Independent Grants Program

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Independent Grants Program

- Funding available
- ACCAN’s priorities
- Types of projects
- Your project ideas
The basics

Two streams

Researchers, industry, community groups

Total $390k available

$5k - $100k per project

Next round opens Feb 2019
The ACCAN scheme aims to:

- Support ACCAN’s ongoing consumer education objective

- Support the provision of well researched, evidence based input into government & industry consultations

- Represent & maintain diverse consumer interests at the core of policy developments & industry initiatives
2017: $275k awarded

2017: 9/41 applications were awarded

479 applications processed since 2010

2019: $390k available

Guidelines expanding

Projects by beneficiary sector

- General 22%
- R&R 13%
- ATSI 12%
- LI 6%
- Youth 13%
- CALD 3%
- PWD 16%
- SMB 3%
- Women 3%
- Seniors 9%
- Youth 13%
- CALD 3%
- SMB 3%
ACCAN is a consumer organisation working for:

- Better **mobile coverage** for remote & regional Australia
- Appropriate **regulation** for online transactions & services
- Better **information** & **product** choices
- **Security** & **privacy** of consumer data & devices
- Better quality **TV captioning** & **audio descriptions**
you should know...

• Assessed independently
  – We can help you with your application
• Hands on funder
• Accessibility
• Standard deed

• Guidelines have, and are, changing
  – Talk to us
• accan.org.au/grants for past projects
  – But no need to fit in!

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Independent Grants Panel
- Current Members

Prof. Gerrard Goggin

Assoc. Prof. Ellie Rennie

Robin Eckermann
Grants are for telecommunications consumer projects

- Education
- Representation
- Research
What classes as a consumer project? (& how to avoid being ruled ineligible)

• Addresses a systemic issue
• Focussed on outcomes for the telecommunications consumer
  – In general, or
  – Particular groups
    • Eg. ATSI, remote, low income, women, PWD
  – Via improved policy, regulation, consumer information, industry practice
The use of technology (or consumers) is not enough. E.g.:

– An app to help CALD communities find culturally relevant local services, vs

– An app to help CALD communities find culturally relevant information on how to choose a mobile phone plan

What classes as a consumer project? (& how to avoid being ruled ineligible)
Our Phones, Our Rights
Translated and community-appropriate telecommunications resources for remote Indigenous communities

Finding Peace of Mind
Navigating the Marketplace of Mental Health Apps
Summary

• 2019 Round (indicative):
  – Open Feb, for projects starting July
  – Up to 2 years duration
  – $390,000 available across two streams:
    • Research (Up to $100,000 per project)
    • Education & Representation (Up to $60,000 per project)
  – Priority areas released later this year
Your project ideas
Talk to us

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