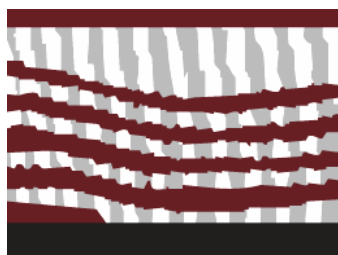


Northern Territory Toolkit of Assistance Available for Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate

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INTRODUCTION

This document provides information pertaining to financial and human resource assistance available for prescribed bodies corporate (PBCs) and registered native title bodies corporate (RNTBCs) in the Northern Territory.¹ It is designed to be used primarily as an on-line resource.

It contains the following information sourced at a state level that may be of interest for PBCs and RNTBCs:

1. Grants Government and Non-Governmental Organisation grants
2. Training information
3. Grant Writing Assistance
4. Other Assistance

Further information on RNTBCs can be found at:

AIATSIS Native Title Resource Unit: [Prescribed Bodies Corporate Page](#)

AIATSIS Native Title Resource Unit: [Native Title Resource Guide](#)

This document does not include Federal Australian Government or other nationally available sources of funding. For national funding refer to the [Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate National Toolkit](#). The two documents are intended to be read together.

¹ The term prescribed body corporate (PBC) derives from Part 2 Division 6 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, which provides that a prescribed body corporate must be determined to manage native title rights and interests. The Native Title (Prescribed Bodies Corporate) Regulations 1999 prescribe the form or types of bodies that may be nominated when a determination recognising native title has been made. The term Registered Native Title Body Corporate (RNTBC) derives from the *Native Title Act 1993* (NTA) and describes the organisation that is determined by the Court and entered on the National Native Title Register. Under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* an RNTBC will be required to have the words 'registered native title body corporate' or the abbreviation 'RNTBC' as part of its name. For the purpose of this document from this point forward the abbreviation RNTBCs will be used to refer to Prescribed Bodies Corporate and Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate.

1. FUNDING

This section provides an overview of funding assistance available for PBCs. It details:

- 1.1 Searching for Northern Territory Government and Local Council Funding
- 1.2 Relevant funding and grants for PBCs

1.1 Searching for Northern Territory Funding

Table 1 provides a list of useful search engines for RNTBCs to use when searching for funding in the Northern Territory.

Table 1: Searching for Northern Territory Government and Local Council Funding

	Name
NT Government Search Engines	Northern Territory Department: Grants
	Department of Natural Resources, Environment, Arts and Sport - Current grants (PDF)
Grant list for NT Departments	Department of Education and Training
	Department of Natural Resources, Environment, Arts and Sport
	Department of Natural Resources, Environment, Arts and Sport – other relevant grants
NT Councils	Alice Springs
Federal Government Search Engines with state-specific search capabilities	Parliamentary Library: A Guide to Community Grants
	FahCSIA list of funding for community projects

1.2 Relevant funding and grants for RNTBCs

Table 2 provides a list of Northern Territory Government and Non-Government funding sources for activities related to the exercise of native title rights and interests. In instances where the closing date for current funding applications has already passed, users of this toolkit are advised to contact the relevant organisations.

The funding opportunities of greatest relevance to RNTBCs are listed first in Table 2 below. Funding opportunities have also been ordered according to the following themes

- Indigenous
- Arts
- Cultural Heritage
- Community Support
- Multicultural
- Tourism
- History
- Environment

