#)

Description	The objective of this program is to acquire land to provide environmental benefit to Aboriginal persons and Torres Strait Islanders, where such an acquisition is not the responsibility of another agency and where funding for these aspirations (other than the cost of the land) is guaranteed.
Subject	Land
Closing date	Contact ILC
Further information	Telephone: 1800 818 490 Email: ilcinfo@ilc.gov.au
Source	http://www.ilc.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/EAPguidelines.pdf

[Land Acquisition: Social Acquisition Program](#)

Description	The objective of this program is to further the social aspirations of Indigenous people through the acquisition of land for recreational, health, welfare, educational or diversionary purposes where such an acquisition is not the responsibility of another agency and where funding for these aspirations (other than the cost of the land) is guaranteed.
Subject	Land
Closing date	Contact ILC
Further information	Telephone: 1800 818 490 Email: ilcinfo@ilc.gov.au
Source	http://www.ilc.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/SAPguidelines.pdf

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Land Management Program

Description	The objective of this program is to assist Indigenous people to manage their land in order to obtain cultural, social, environmental and economic benefits from such land by building capacity for self-reliance and supporting enterprises that deliver sustainable benefits.
Subject	Caring for country
Closing date	Contact ILC
Further information	Telephone: 1800 818 490 Email: ilcinfo@ilc.gov.au
Source	http://www.ilc.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/LMguidelines.pdf http://www.ilc.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=51#e64

National Library of Australia

Community Heritage Grants

Description	The Community Heritage Grants (CHG) scheme gives grants of up to \$15,000 to community organisations for the preservation projects and preservation and collection management training through community based workshops.
Subject	Cultural heritage
Closing date	5 June 2009
Further information	Telephone: 02 6262 1147 Email: chg@nla.gov.au
Sources	http://www.nla.gov.au/chg/ http://www.nla.gov.au/chg/apply.html http://www.nla.gov.au/chg/documents/CHG_2008_Guidelines.pdf

Office of Early Childhood Education and Childcare

Long Day Care Capital Funding Program

Description	Long Day Care Capital funding is targeted to eligible Long Day Care services which require an upgrade or expansion of existing facilities and infrastructure in order to better meet the need for child care in the community. The program aims to enable existing Long Day Care services to deliver improved early childhood development and learning programs, a higher quality of care and/or increase access to child care by providing additional long day care places.
Subject	Infrastructure
Closing date	Contact Office of Early Childhood and Childcare
Further information	Ph: 1300 363 079
Sources	http://office.mychild.gov.au/child_care/long_day_care.htm

World Wildlife Fund

Threatened Species Network Community Grants Program

Description	The Grants fund projects that benefit species or ecological communities that are listed as threatened under the <i>Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act</i> (1999). In some cases, species or ecological communities that have been nominated but not yet listed as threatened under the EPBC Act may also be considered for funding. Funding is provided for activities such as: habitat restoration; weeding and feral
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	animal control; monitoring and surveying species populations; fencing and fire management
Subject	Caring for Country
Closing date	To be advised
Further information	TSN Program Officer – Grants Telephone: 02 8202 1233
Source	http://wwf.org.au/ourwork/species/tsngrants/

Further information

[Appendix 1](#) below provides a quick guide to potential funding sources identified above with funding sorted by subject area.

General information about Australian Government Department funding sources, programmes or grants can be accessed via the hyperlinks in Table 2 below.

Table 2 Australian Government Departments program, funding or grants information

Department	Hyperlink to funding, programs or grants
Whole of Government	http://www.grantslink.gov.au/
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	http://www.daff.gov.au/about/grants_and_assistance
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	http://www.dest.gov.au/common_topics/programmes_funding/
Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	http://www.environment.gov.au/index.html
Department of Families, Community Services, Housing & Indigenous Affairs	http://www.facsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/indigenous/nav.htm

The National Native Title Tribunal has also published a [Guide to Australian Government Funding Sources](#) (PDF format) which provides information about funding and assistance available from Australian Government departments and their agencies for initiatives which may be relevant to native title holders.

Training

Given the breadth of issues that native title holders are called on to deal with training initiatives relating to decision-making and dispute management, communication, governance and business management as well as land and resource management may be useful to RNTBCs.

