

CEO Trivia – Did You Know?

As we are in election mode at present I thought that this may be appropriate – On April 10 1946, women voted for the first time in Japan.

BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES GRANTS PACKAGE

Modernising Neighbourhood Houses

Funding for new neighbourhood houses is available where there is no neighbourhood house or for the conversion of an existing facility and is supported by stakeholders, partners of project identified, sound project management and planning provided. Funding may also be provided for new computer equipment, computer equipment to access and develop skills for people with a disability.

Community Bus Program

Grants of up to \$100,000 are available for the purchase of new buses and associated equipment. Occupational Health & Safety equipment such as hoists for disabled access can be included in the costs of the project. A wide variety of projects will be considered for funding. Projects that demonstrate a high level of co-operation and will provide a broad community transport solution to many disadvantaged groups will be highly regarded. Projects should be affordable and sustainable and address long term management issues such as recurrent costs

Applicant should have investigated alternative options. Applications received by 25 November, 2005 will be considered for funding this year. Applications received by then will not be disadvantaged and be eligible for funding in 2006.

Volunteer Support Grants

The Volunteer Support Grants aim to create new volunteer support services and expand on existing services. Development of regional networks with shared and co-ordinated training, facilities and information. Applications should consider local needs partnerships should be fundamental to project. Proposals are invited for

practical and creative ways of supporting volunteer participation.

Community Enterprise Grants

The Community Enterprise Grants aim to assist with development of community or social enterprises and bring together local people and community organisations, encourage local partnerships, increase options to find local solutions to local issues. The grants will fund feasibility plans, business plans, skills development, training and mentoring, legal advice for incorporation and costs related to getting project underway.

For further information on the Building Stronger Communities Grants Package please contact: Dennis Smith, Special Projects Officer on 5398 0126.

2006 SPORT DEVELOPMENT FOR WOMEN GRANTS

Funding of up to \$1,500 is available to help women develop their skills in the areas of sport management or sport coaching and officiating. Professional development activities such as education, qualifications, training or travel for the applicant can be funded through the program.

To be eligible for a 2006 Sport Development for Women grant you must be a Victorian resident, a woman and aged 18 years or over.

Projects that may be funded are;

- Working with boards or committees training
- National/international travel for study tour/working at events
- Organisational governance training
- Leadership training Sport Administration training
- Relevant undergraduate or post-graduate courses
- Coaching qualifications
- Officiating qualifications
- Coaching/officiating workshops

Applications must be submitted by 5pm on Wednesday 30 November 2005. Letters of support from sporting organisations must accompany the Application and can be scanned, faxed or mailed. Applications can be submitted to Grants Unit, Department for Victorian Communities, GPO Box 2392V, Melbourne, 3001 or to grantapplications@dvc.vic.gov.au