Table 2: Funding assistance for RNTBCs

Subject	Program	Project Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
Community Support	Community Benefits Grants	Grants up to \$5,000 are available for non-profit organisations in the provision of services that benefit the community.	Department of Justice	31 August 2010	(08) 8935 7432 OR cbf.doj@nt.gov.au
	Major Community Grants Program	Grants are available to non-profit Territory based organisations to help them provide services that benefit the community. The maximum grant available for each project is \$200,000 per annum.	Department of Justice	Currently closed – possibly open in 2011	(08) 8935 7432 OR cbf.doj@nt.gov.au
	Small Grants For Small Rural Communities	Not-for-profit Organisations can apply for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities living in small rural and remote locations, by contributing to community welfare, education or culture.	Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal	2 funding rounds: close 29 March 2010 and 30 September, 2010.	1800 170 020 or email info@frrr.org.au
	Community Assistance Grants	Intended to support local projects which demonstrate broad-based benefit to residents of Alice Springs. Max. \$1500.	Alice Springs Town Council	Opens 13 August 2010, closes 13 September 2010	(08) 8950 0500 OR astc@astc.nt.gov.au
	Community Computers	Alice Springs Town Council has a	Alice Springs Town Council	Currently closed.	(08) 8950 0500 OR

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Subject	Program	Project Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
	Program	program where surplus or superseded computing equipment is donated to community organisations.		Contact for next round of funding	astc@astc.nt.gov.au
	Community Development Grants	To encourage and support the Community Development of Alice Springs. Max. \$5,000.	Alice Springs Town Council	Opens 13 August 2010, closes 13 September 2010	(08) 8950 0500 OR astc@astc.nt.gov.au
	Community Grants Program	For projects which benefit the Darwin community such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate services and resources to address the needs of particular community groups. • Encourage community participation in community and cultural activities • Enrich the diversity of recreational, cultural and social opportunity to Darwin residents. 	Darwin City Council	Will open in September 2010 and will close in October, 2010.	(08) 8930 06 OR communitygrants@darwin.nt.gov.au
	City of Palmerston Community Grants	Small grants for sports, recreation, cultural and other community initiatives in Palmerston through its Community Grants Scheme.	City of Palmerston Council	2 annual funding rounds: Round 1 closes August 20 2010.	(08) 8935 9922 OR palmerston@palmerston.nt.gov.au
Environment	Individual Project Grants	Up to \$10,000 for projects that provide benefits to the environment such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educating NT community of recent developments in environment management; • Promoting environmental sustainability. 	NT Department of Natural Resources, the Arts and Sport	Closed 18 June 2010. Contact for next round of funding	(08) 8924 4002 OR environmentgrants@nt.gov.au
Arts	Remote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One off funding to develop and/or 	Arts NT	Ongoing -	(08) 8999

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Subject	Program	Project Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
	Festivals Fund	<p>deliver a remote festival program or activities within a remote festival.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three year funding for remote festivals to develop and grow their artistic program, management resources and cultural tourism opportunities. 		applications should be submitted 12 weeks before proposed festival	8981
	Community Grants	Up to \$5,000 to support community based arts activities with a strong focus on community involvement in all stages of the project.	Arts NT	Ongoing	(08) 8999 8981
	Project Round: Skills Development	Up to \$15,000 to support arts initiatives that aim to foster skills, knowledge and experience of the participants and build community capacity.	Arts NT	1 March 2010. Contact for next round of funding	(08) 8999 8981
	Project Round: Arts Development	Supports projects across all art forms for the research, development or creation of new work or community cultural development projects.	Arts NT	Closed for 2010. Contact for next round of funding	(08) 8999 8981
Multicultural	Harmony Month Sponsorship Program	Grants are available for projects that promote multiculturalism in the Northern Territory during Harmony Month. A maximum of \$1000 per project is available.	Department of the Chief Minister	Contact to obtain closing dates	(08) 8999 3880 OR multiculturalaffairs.dcm@nt.gov.au
	Multicultural affairs sponsorship program	Aim of the multicultural affairs sponsorship program is to assist migrant and ethnic communities by providing funds towards innovative projects that promote	Department of the Chief Minister	Closed for 2010. Contact for next round of funding	(08) 8999 3880 OR multiculturalaffairs.dcm@nt.gov.au

