



THE CAROLYN VINCENT UBUNTU FOUNDATION COMMUNITY INNOVATION GRANTS



Seed funding of up to \$5,000 for community-led initiatives delivering practical solutions to improve the health and wellbeing of men in regional communities.

Projects could:

- Improve physical, mental, social or emotional health and wellbeing
- Support prevention, early intervention and positive help seeking
- Reduce barriers to health information, support and services.

How Applications Will Be Assessed:

- **Community need** A clear local need and strong relevance to the men the project aims to reach.
- **Men's health focus** A clear contribution to better health, wellbeing, prevention or access to support.
- **Community led approach** Evidence the idea is locally driven, practical and shaped by community.
- **Reach and inclusion** A thoughtful approach to engaging men who may face barriers to participation or support.
- **Positive impact** Clear benefits for participants and, where possible, 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 9th November 2026 and
closes 5pm on 4th December 2026
Applicants advised 18th December 2026



Grant Guidelines at a glance

Key Dates Fund opens: 9am 9th November 2026

Applications close: 5pm 4th December 2026

Applicants notified: by 18th December 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 rural, regional or remote communities across Australia.

What Can Funding Be Used For?

- Community based men's health and wellbeing initiatives
- Prevention and early intervention activities
- Health literacy and positive help seeking
- Activities that improve access to health information, support or services
- Initiatives that strengthen connection, belonging and wellbeing where there is a clear men's health outcome
- Locally designed approaches that reach men in practical and trusted setting

We are especially interested in:

- Fresh ideas that meet men where they are
- Projects shaped with the men they aim to support
- Approaches that engage men who may not usually access health or wellbeing services
- Simple ideas with the potential to create meaningful local impact

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