

C15 Community grants, assistance, sponsorship

The Department administers assistance to eligible families and funds grants to a range of organisations which provide support for students and adults. Community sponsorship from local businesses and organisations are used to recognise the efforts of students and ACT schools.

Secondary Bursary Scheme

The Department continued to support students from families of low socio-economic background through the Secondary Bursary Scheme. The bursary, worth \$500 per year per child in years 7 to 10, assists with education expenses and is paid to parents who hold current Healthcare or Pensioner Concession Cards. The bursary is paid in two payments of \$250 each.

In the first half of 2009-10, 618 students received bursary payments. In the period January to May 2010, 746 students received bursary payments. The total payment in 2009-10 was \$341,000, up from \$295,250 in 2008-09.

Non-government centre support

The Department administered grant funding to non-government organisations providing services and programs for children and young people with a disability. The following organisations received funding in the 2009-10 financial year.

The Department of Education and Training and Gungan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation signed a Deed of Agreement for the period 31 July 2009 to 30 June 2010.

Representatives of the Department and the Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services will continue to work with Gungan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation to discuss and develop proposals for future funding.

Table C15.1: Grants to non-government organisations

No.	Recipient	Program	Outcomes	\$Amount
1	Gungahlin Regional Community Service	Warehouse Club	Increased out of school hours educational, social and recreational opportunities for young people with complex needs	40,000

No.	Recipient	Program	Outcomes	\$Amount
2	Marymead Child and Family Centre	Education program	Increased community access, enhanced socialisation, living skills and self-care skills. Participation in work-related activities	62,250
3	Noah's Ark Resource Centre	Out of school hours program for high school students	Opportunities for development of social and independence skills. Homework support and opportunities for physical activity	15,000
4	Noah's Ark Resource Centre	Shooting Stars program	Support to enable children to participate in mainstream programs	96,087
5	Pegasus Riding for the Disabled	Access for children with a disability	Improved posture, balance, mobility for children with a disability and access to therapeutic services using the horse as a tool	78,200
6	Sexual Health and Family Planning ACT	Schools disability program	Increased communication, relationship and decision making skills; enhanced self-image, skills and confidence in the area of sexuality and human relationships	113,218
7	The Shepherd Centre	An early intervention program for children with a hearing impairment	Assist children to develop listening, speech, language and literacy skills. Assisting children to cope in inclusive mainstream education through socialisation, speech and language skills	110,100
Total				514,855

Source: Department of Education and Training, Indigenous Education and Early Years Learning

Table C15.2: Additional funding to Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation

No.	Recipient	Program	Outcomes	\$ Amount
1	Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation	Literacy and numeracy program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people in years 7 to 10	Literacy and numeracy support for targeted students who are at risk of disengaging from formal schooling. Improved self confidence to participate in activities offered at their base school	35,000
2	Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation	Tutorial assistance and academic support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people participating in the literacy and numeracy program. After school assistance for students who remain engaged in school in high schools and colleges	Improved literacy and numeracy outcomes for targeted students in years 5 to 9 Provision of subject specific support for senior students to support successful completion of school to year 12	25,000
Total				60,000

Source: Department of Education and Training, Indigenous Education and Early Years Learning

Adult and community education grants

The ACT Government provides \$250,000 annually from its health and community wellbeing grant funds for Adult and Community Education (ACE) in the ACT. Community education providers, whose programs cover a wide variety of learning needs, apply to the Department for a share of these funds.

The 2008 Ministerial Declaration on ACE provides a national policy framework that supports a collaborative approach to ACE. The Declaration acknowledges ACE as a significant contributor to education and training provision and demonstrates the commitment of Commonwealth, State and Territory Ministers to work collaboratively to maximise positive outcomes from this education sector.

In the ACT, ACE is designed to support quality adult and community-learning opportunities in a range of formal and informal settings, using flexible and learner-centred activities.

C15.3: Adult and community education grant recipients

No	Recipient	Program	Outcomes	\$ Amount
1	Australian Red Cross Society	Mental Health First Aid Training for Adults Helping Adults and Adults Helping Youth in the ACT	Training will allow Red Cross to deliver more Mental Health First Aid training courses to staff and volunteers working in the community sector in the ACT	7,500
2	Caloola Skills Training and Job Placements	Engaging in a Supporting Work Preparation Program	Support for full-time parents and persons with a disability or substance dependence seeking to return to the workforce	14,500
3	Caloola Skills Training and Job Placements	Helping Me Help the Community	Delivers Certificate I in Work Preparation (Community Services) which provides skills and preparation for work and further training/education	5,995
4	Canberra Blind Society	Let Your Senses Lead the Way	Participants develop Braille reading and writing skills specific to their needs	14,500
5	Charity Computers Australia Inc.	People Builders - General Construction	An introductory learning experience in General Construction. The course can lead participants into a Certificate II in General Construction	14,500
6	Charity Computes Australia Inc.	Basic Retail - Communication	Basic Retail (communication) skills specially tailored for people with no previous retail knowledge	12,000
7	Marymead Child and Family Centre	Marymead Family Skills Program	Self-care and self-advocacy training for young mothers	9,925