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Subject	Program	Project Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
		cultural and linguistic diversity in the Northern Territory.			
	Multicultural Communities Facilities Grants	The Territory Government assists with the renovations and upgrades of existing multicultural groups premises under the Multicultural Communities Facilities Grant (MCFG).	Department of the Chief Minister	Closed for 2010. Contact for next round of funding	(08) 8999 3861
	Cultural and Linguistic Awards	Gives ethnic community groups the opportunity to obtain community development awards for use of specialised local, national or overseas resources/experts to further enhance the maintenance or development of their culture and language.	Department of the Chief Minister	TBA	(08) 8999 3880 OR multiculturalaffairs.dcm@nt.gov.au
	Charles See Kee Awards	Recognise and celebrate people, organisations and initiatives that have made a valuable contribution towards the advancement of multiculturalism in the Northern Territory.	Department of the Chief Minister	TBA	(08) 8999 3880 OR multiculturalaffairs.dcm@nt.gov.au
Cultural Heritage	Heritage Incentives Program	\$200,000 available for heritage grants, primarily to encourage appropriate conservation work to privately-owned heritage places. This includes Aboriginal archaeological places.	NT Department of Natural Resources, the Arts and Sport	Annual funding round: advertised in March/April, closes late April/Early May	(08) 8999 5039 OR heritagegrants@nt.gov.au
	CATCH – Culture, Arts, Tourism, and Community Heritage Grants	Up to \$20,000 to not-for-profit community groups in rural and remote Australia - for activities which enrich the life of rural and remote	Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal	13 August 2010	1800 170 020 OR info@frrr.org.au

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Subject	Program	Project Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
	program	communities, centred on arts and culture, history and heritage and public tourism.			
	Regional Museums Grants Support Program	For programs such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of displays that reflect regional identity or uniqueness; • Innovative research projects that interpret local material culture and heritage; • Acquisition of • Relevant skills through training and professional development programs. 	Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory	The round for 2011-2012 will be announced in February 2011	(08) 8951 1103 OR museum.mant@nt.gov.au
	George Chaloupka Research Fellowship	Aims to promote and support published research and conservation of Aboriginal rock art located in Western Arnhem Land.	Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory	30 June 2010	(08) 8999 8220 OR darlene.lion@nt.gov.au
History	History Grants Program	The aim of the grant program is to encourage and support original research about Northern Territory history, preference will be given to an original topic.	NT Department of Natural Resources, the Arts and Sport	Closed for 2010. Will re-open in 2011.	(08) 8924 7677 OR nt.archives@nt.gov.au
Tourism	Marketing Sponsorship Grants	Events and projects with the potential to attract interstate and/or international visitors to the NT may apply for support from the Marketing Communications unit of Tourism NT.	Tourism NT	2 annual funding rounds: Close in July and January.	OR (08) 8999 3936 OR sponsorship.tourismnt@nt.gov.au
	Investor Support	Assists in the new, destination-appropriate major tourism infrastructure outside main regional centres in the Territory.	Tourism NT	Contact to obtain closing dates	(08) 8999 6059 OR destinationdevelopment.tourismnt@nt.gov.au

2. TRAINING INFORMATION

RNTBCs may require information about training initiatives to ensure that native title holders are able to deal with issues of decision-making, dispute management, communication, governance, business management, as well as land and resource management. This section discusses training opportunities and training resources.

