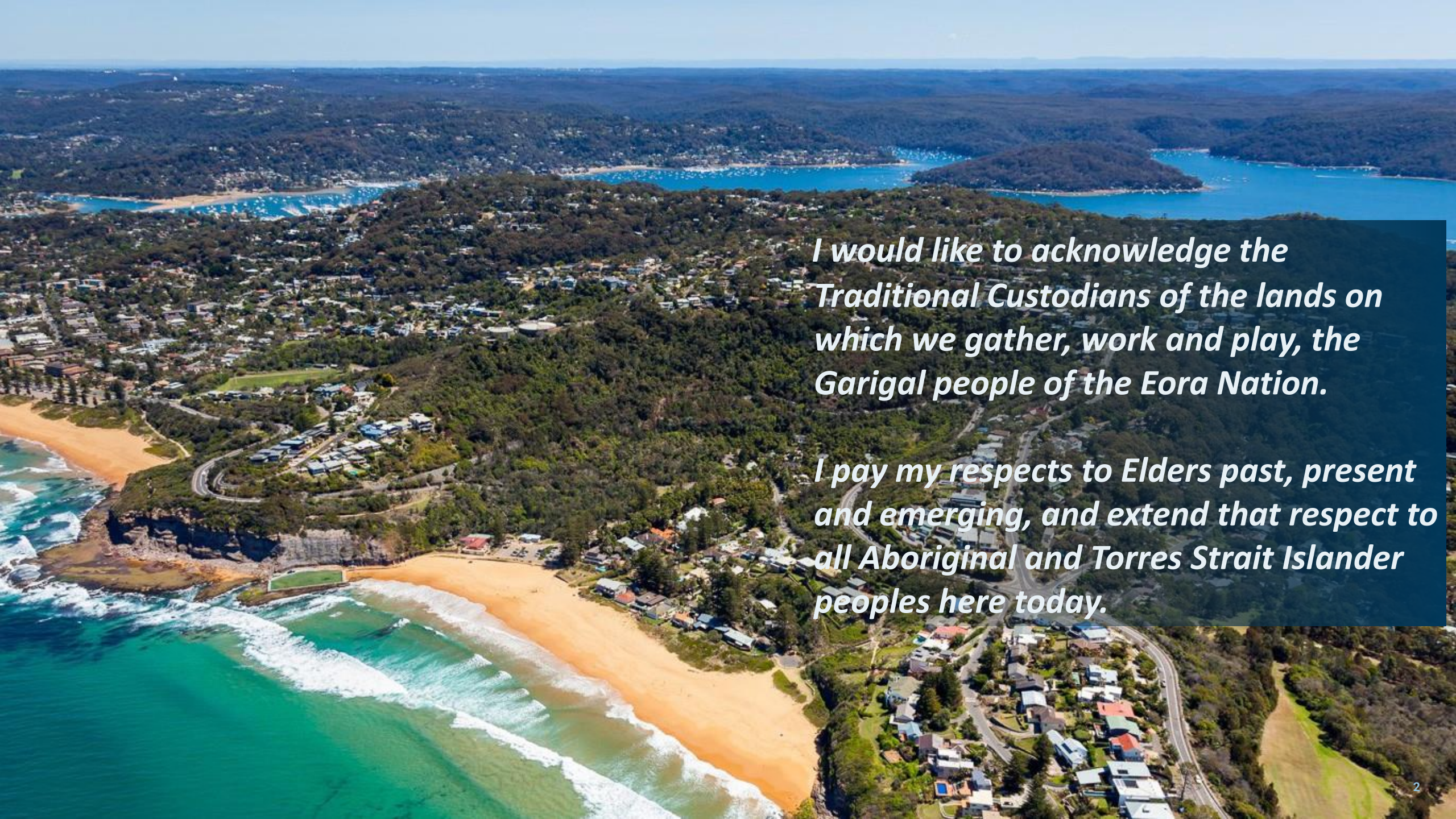




2026 Federal Volunteer Grants Zoom Briefing

25 February 2026

Dr Sophie Scamps MP / Federal Member of Mackellar

An aerial photograph of a coastal town. In the foreground, a large, crescent-shaped beach with golden sand meets the ocean. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, with white waves breaking onto the shore. The town is built on a hillside, with numerous houses and buildings scattered across the greenery. In the background, a large bay or inlet is visible, with a sandy beach and a cluster of buildings. The sky is clear and blue.

