

Setting up a New U3A - Funding Sources

There are a number of opportunities for not-for-profit entities to obtain funding in the form of grants for equipment or events at local, State, and Federal level. The conditions attached to each type of grant may vary, so intending applicant U3As should examine the Fund's requirement against their needs.

Of course, it is very important that a fair membership fee be calculated to suit the needs of your U3A. This will most likely be your main source of revenue and it is important to arrive at a figure that will keep your U3A solvent whilst appearing to be a reasonable amount for your members to pay.

Local. Contact your Regional Council's Community Grants Program. Most Regional Councils have a Grants Officer to assist with applications.

State. A fund that you may find useful is the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. You can access information about this scheme on the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing web site and [at this location](#).

Federal. Volunteer Grants Program. Each year, the Australian Government invites organisations via a restricted non-competitive process to apply for a Volunteer Grant under the Families and Communities Program – Volunteer Grants Activity. Details of the process of application and criteria [may be viewed here](#).

Additional information. You may find more information through [GrantsLink here](#).