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auDA Foundation 2023 grant round opens: \$600,000 for digital innovation and inclusion projects

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The auDA Foundation is pleased to open its 2023 community grant round. A total of \$600,000 in funding will support 15 new education, research and community-based projects that enhance the utility of the internet.

As part of auDA's Public Benefit Program, the 2023 community grant round will offer grants of \$40,000 for projects that enhance digital inclusion and digital innovation for one of the following groups:

1. Rural, regional and remote Australians
2. Australians living with disability
3. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
4. Older Australians (65 years+)
5. Young Australians (12-24 years).

Since 2006, the auDA Foundation has distributed grant contributions of more than \$4 million, supporting over 150 projects. In 2022, these included a research project to improve healthcare in Aboriginal communities, development of online resources for rural, regional, remote and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary school students, and a telehealth home monitoring trial to help preserve vision for glaucoma patients.

auDA Public Benefit Program Committee Chair Sandra Davey said "It makes all of us at auDA really happy to launch this year's Foundation grant round which will support community-led improvements to the internet for Australians. Projects supported by the Foundation make a meaningful, positive impact to Australia and we're looking forward to receiving this year's applications."

auDA CEO Rosemary Sinclair AM said: "auDA is proud to continue to support the auDA Foundation. Its community grant program delivers economic and social value for the community by delivering innovations in how Australians access and use the internet."

Applications for the 2023 community grant round are now open and close at 11.59pm AEST Monday 2 October 2023.

To learn more and to apply go to www.audafoundation.org.au.



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About the auDA Foundation:

The [auDA Foundation](#) is a charitable trust established by auDA. It has distributed more than \$4 million over almost 20 years to educational and research activities that enhance the utility of the internet for the benefit of Australians. These include research into digital literacy, funding for digital inclusion, telehealth projects and internet access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. [A list of recent grant recipients can be found on the auDA Foundation website.](#)

About auDA:

.au Domain Administration Limited (auDA) is the trusted administrator of the .au domain name system (DNS), which is Australian critical infrastructure, supporting more than 4 million .au domain names. auDA is a not-for-profit, endorsed by the Australian Government to innovate and invest in the Australian internet ecosystem to improve the utility of the .au domain for all Australians. Through its steady stewardship of the .au domain and support of multi-stakeholder internet governance, auDA strives to ensure the internet remains open, free, secure and global.

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