*I would like to acknowledge the
Traditional Custodians of the lands on
which we gather, work and play, the
Garigal people of the Eora Nation.*

*I pay my respects to Elders past, present
and emerging, and extend that respect to
all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
peoples here today.*

Have you applied for a Volunteer Grant before?

- We would love to hear from you:
 - Is there anything you would like us to do differently?
 - What other support or information would help you?
 - Issues experienced in the application process?
- Please pop comments in the chat or email volunteergrants@sophiescamps.com.au

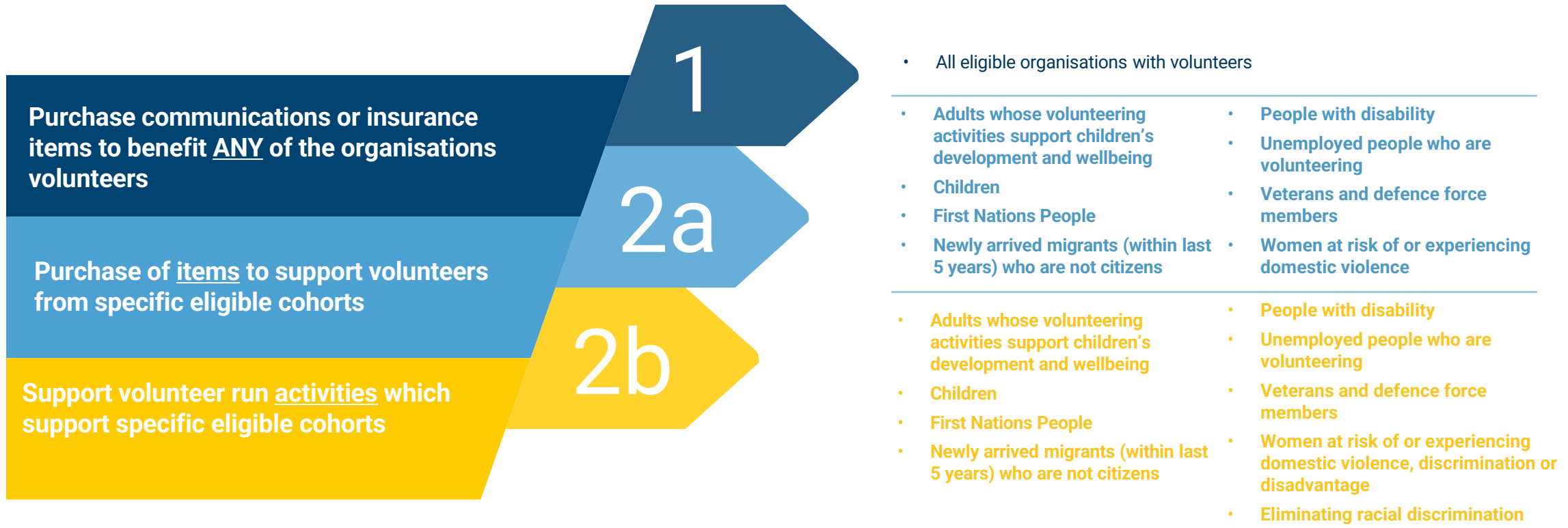
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- 2026 Federal Volunteer Grants - Overview
- Application and selection process with key dates
- Next steps
- Questions

