Media Release

Applications open for auDA's 2025 Community Grant Program

1 August 2025

auDA has today opened applications for its 2025 Community Grant Program.

auDA's Community Grant Program supports community-led education and research activities that will enhance the benefits of the internet for Australians through digital inclusion and innovation.

This year auDA has increased grant funding to $50,000 per project, from $40,000, and will award $750,000 across 15 projects. Eligible projects must benefit one or more of five community groups:

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

Applications are open to not-for-profit organisations and research institutions registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission (ACNC) and auDA welcomes projects that have a broader positive impact on environmental sustainability.

auDA Public Benefit Program Committee Chair Sandra Davey said, "auDA's Community Grant Program has provided $5.1 million in funding over 185 projects since 2006, positively impacting digital inclusion and innovation across Australia. We're really looking forward, again, to receiving applications for the next round of projects that will help Australians access the benefits of the internet."

auDA CEO Dr Bruce Tonkin said, "At auDA, we seek to positively impact our ecosystem and work to benefit all Australians. Through auDA's Community Grant Project, we support community-led projects that help under-served communities gain greater value from the internet. This year we've increased the grant amount to $50,000, which will be awarded to 15 new projects to support them in making a positive impact for Australians."

The [Community Grant Program Guidelines](#) are available on the auDA website. Applications close on 1 September 2025.

The Community Grant Program has distributed more than $5.1 million, supporting over 185 projects, since 2006.

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Note to media:

2025 Community Grant Program

- Submissions opened on **1 August** and close **at 5pm on 1 September 2025 AEST**
- Read the Community Grant Program Guidelines and FAQS

The auDA Community Grant Program is an initiative under auDA's Public Benefit Program. It is delivered by auDA and funded by the auDA Foundation, a charitable trust established by auDA. auDA's Public Benefit Program aims to unlock the social and economic value of the internet for Australians and also includes the Research and Development Program, which funds large-scale, multi-year projects, and auDA Churchill Fellowships, which supports individuals to learn about a topic in the digital and internet landscape that will benefit the community.

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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, community-based organisation, 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 internet governance through multi-stakeholder decision making, auDA strives to ensure the internet remains open, free, secure and interoperable.

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