



Sid Sidebottom MP ... for a fair go in Braddon

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Applications open for Volunteer Grants program 2009

Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom has encouraged North-West volunteer groups to start getting their submissions ready for the 2009 Volunteer Grants program.

Applications for the program open today.

Funding of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 is available to eligible non-profit organisations to help with the purchase of practical small equipment items, Mr Sidebottom said.

“We are blessed on the North-West Coast to have so many volunteer groups who dedicate their time to serving their community,” Mr Sidebottom.

“These grants are a great way to help community groups with the costs of equipment like computers, air conditioners or other small furnishings.

Eligible items may include:

- computers, air conditioners and barbeques
- A set or package of small, individually low-cost closely related items, such as a range of gardening equipment
- Set-up items essential to the initial use of the main equipment item (e.g. if purchasing a barbeque, a gas bottle can be included)
- Part funding of an eligible small equipment item that costs up to \$10,000
- Installation costs for eligible items
- Delivery/freight for eligible items.

Funding is also available to contribute to the reimbursement of volunteers' fuel costs, incurred while carrying out their volunteering activities.

“Many volunteers use their own cars to transport others to appointments, to deliver food or otherwise help people in need,” he said.

Information about the grants, including the application form and application guidelines, is available from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) website at www.fahcsia, or by calling 1800 183 374.

Applications close Friday September 25 at 5pm.

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