Activation grant information

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Good Things Foundation is delighted to be leading the Be Connected Grants program as part of the Be Connected program funded by the Department of Social Services. The Be Connected program (also referred to as Digital Literacy for Older Australians - DLOA) aims to support people over the age of 50 who do not engage with digital technology to thrive in a digital world and it includes a $20m grant program which will run until June 2020.

Good Things Foundation is inviting all Partners in the Be Connected network to apply for an activation grant. All Network Partners who join the network before December 2019 will have the opportunity to apply for a one-time $2,000 grant to support 15 or 30 older people dependent where you are located to develop their digital skills and confidence over a maximum 10 months. Delivery will be measured by registration on the new Be Connected website to capture all learner data.

We do appreciate that it's more difficult to engage with and support individuals in outer regional, remote and very remote areas. Therefore, for these organisations we are halving the activation grant target - you will be required to support 15 older people for $2,000. Please use the Doctor Connect website here to enter your organisations location, if your location is categorised in one of the following, you can apply for a grant to support 15 people:

- Outer regional
- Remote
- Very remote

If your organisation is categorised as being located in Major Cities or Regional, you can only apply for a grant to support 30 people. If you select the wrong category and are successful, we will amend your contract to the correct region and you will be notified via your notification email.

What can the grant be used for?

The funding can be spent on activities that can be justified as supporting older Australians to gain basic digital skills and confidence such as:

- new devices including computers, laptops, tablets, smart phones
- upgrading software for devices
- broadband fees
- digital mentor expenses, including training to be a digital mentor
- printing of learning materials for older Australian learners

- police checks for all staff and mentors involved in delivering the Be Connected coaching and support, if not in place already
- public liability insurance, if not in place already
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What do I have to do for the grant?

Each organisation receiving an activation grant will be required to support 15 or 30 older Australians through face-to-face contact either one-on-one or in small groups, to gain basic digital skills and confidence over a maximum of a 10 month period. This will be measured by registrations and learning on the Be Connected learner website.

All Network Partners will be required to complete a short monthly survey and be prepared to share learner journeys and good news stories so that Good Things Foundation can create case studies.

How do I apply?

There is an online application form which you can see **here**. The online application form for activation grants will open in October 2017 and will be live until December 2019.

Due to the high volume of applications that we are expecting to receive, applications will be assessed and payments will be made on a monthly basis. **See the funding schedule**.

If your application is successful, a grant amount of $2,000 will be awarded upfront, in line with the time frames in the funding schedule.

Points to note

1. Organisations do need to be a part of the Be Connected network to apply for an activation grant. If you are not yet a Network Partner, please see the **Joining the Network page** on the website. One of the team will be in touch with you within the next 2 to 3 weeks to process your application and welcome you into the network. You are able to apply for an activation grant as soon as you've completed the join the network form - you don't have to wait for the phone call from us.

2. Your organisation must achieve the target of the activation grant - 15 or 30 people gaining basic digitals skills in a maximum of 10 months - before you are able to apply for any other Be Connected grants. The activation grants form part of the Government's Be Connected program that includes a $20 million grant program, which will finish in June 2020.

Application form

1. Organisation & Applicant details

The following fields will be pre-populated. Please check to ensure that your details are correct.

1.1 Organisation name

1.2 Network Partner number

1.3 Centre address

1.4 Primary contact

1.5 Telephone number

1.6 Email address

2. Conditions of the grant

Please ensure that you can select yes to all of the qualifying criteria outlined below. Please note, if you aren't able to answer yes to all these points, you will not be able to continue with your application.

- We have the potential and are willing to support a minimum of 30 seniors (aged 50+) to gain digital literacy skills.
- I agree to undertake police checks for all digital mentors. Please note, if you are successful you won't be able to accept the terms and conditions of the grant until you have current police checks in place.
- I agree to ensure that our organisation has public liability insurance. Please note, if you are successful you won't be able to accept the terms and conditions of the grant until you have current police checks in place.
- We have fully accessible premises.

3. The Project

3.1 Which target audience(s) are you aiming to support with your activation grant and through your digital literacy sessions?

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
- Culturally and linguistically diverse individuals
- Individuals based in outer regional, rural and remote areas
- Older people
- People with chronic/life limiting health conditions
- People with learning disabilities
- People with mental health conditions - mild
- People with mental health conditions - moderate
- People with mental health conditions - severe
- People with sensory impairments
- Physically disabled people

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Please note that we expect every applicant to be supporting older people to gain digital literacy skills.

We are looking for concise responses to the following four questions, therefore the word limit for each response is 200 words. Please be clear and offer specific detail and examples where relevant.

3.2 What will you spend your activation grant money on? *(e.g. new devices such as tablets/ laptops, pay for broadband, pay for volunteer police checks, pay for volunteer expenses, other relevant expenditure)*

3.3 How you will use the Be Connected website to support your seniors to learn how to use the internet?

3.4 How many free one-on-one or small group sessions you will run each month?

3.5 How will you engage older Australians through your organisation and digital literacy sessions?

Remember you can contact our Network Team at any time if you have any questions about the application process. They can be contacted on (02) 9051 9292 or connect@goodthingsfoundation.org and are very happy to help.