

THE CAROLYN VINCENT UBUNTU FOUNDATION COMMUNITY INNOVATION GRANTS



Seed funding of up to \$5,000 for community-led initiatives delivering practical solutions to:

- reduce isolation and loneliness and;
- increase social connection and wellbeing.

How Applications Will Be Assessed:

- Community need – A clear local need and relevance to the community
- Connection and wellbeing – How the project increases social connection, reduces isolation or supports wellbeing
- Community-led approach – Evidence the project is locally driven and inclusive
- Positive impact – Clear benefits for participants and the wider community
- Feasibility – A realistic plan that can be delivered within the timeframe and budget

Visit www.ruralhealthresearchfoundation.com.au to access the online application form
Please email if you have any questions: cassandra@ruralhealthresearchfoundation.com.au

Important Dates

Fund Opens on 2nd March 2026 and closes
5pm on 20th March 2026
Applicants advised 30th March 2026



Grant Guidelines at a glance

Key Dates Fund opens: 9am 2nd March 2026

Applications close: 5pm 20th March 2026

Applicants notified: by 30 March 2026

Funding Available Grants of up to \$5,000

Funding must be spent within 12 months of receipt

Who Can Apply?

Eligible applicants must be:

- An incorporated not-for-profit organisation, or
- A not-for-profit organisation with other legal status, or
- A community group with an eligible auspice organisation

Applicants must be located in the Mid North Coast NSW, Northern NSW or Regional South Queensland.

What Can Funding Be Used For?

Projects that support health, wellbeing and community connection, including:

- Building social connection and belonging
- Reducing isolation and loneliness
- Supporting social and emotional wellbeing
- Improving equity, access and inclusion

Additional Requirements

- Based in, or delivering services to, eligible regional locations

Appropriate policies and procedures (including Working with Children requirements, where relevant)

- Appropriate insurance held by the applicant

What Cannot Be Funded

- Activities that do not benefit community health, wellbeing or connection
- Business-as-usual operating costs (including ongoing salaries)
- Projects benefiting individuals rather than the wider community
- Private or commercial business activities
- Core business of Federal, State or Local Government