

Discretionary Grants Program

Achieving a Just & Secure Society



Grants to Australian Organisations

This grant program provides funding to a range of organisations for a variety of purposes. The two main components are funding for legal services in relation to the Child Support Scheme and funding for judicial education programs through the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA), which is a research and education institute affiliated with the University of Melbourne.

In regard to the Child Support Scheme, the aim of the program is to improve levels of compliance under the Scheme and so increase the number of children being properly supported by their separated parents rather than by sole parent pension payments from the Department of Social Security. In regard to judicial education, the grant program implements the Government's policy to maintain funding for judicial education programs through the AIJA.

Grants are also provided to several institutions in relation to legal education, training and the development of legal ties with other countries. A number of other organisations also receive grants to assist them in providing information and advice to the community in a range of areas including human rights, civil liberties, family law, community welfare services, administrative law and international humanitarian law.

Grant recipients during 2000–01 were:

- Australian Institute of Judicial Administration
- Communications Law Centre
- Victorian Court Support Network
- Rural Community Legal Service
- University of Canberra
- Australian Red Cross
- NSW Council for Civil Liberties