

2014 Grassroots Grants

Organisation	Project	Description	Funded	Location
Inclusion Melbourne	Volunteering in the NDIS Policy Discussion Paper	A policy discussion paper regarding the support of volunteering within the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).	\$10,000	Armadale based (national program)
Down Syndrome Victoria	Helping people with Down syndrome get ready for the NDIS	Three workshops with specialised support and resources for people with Down syndrome and their family's to transition to the NDIS.	\$10,000	Barwon region
UnitingCare lifeAssist	Plan My Future Masterclass	Practical workshops for people with a disability and their families to develop their skills in advocacy, creative thinking, innovation and problem-solving to fully prepare them for their NDIS planning process.	\$10,000	Barwon region
Vision Australia	Vision Australia's Community Access Support Program (CASS)	Volunteer training to support clients who are blind or have low vision to take part in activities and events that are not part of their daily routines.	\$10,000	Barwon region
Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka (M.A.D.E)	Grassroots Democracy - The Campaign for an NDIS	An exhibition at M.A.D.E as well as an online exhibition, public programs and seminars for museum professionals on all abilities access. The activities will tell the story of the human rights campaign for access and equality for Australians with a disability as well as a snapshot of the grassroots campaign and the current situation as the NDIS is implemented.	\$10,000	Ballarat and national
Scope (VIC) Ltd (Golden North Centre)	Golden Art Space	Conversion of a shed into a purpose built arts space for to foster a productive, cooperative and collaborative arts community and network. The art space will also see the development of a microbusiness producing and selling clay pots, glassware and glass jewellery.	\$9700	Bendigo region
Bayley House	Best of Friends Program	A program to empower clients to better manage interpersonal relationships by enabling them to develop the necessary skills to adapt their behaviour.	\$5000	Brighton



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Pines Learning Incorporated	All Abilities - Essential Skills for Work	Expansion of an existing training program to develop employability and independent living skills through hands-on learning with a focus on preparing for further training, paid work and unpaid work.	\$10,000	Doncaster East
Murray Human Services (MHS) Inc.	Let's be Ready!	Public forums, information sessions and workforce seminars to provide practical and relevant information on the changes in direction and expectations the NDIS brings.	\$10,000	Echuca region and Swan Hill region
Cerebral Palsy Education Centre	AAC Device Mounting Clinic	Clinics to assist with mounting Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) systems for people at the Cerebral Palsy Education Centre who use mobility and positioning equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers and standing frames.	\$9800	Glen Waverley
Stay Residential Services Association Incorporated	Cooking up a healthy lifestyle	Kitchen fit out, volunteer program guides, volunteer recruitment and a healthy recipe cookbook to teach clients how to prepare healthy meals and snacks.	\$10,000	Hamilton
Austin Medical Research Foundation (and GriefLine)	Conversations of the Heart	Free Telephone Counselling Service for couples impacted by chronic heart failure.	\$10,000	Heidelberg based (national service)
RM Begg Kyneton Aged Care Inc	Make, Grow, Care	Enhanced activities for residents in the dementia unit and other residents to encourage gardening and household tasks as well as therapeutic resources with music, videos and a therapy doll.	\$6580	Kyneton
Travellers Aid Australia	Volunteer Workforce Implementation	A volunteer drive to recruit 20 new volunteers and provide training in customer service, first aid, safety and train track awareness as well as a buggy licence and ongoing support, mentoring and coordination.	\$10,000	Melbourne (Flinders Street Station and Southern Cross Station)
Brite Services	Transition to NDIS	One-on-one and workshop activities to support individuals, their family/carers, advocates and Brite Services support providers as they help people plan and apply for Individual Support Packages with the NDIS.	\$10,000	Northern (Broadmeadows to Northcote)

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Prahran Mission	Pilot Education Recovery College	A pilot program for a new service delivery model to allow people with mental health distress to re-engage with the community and focus on educational opportunities, paid positions and healthy relationships with family and friends.	\$10,000	Prahran
St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne	Thinking Skills for Work	A cognitive remediation program for people with a severe mental illness who have encountered long term unemployment and are currently employed in Clean Force and Prahran Mission services. It is hoped the participants will see improved job satisfaction, job performance and the number of hours worked/wages earned.	\$10,000	Prahran Mission and at various Clean Force services around metropolitan Melbourne
Lighthouse Foundation	Lighthouse Cares	A training program, manual and workbooks to reduce distress and burnout in carers.	\$10,000	Richmond initially (then Victoria)
The Jack Brockhoff Child and Wellbeing Program at the University of Melbourne	Mental health promotion program for parents and carers of children with cerebral palsy	Initial research activities to foster a greater understanding of the mental health needs of parents and carers of children with cerebral palsy.	\$10,000	Victoria
Doutta Galla Aged Services	Doutta Galla Yarraville Village Community Sensory Garden	A therapeutic sensory garden for residents.	\$8950	Yarraville
MacKillop Family Services	Chick Chat	A program for teenage girls with an intellectual disability to discuss issues relating to gender, health, emotional wellbeing and personal safety.	\$10,000	Yarraville (and inner north/west)
Wintringham	Christmas gift calendars	1000 calendars for Wintringham clients who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The calendars feature art created by Wintringham's elderly homeless clients and include important information for social inclusion, financial awareness, independence and health.	\$5000	Melbourne (Yarraville for Christmas function)