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8	Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services of the ACT Inc.	The Home Tutor Program	Aims to help migrants and refugees become more confident in the English language	14,500
9	Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services of the ACT Inc.	The English for Living Program	Pronunciation and conversation classes	14,500
10	Music for Everyone	Music for People with Disabilities: Group Activity Classes	Through a range of music activities and experiences, develops skills in physical coordination, concentration, communication, social interaction and self-confidence	14,500
11	Communities@Work Ltd.	Reload Your Future	Training in skills and knowledge needed to be an effective volunteer	14,500
12	Nurturing Nortons	Literacy and Numeracy Tuition and Training Courses	Personal tuition for people with a disability to improve literacy, numeracy and life skills	11,655
13	RSPCA ACT Inc.	The 3Rs of Wildlife - Respect, Rehabilitate and Release	To improve how the community interacts with and cares for native wildlife	10,000
14	Southside Community Services Inc. trading as Optimum Training and Development	Links to Learning: Adult Literacy Program	Literacy and information technology skills to assist students develop new pathways to further education	14,500
15	Southside Community Services Inc trading as Optimum Training and Development	Onwards and Upwards Vocational Literacy Program	Vocationally based literacy and numeracy skills training	14,500
16	Support Asian Women's Friendship Association	Learning Computer Skills in your Own Language	Program aimed at Korean, Chinese and Vietnamese adult learners with limited English	10,000
17	The Radiance Dance Project	Inclusive Drama	Uses drama as a tool to develop and practise positive communication strategies and self-expression	14,500
18	Tuggeranong Community Arts Association	Art Up Community Arts Education Program	Visual arts, music and digital media workshops for adult learners	9,925
19	Vietnam Veterans & Veterans Federation ACT Inc.	Metal Mangles and Dove Tails for Diggers	One on one instruction given to the veterans by retired tradesmen	13,500

No	Recipient	Program	Outcomes	\$ Amount
20	Young Women's Association of Canberra	Mura Interactive Learning Centre	Computer training for residents of the Lanyon Valley	14,500
Total				250,000

Source: Department of Education and Training, Training and Tertiary Education

Community sponsorship

Businesses and organisations provide generous support to ACT public schools and to students through grants and awards sponsorship. Community sponsorship recognises and supports young people's involvement in many areas such as sport, science, community services, career education, vocational learning, culture, volunteerism and the arts. The Department and ACT public schools are involved in a broad spectrum of sponsorship activities with local and national organisations.

The Department's Corporate Sponsorship policy guides an appropriate response to situations where cash or value-in-kind is received in return for providing agreed benefits. The policy is currently undergoing review.

Capital Chemist group

Since 2005, the Capital Chemist group has provided \$20,000 a year to help selected students continue education in college. Each year, two year 10 students from each ACT public high school are chosen for \$500 scholarships, on the basis of aptitude and commitment in either academic endeavor or citizenship.

Country Women's Association

In 2009, the Country Women's Association continued to award grants of \$350 each year to nine students commencing year 12. From both public and non-government schools, these students have shown the aptitude and commitment to complete schooling despite facing particular challenges and hardships.

ACT Refugee Day Committee

In 2009, at the ACT Refugee Day Scholarship Ceremony, \$250 was presented to each of 12 students who had made significant progress while studying at the Department's Introductory English Centres, with similar adult learning awards for students at the Canberra Institute of Technology. The ACT Refugee Day Committee provides the scholarships to worthy students who meet refugee or asylum seeker status, and who are judged to be in most need of financial help.

Paperchain Bookstore (Manuka)

The Paperchain Bookstore continued to support ACT public schools with contributions in 2009. Inaugurated in 2004, the sponsorship aims to support literacy in Act public primary schools through the purchase of books to the value of \$100.

Teachers Credit Union

The Public Education Awards took a heightened profile this year with the Department and the Australian Education Union collaborating in a single awards ceremony. Major sponsorship from Binutti Constructions for the Outstanding Principal award and Project Coordination for the Outstanding Teacher award was supported by general event sponsorship from the Teachers Credit Union. The individual awards prize- money is redeemable through professional development activities.

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