Table 3: Training Courses/Information

Courses	Information	Locations	How to apply
Northern Territory Equity Training Grants	<p>This program has been developed to increase training and employment opportunities to disadvantaged Territorians, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People with a disability. • Long-term unemployed migrants • Refugees • Mature-aged • Long-term unemployed people. 	NT	<p>Contact Debbie Rowlands on (08) 8901 1345 OR debbi.rowlands@nt.gov.au.</p> <p>Anticipated the program will re-open for applications sometime in 2010/11.</p>
Indigenous Students Leadership and Mentoring Program	<p>Aims to improve leadership opportunities for Indigenous secondary students enrolled in government schools. The program engages local organisations and the broader community to support leadership opportunities that focus on improved educational outcomes and pathways.</p>	NT	<p>Contact ISMLP Project Coordinator: (08) 8999 3790</p>
Flexible Response Funding	<p>Specifically targets Indigenous people, for delivery of accredited and non-accredited training that links to work ready or employment on site in Indigenous communities. Indigenous communities can access funding at any time throughout the year.</p>	NT	<p>Indigenous communities and organisations should contact the DET Regional Training Coordinator in their region about accessing FRF.</p> <p>Training Coordinator Contacts (click on link and go to page 7)</p>
General Recurrent Program	<p>Funds the NT public providers of Vocational Education and Training (VET), which are the Charles Darwin University and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education. The NT GRP provides funding for training delivery, and other expenses incurred by the public providers in the delivery of VET.</p>	NT	<p>Contact the General Recurrent manager for information: (08) 8901 1328 OR trainingoperations.det@nt.gov.au</p>
Pre-Employment Training Program	<p>Provides specific training for unskilled or semi skilled people to gain essential industry skills, which may lead to increased opportunities to</p>	NT	<p>Contact the program manager for information: (08) 8901 1324 OR trainingoperations.det@nt.gov.au</p>

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Courses	Information	Locations	How to apply
	successfully complete an apprenticeship or gain skilled employment.		
Training for Remote Youth	Aimed at bringing youth and the local community together to provide structured training and learning experiences that will prepare them for employment in the community or re-engage in further learning.	NT	Darwin, (08) 8901 1333 Jabiru, (08) 8979 3573 Nhulunbuy, (08) 8987 0485 Katherine, (08) 8973 8477 Tennant Creek, (08) 8962 4474 Alice Springs, (08) 8951 3480

3. GRANT WRITING ASSISTANCE:

Table 4 provides details of guides to grant writing, workshops and grant writers.

Table 4: Grant Writing Assistance.

Guides to Grant Writing	Grant Writing Workshops	Grant Writers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See the national toolkit 	Australia Business Funding Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government grant writing workshop in your area 	OurCommunity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of grant writers

4. OTHER ASSISTANCE

Native title holders, through RNTBCs, may seek to establish relationships with a range of organisations that may be able to assistance, advice, information or resources. Some organisations of interest are listed in Table 4.

Table 5: Other Assistance available for RNTBCs

Organisation	Organisation Details	Program Details	Contact
North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NALISMA)	Bioregional forum for Indigenous land and sea managers across North Australia. It aims to support practical Indigenous land and sea management using strategic approaches to care for country with an emphasis on practical management by Traditional Owners across the whole of the North.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support capacity building amongst Indigenous land and sea managers; Advocate for the rights and interests of Indigenous land and sea managers; Support economic development opportunities; and Support the inter-generational transfer of customary knowledge and practices across generations. 	(08) 8946 7691 OR Jessica.LewFatt@cdu.edu.au
Tropical Savannas CRC	Tropical Savannas CRC aims to ensure that this vast area is healthy and managed to provide long-term benefits (economic, aesthetic, social and cultural) to those who use them and to sustain the biodiversity and habitat endemic to them.	The Centre's research into Indigenous issues includes the work of the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance; Indigenous ecological knowledge, and improving cross-cultural engagement through training packages for NRM workers.	(08) 8946 6285 OR peter.jacklyn@cdu.edu.au
Caring for our Country Facilitators network	Caring for our Country facilitators are fully funded and directly employed by the Australian Government. They are located in each state and territory. The primary purpose of the Caring for our Country facilitators is to help a wide range of stakeholders to gain a good understanding of how to engage with and participate in Caring for our Country initiatives.	Six national priority areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Reserve System; Biodiversity and natural icons; Coastal environments and critical aquatic habitats; Sustainable farm practices; Natural resource management in northern and remote Australia and; Community skills, knowledge and engagement. 	Toll free: 1800 552 008

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