The Native Title Research Unit's [Indigenous Facilitation and Mediation Project](#) (IFaMP) has published a Training Resource Guide for native title representative bodies identifying training in these areas. This resource provides an overview of training providers and pathways and addresses many of the training needs likely to be required by RNTBCs. In addition this resource highlights the potential for **Registered Training Organisations** to provide **customised courses** to meet client requirements, providing an opportunity for RNTBCs to have their specific training needs addressed. Refer to the IFaMP website for copies of the Training Resource Guide ([Download Part 1 - PDF 818kb](#) & [Download Part 2 – PDF 889kb](#)). The IFaMP Training Resource Guide includes contact details for State and Territory Training Authorities providing a starting point for investigating training, funding and training providers in particular regions. These details are provided in the relevant State and Territory RNTBC Toolkits.

The [Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations](#) (ORIC) currently provides a range of training and information sessions for parties establishing a corporation, see [ORIC training and information sessions](#) on the ORIC website for further information or contact ORIC on their toll free telephone number 1800 622 431.

The [National Native Title Tribunal](#) (NNTT) may be able to provide information and assistance relevant to RNTBCs on request, see [Guidelines for providing assistance](#) on the NNTT website for further information or contact the NNTT on 1800 640 501.

The [Indigenous Land Corporation](#) also provides assistance for [group based planning, enterprise development](#) and [regional development](#) refer to the ILC website for further details or contact the ILC on 1800 818 490.

Networks

Native title holders, through RNTBCs, may seek to establish relationships with a range of organisations with expertise in particular areas relevant to the exercise of native title rights and interests including: business development, caring for country, cultural heritage and land.

The following table provides information about Australian Government departments, agencies and programs and other national or multi-jurisdictional organisations that may be able to provide assistance, advice, information or resources to native title holders. Some of these organisations are actively involved in research projects that may be of interest to or could involve RNTBCs.

Table 3: Organisations & Programs relevant to RNTBCs

Agreements, Treaties & Negotiated Settlements Project

Description	The Agreements, Treaties and Negotiated Settlements (ATNS) project is an ARC Linkage project examining treaty and agreement-making with Indigenous Australians and the nature of the cultural, social and legal rights encompassed by past, present and potential agreements and treaties. The project also examines the process of implementation and the wider factors that promote long term sustainability of agreement outcomes.
Subject	Research
Further information	Telephone: 03 83449160
Source	http://www.atns.net.au/default.asp

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

Description	The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) is the world's premier institution for information and research about the cultures and lifestyles of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Institute undertakes and encourages scholarly, ethical community-based research, holds a priceless collection of films, photographs, video and audio recordings and the world's largest collections of printed and other resource materials for Indigenous Studies, and operates Aboriginal Studies Press.
Subject	Research
Further information	Telephone: 02 6246 1111
Source	http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/about_us

Audiovisual Archives

Description	The AIATSIS Audiovisual Archive holds a collection of moving image, recorded sound and photographic materials relating to Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories. The majority of the items held in the Audiovisual Archive represent the primary results of field research funded by the AIATSIS Research Grants Program as well as historical and contemporary items which have been deposited by individuals, families or organisations for safe-keeping and
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appropriate access.

Subject Cultural heritage

Further information Telephone: (02) 6261 4212
Email: audiovisual@aiatsis.gov.au

Source http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/audiovisual_archives

Library

Description The AIATSIS Library holds a collection of print materials on Australian Indigenous studies. The Library has adopted the [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Protocols for Libraries, Archives and Information Services](#). The Library holds print materials in all formats including: manuscript materials, serials, language materials, books, rare books, and the records of organisations, art catalogues, newspapers and newspaper clippings, maps, posters and kits, microforms and CD ROMS. [Mura® \(the AIATSIS online catalogue\)](#) includes bibliographic details of all Library materials.

Subject Cultural heritage

Further information Telephone: (02) 2 6246 1182
Email: library@aiatsis.gov.au

Source <http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/library>

Native Title Research Unit

Description The Native Title Research Unit (NTRU) provides high quality independent research and policy advice in order to promote the recognition and protection of the native title of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. We facilitate access to the Institute's records, materials and collections and publish the results of our research both as a source of public information and academic publication.

Subject Research

Further information Telephone: 6246 1161
Email: ntru@aiatsis.gov.au

Source http://ntru.aiatsis.gov.au/other/about_ntru.html

Research Program

Description The Institute's Research Program undertakes high-quality, multi-disciplinary research in the field of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies. Its wide-ranging program includes work on: Indigenous social health, regional organisation and governance, intellectual property, Indigenous natural resource management, family and community histories, linguistics, archaeology and cultural tourism, Indigenous arts, cultural heritage management, native title matters.

