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Dear community leaders and members

Please be advised of the following notice from Department of Social Services.

Applications for the Strong and Resilient Communities grants Activity's Inclusive Community grants round and the Community Resilience grants round opened today. Your organisation may be interested in applying.

The Strong and Resilient Communities grants Activity (SARC) is part of the Australian Government's commitment to building strong and resilient communities by supporting local community organisations in their efforts to overcome disadvantage and solve complex social problems.

Under SARC, community organisations will be able to tap into a share of more than \$45 million in funding to help foster community cohesion by increasing people's sense of belonging and engagement, and to strengthen the capacity of communities to become more self-reliant and empowered to address local issues. Funding will last up to three and a quarter years, from 1 April 2017 until 30 June 2021, through a single series of grant rounds in 2017.

SARC comprises of three grant programs:

1. **Community Resilience grants** – for projects that provide whole-of-community approaches to address issues relating to low social cohesion, and/or racial, religious or cultural intolerance;
2. **Inclusive Communities grants** – for projects that will help to increase the social and economic participation of vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals and families; and
3. **National Research grants** – for research and advice projects relating to community resilience and social cohesion issues of national significance.

Eligible organisations are can apply for annual funding of between \$20,000 to \$150,000, per project. There is no limit to how many projects an organisation may apply to deliver.



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Applications for Inclusive Communities grants and Community Resilience grants will close at **2pm AEST on Wednesday 23 August 2017**. National Research grants will open later in 2017.

Further information about how to apply, including the Grant Opportunity Guidelines and eligibility criteria, is available on the Community Grants Hub www.communitygrants.gov.au or GrantConnect website at www.grants.gov.au

Please note that all grant rounds are competitive in nature and applications are subject to independent assessment.