2026 Federal Volunteer Grants - Overview

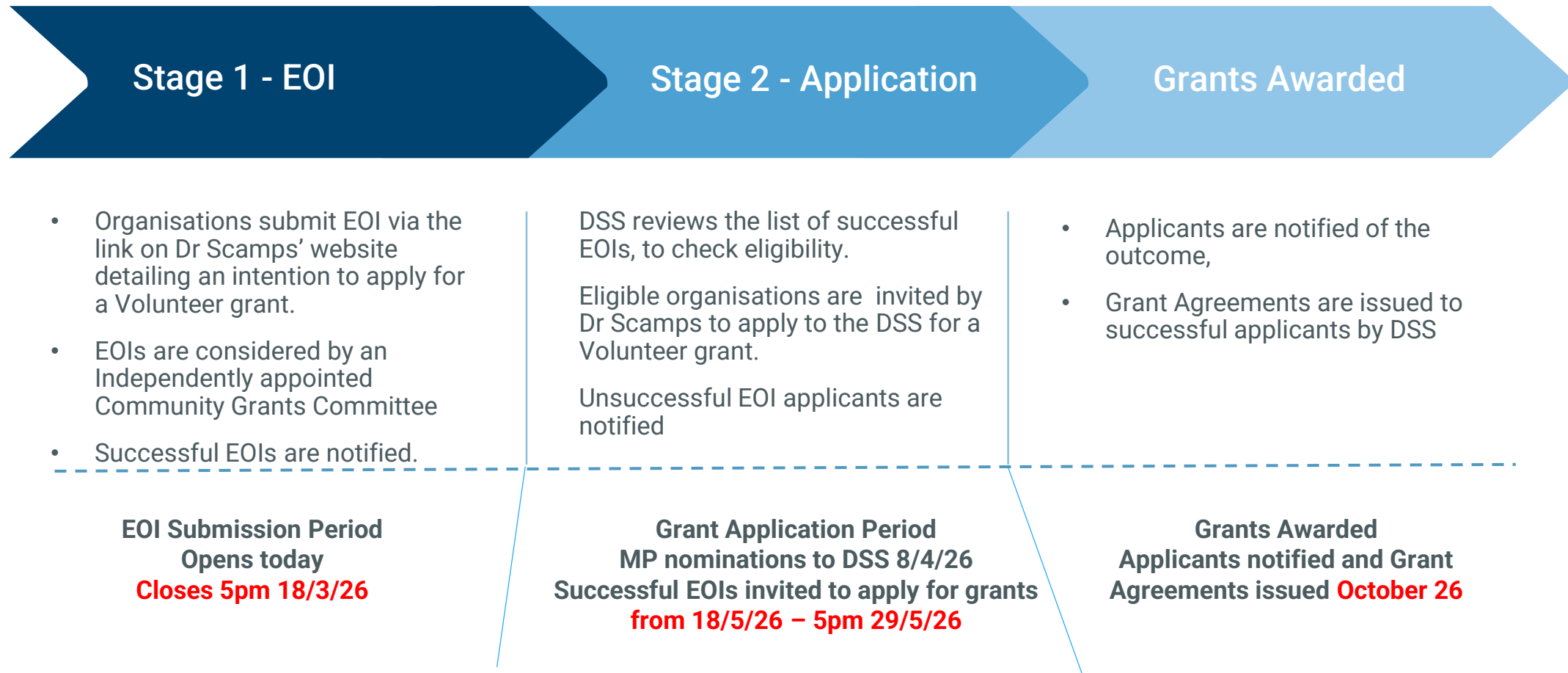
- Grant program run through the Department of Social Services (DSS)
- Up to a total of \$66,665 (gst exclusive) for Mackellar organisations
- To help not for profit community organisations to support the efforts of Australia's volunteers
- Individual grants between \$1,000 and \$5,000 (gst exclusive)
- To apply organisation must be:
 - ✓ Not for profit
 - ✓ Minimum 40% volunteers
 - ✓ ABN or be able to supply a Statement by Supplier form
 - ✓ Have an account with an Australian financial institution
- Also route for committees to nominate a non-legal entity
- Grants to purchase items that directly benefit the work of volunteers or participation in volunteer-run activities that benefit specific eligible cohorts

2026 Federal Volunteer Grants – 3 Grant Categories



See Grant Guidelines for full details of eligibility criteria and eligible spend www.sophiescamps.com.au/2026_volunteer_grants or www.grants.gov.au

2026 Federal Volunteer Grants - 2 Stage Selection Process and Key Dates



2026 Federal Volunteer Grants - How to Apply & Next Steps

- Check your eligibility in the [Grant Opportunity Guidelines](#)
- If you are eligible:
 - ✓ Check sections 2, 5 and Appendix A of the Grant Guidelines for examples of eligible expenditure.
 - ✓ Submit an EOI using the Survey Monkey link on [Dr Sophie Scamps website](#) **by 5pm 18 March 2026**
- [Information on this grant can be viewed and downloaded at https://www.sophiescamps.com.au/2026_volunteer_grants](https://www.sophiescamps.com.au/2026_volunteer_grants)

For questions or help and support with EOI submissions

Email: volunteergrants@sophiescamps.com.au

Call Mackellar Electorate Office : 02 9913 9566

Website: www.sophiescamps.com.au/grants



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ALL EOIs Must be received by Dr Scamps by 5pm on 18 March 2026

