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Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism (CHART) program – Batch 4 grants

The Australian Museums and Galleries Association (AMaGA) is thrilled to announce that more than \$261,000 is being provided to support 94 projects under Batch 4 of the Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism (CHART) program.

AMaGA is delivering the \$3 million CHART program in 2021-22 on behalf of the Australian Government. Grants of up to \$3,000 (plus GST where applicable) are being awarded to support museums, galleries and historical societies to implement activities in regional Australia that stimulate local economies as they recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, said the CHART program is enabling small-scale community run organisations in the cultural and heritage sector to invest in a range of activities that will improve the visitor experience and assist in the safeguarding of heritage collections.

“We’re pleased that more than \$766,000 has been allocated so far for 272 projects under the CHART program to enable local organisations to provide greater access to and participation in Australia’s rich community arts sector, encouraging visitation across regional and remote Australia,” Minister Fletcher said.

AMaGA’s National Director, Katie Russell, said: “Batch 4 demonstrates the areas where support is most needed for those who dedicate their time to community collections.

“A large number of Batch 4 projects will enhance conditions for volunteers in the small museum sector, through new systems that will help them care for collections but also in improved working conditions, such as air purifiers, better first aid equipment and air-conditioned spaces. CHART Program grants are helping volunteers to feel valued for the work that they are doing.

Batch 4 grants are also helping with the purchase of new display cabinets, upgrading location signage and improving physical access, amongst other things”, Ms Russell said.

Batch 4 grants funds will start to flow to successful applicants this week.

A full list of successful CHART projects is available at amaga.org.au/CHART.

AMaGA encourages other eligible organisations to make the most of this excellent opportunity and apply for a CHART grant.

Full details on eligibility and the program guidelines are available from AMaGA’s CHART webpage, along with the contact details of AMaGA’s Regional Coordinators who are ready to assist organisations to apply.

Applications must be submitted by 29 April 2022. CHART program projects must be completed by 30 June 2022.