Subject Research

Further information Telephone: (02) 6246 1111
Email: research@aiatsis.gov.au

Source http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/research_program

Attorney-General's Department

Native Title Unit

Description The Native Title Unit is responsible for the formulation and provision of legal and legal policy advice to the Government on native title and for assisting the Attorney-General in the administration of the *Native Title Act 1993* (except those parts of the Native Title Act administered by the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs).

Subject Native title

Further information Telephone: (02) 6250 5512

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Email: native.title@ag.gov.au

Source http://www.ag.gov.au/www/agd/agd.nsf/Page/OrganisationalStructure_CivilJusticeandLegalServicesGroup_TerritoriesandNativeTitleDivision_NativeTitleUnit_NativeTitleUnit

Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations

Indigenous Economic Development Strategy

Description The Indigenous Economic Development Strategy builds on the Indigenous Employment Policy and recognises the particular disadvantage experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the labour market and that special measures are required to achieve improved outcomes.

Subject Business

Further information Telephone: 1300 363 264

Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA)

Caring for our Country Facilitators Network

Description Caring for our Country facilitators are fully funded and directly employed by the Australian Government. They are located in each state and territory. The primary purpose of the Caring for our Country facilitators is to help a wide range of stakeholders to gain a good understanding of how to engage with and participate in Caring for our Country initiatives. For a list of contacts, visit <http://www.nrm.gov.au/contacts/ausgovt.html> .

Subject Caring for country

Further information Telephone: (02) 6274 1111
Email: [via](#) website

Source <http://www.nrm.gov.au/do/facilitator.html>
<http://www.nrm.gov.au/contacts/ausgovt.html>

Indigenous Protected Areas Programme

Description The Indigenous Protected Areas Programme is part of the [National Reserve System](#) which aims to establish a network of protected areas which includes a representative sample of all types of ecosystems across the country. Through this program, Indigenous landowners are being supported to manage their lands for the protection of natural and cultural features in accordance with internationally recognised standards and guidelines for the benefit of all Australians.

Subject Caring for country

Further information Telephone: (02) 6274 1111

Source <http://www.deh.gov.au/indigenous/ipa/index.html>

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Indigenous Coordination Centres

Description Indigenous Coordination Centres (ICCs) operate in 30 locations around Australia. They look after most of the Australian Government's Indigenous programs and negotiate [Shared Responsibility Agreements](#) with local Indigenous people and communities.

Subject Government

Further information Telephone: 1800 079 098

Source <http://www.indigenous.gov.au/icc/default.html>

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Desert Knowledge CRC

Description The Desert Knowledge CRC is a research and brokerage institution that links researchers with 27 partners. The Desert Knowledge CRC focuses these research efforts on creating useful outcomes with commercial application for desert people, communities and DKCRC partners.

Subject Research

Further information Telephone: (08) 8959 6000
Email: info@desertknowledgecrc.com.au

Source <http://www.desertknowledge.com.au/dka/index.cfm?attributes.fuseaction=aboutus>

Greening Australia

Description Greening Australia works in partnership with landholders, the community, government and business to tackle environmental degradation in a practical, apolitical, scientific way.

Subject Caring for country

Further information Telephone: (02) 6281 8585
Email: general@greeningaustralia.org.au

Source <http://www.greeningaustralia.org.au/>

Indigenous Business Australia

Description Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) creates opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and communities to build assets and wealth.

Subject Business

Further information Telephone: 02 6121 2700

Source <http://www.iba.gov.au/>

Indigenous Land Corporation

Description The ILC assists Indigenous Australians acquire land and manage Indigenous-held land in a sustainable way to provide cultural, social, economic or environmental benefits for themselves and future generations.

Subject Land

Further information Telephone: 1800 818 490
Email: ilcinfo@ilc.gov.au.

Source <http://www.ilc.gov.au/site/page.cfm>

National Native Title Tribunal

Description The National Native Title Tribunal works with people to develop an understanding of native title and reach enduring native title and related outcomes that recognise everyone's rights and interests in land and waters. The Tribunal is an Australian Commonwealth Government agency set up under the [Native Title Act 1993](#) (Cwlth). It is part of the [Attorney-General's portfolio](#) and mediates native title claims under the direction of the [Federal Court of Australia](#). On request, the Tribunal assists people in negotiations about proposed developments (future acts), such as mining. The Tribunal also assists people who want to negotiate other sorts of agreements, such as [indigenous land use agreements](#).

