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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANTED

Western Australian Community Foundation is calling for grant applications, up to the value of \$2000, from WA communities wishing to undertake community consultation and engagement with the aim of building community capacity. Individuals, groups and organisations whose purpose and activities are for community benefit within WA are invited to apply.

As an independent organisation created to nurture philanthropic and partnerships between those living, working and operating businesses in Western Australia, the aim of Western Australian Community Foundation is to strengthen WA communities. The Foundation's financial sustainability model, accessible to all WA communities and community groups, is unique and one that over 35 communities in WA have adopted to date.

The aim of this new sustainable communities grant initiative is to support community participation or ownership in a local project or activity that will strengthen a community in WA. Grants may be awarded to fund all or part of a community consultation program for a project, or a community event to build local capacity such as leadership or the development of a community plan.

"Communities are encouraged to apply as only a limited number of grants are available," said Tonia Swetman, Chief Executive Officer, Western Australian Community Foundation.

"Grants may be used for travel, venue hire and catering, and consultancy fees. It may also be put towards immediately establishing a donation fund with the Foundation."

Projects for support may include community consultations, meetings and planning as well as research into the community's condition or readiness to work with the Foundation to establish a donation fund. Projects eligible for consideration must:

- Incorporate community participation;
- Offer a demonstrable benefit in building community capacity;
- Exhibit co-operation and collaboration through partnerships;
- Result in a clear vision, strategy or outcome that will benefit the community in the long term; and
- Be completed and the grant acquitted by 31 May 2009.

Western Australian Community Foundation expects applicants will demonstrate an understanding of the Foundation and are encouraged to discuss projects with Foundation staff prior to completing an application.

The goals of the Western Australian Community Foundation are to:

- Act as an independent catalyst to build, grow and distribute endowed funds for WA communities;
- Facilitate education and learning opportunities that strengthen community self-reliance and build capacity;
- Provide leadership, support and resources to communities, interest groups and businesses seeking to contribute to and benefit from philanthropic activities; and
- Promote and foster sustainable philanthropic community-business partnerships across Western Australia.

Applicants must articulate the project's purpose, objectives, outcomes and budget for which the grant is required by completing a simple application form.

Application forms are available from [www.wacf.org.au/opportunities.asp](http://www.wacf.org.au/opportunities.asp) .

Sustainable Communities Grant applications close **5:00pm WST on Friday, 31 October 2008.**

For more information please visit <http://www.wacf.org.au/Opportunities.asp> or contact Linda Back, Compliance & Grants Officer on ph (08) 9224 6060.

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