Subject Native title

Further information Telephone: 1800 640 501
Email: enquiries@nntt.gov.au

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Source <http://www.nntt.gov.au/About-The-Tribunal/Pages/default.aspx>

[North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance](#)

Description The North Australian Indigenous Land & Sea Management Alliance (NAISMA) is an unincorporated bioregional forum for Indigenous land and sea managers across North Australia. It aims to support practical Indigenous land and sea management using strategic approaches to care for country with an emphasis on practical management by Traditional Owners across the whole of the North. It is a partner agency of the Tropical Savannas CRC and represents the interests of Indigenous land and sea managers across northern Australia to the CRC's Board of Management.

Subject Caring for country

Further Telephone: 08 8946 6702

information joe.morrison@cdu.edu.au

Source http://www.nailsma.org.au/about_nailsma/index.html

[Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations](#)

Description The Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations is an independent statutory office holder who administers the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*. The Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) supports and regulates the corporations that are incorporated under the Act. It does this in a variety of ways, for example, by advising them on how to incorporate, by training board members and key staff in good corporate governance, by making sure they comply with the law and intervening when needed.

Subject Organisational administration

Further Telephone: 1800 622 431

information Email: info@orac.gov.au

Source <http://www.orac.gov.au/>

[Tropical Savannas CRC](#)

Description The aim of the Tropical Savannas CRC is to help ensure that this vast area is healthy and managed to provide long-term benefits (economic, aesthetic, social and cultural) to those who use them and to sustain the biodiversity and habitat endemic to them. The Centre's research into Indigenous issues includes the work of the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance; Indigenous ecological knowledge, and improving cross-cultural engagement through training packages for NRM workers.

Subject Research

Further Email: savanna@cdu.edu.au

information

Source <http://savanna.cdu.edu.au/index.html>

Resources

Legislation & Regulations

Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006

Native Title Act 1993

Native Title (Prescribed Bodies Corporate) Regulations 1999

Organisations

Agreements, Treaties & Negotiated Settlements Project

Attorney-General's Department

- Native Title Unit

Australasian Legal Information Institute (Austlii)

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

- Audiovisual Archives
- Library
- Native Title Research Unit
- Research Program

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

- Caring for our Country Facilitators Network
- Indigenous Protected Areas Programme

Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

- Indigenous Coordination Centres

Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

Desert Knowledge CRC

Greening Australia

Indigenous Business Australia

Indigenous Land Corporation

National Native Title Tribunal

North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance

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Tropical Savannas CRC

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Appendix 1

Table 3: Quick Guide to Potential Funding Sources (sorted by subject)

SUBJECT	NAME OF PROGRAM	CLOSING DATE	CONTACT DETAILS
Admin	Native Title Program	Contact FaHCSIA	Ph: (02) 6121 4000
Business Support	Contemporary Music Touring Program	5 February 2009	Ph: (02) 6274 1111
	Indigenous Small Business Fund	Applications accepted anytime	Ph: 1802 102
	IBA Enterprises	Applications accepted anytime	Ph: 1800 804 754 Email: enterprises@iba.gov.au
	IBA Investments	Applications accepted anytime	Ph: 1300 662 746 Email: investments@iba.gov.au
	Rural Financial Counselling Service	Business Support	Ph: 1800 686 175
	Autralian Business Arts Foundation	Contact ABaF	Ph: (03) 9616 0300 Email: info@abaf.org.au
	Business Ready Program for Indigenous Tourism	Contact AusIndustry	Ph: 13 28 46 Email: hotline@ausindustry.gov.au
	Clean Business Australia	Contact AusIndustry	Ph: 13 28 46 Email: hotline@ausindustry.gov.au
	Helping Hands	Contact FRRR	Web: info@frrr.org.au Ph: 1800 170 020
	Indigenous Capital Assistance Scheme	Contact ICAS	Ph: 1802 102
	National Crafts and Arts Industry Support Program	To be announced	Ph: (02) 6274 1111
Caring for Country	Australian National Comission for UNESCO Grant Scheme	Contact DFAT	Ph: (02) 6261 2333
	Helping Hands	Contact FRRR	Web: info@frrr.org.au Ph: 1800 170 020
	Seeds of Renewal	Contact FRRR	Web: info@frrr.org.au Ph: 1800 170 020
	Land Management Program	Contact ILC	Ph: 1800 818 490 Email: ilcinfo@ilc.gov.au
	Bushfire Mitigation Program	To be announced	Contact the Lead Agency in your state or territory
	Natural Disaster Mitigation Program	To be announced	Contact the Lead Agency in your state or territory
	Threatened Species Network Community Grants Program	To be announced	Ph:02 8202 1233

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	Caring for our Country	To be announced	Ph: 1800 552 008
Community Support	Community Broadcasting Foundation	Contact CBF	Ph: (03) 9419 8055
	National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program	19 December 2008 and February 2009	Ph: 1800 020 103
	Expansion of Playgroups for Indigenous Families	Contact FaHCSIA	Ph: 1800 752 478
Cultural Heritage	Commemoration of Historic Events and Famous Persons Program	12 December 2008	Ph: (02) 6274 1111
	Playing Australia	15 December 2008	Ph: 1800 819 461 Email: playing.australia@environment.gov.au Contact your nearest ICC
	Indigenous Culture Support Program	1 February 2009	Contact your nearest ICC
	Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records	1 February 2009	Contact your nearest ICC
	Contemporary Music Touring Program	5 February 2009	Ph: (02) 6274 1111
	Community Heritage Grants	5 June 2009	Ph: 02 6262 1147 Email: chg@nla.gov.au
	Festivals Australia	15 February and 15 July 2009	Ph: 1800 819 461
	Australian Business Arts Foundation	Contact ABaF	Ph: (03) 9616 0300 Email: info@abaf.org.au
	Indigenous Heritage Program	Contact DEWHA	Ph: 1800 079 098 Contact your nearest ICC
	Regional Arts Funding (RAF)	Contact RAF	Contact your nearest ICC
	Visions of Australia	Contact RAF	Ph: (02) 6275 9517 Email: visions.australia@environment.gov.au
	Indigenous Broadcasting Program	To be announced	Contact your nearest ICC
	Indigenous Heritage Programme	To be announced	Ph: 1800 982 280 Email: heritagegrants@environment.gov.au Contact your nearest ICC

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	National Crafts and Arts Industry Support Program	To be announced	Ph: (02) 6274 1111
Infrastructure	National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program	19 December 2008 and February 2009	Ph: 1800 020 103
	Small Grants for Small Rural Communities Program	31 March and 30 September 2009	Web: info@frrr.org.au Ph: 1800 170 020
	Solar Homes and Communities Plan	Contact DEWHA	Contact DEWHA
	Caring for Ageing in Rural Australia	Contact FRRR	Web: info@frrr.org.au Ph: 1800 170 020
	Helping Hands	Contact FRRR	Web: info@frrr.org.au Ph: 1800 170 020
	Seeds of Renewal	Contact FRRR	Web: info@frrr.org.au Ph: 1800 170 020
	Long Day Care Capital Funding Program	Contact Office of Early Childhood and Childcare	Ph: 1300 363 079
	Bushfire Mitigation Program	To be announced	Contact the Lead Agency in your state or territory
	Natural Disaster Mitigation Program	To be announced	Contact the Lead Agency in your state or territory
		Green Building Fund	Contact AusIndustry
	LPG Vehicle Scheme	Contact AusIndustry	Ph: 13 28 46 Email: hotline@ausindustry.gov.au
Land	Land Acquisition: Cultural Acquisition Program	Contact ILC	Ph: 1800 818 490 Email: ilcinfo@ilc.gov.au
	Land Acquisition: Economic Acquisition Program	Contact ILC	Ph: 1800 818 490 Email: ilcinfo@ilc.gov.au
	Land Acquisition: Environmental Acquisition Program	Contact ILC	Ph: 1800 818 490 Email: ilcinfo@ilc.gov.au
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Research Funding	Australian Development Research Awards	Contact AusAID	Email: research@ausaid.gov.au
Tele-communication	Backing Indigenous Ability	To be announced	Freecall: 1800 355 014 Ph: (02) 6271 1000 Fax: (02) 6271 1886 Email: bia@dbcde.gov.au

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	Satellite Phone Subsidy Scheme	To be announced	Freecall: 1800 674 058
Tourism	Business Ready Program for Indigenous Tourism	Contact AusIndustry	Ph: 13 28 46 Email: hotline@ausindustry.gov.au
	Australian Tourism Development Program	To be announced	Ph: 13 28 46 Email: hotline@ausindustry.gov.au