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PRIME MINISTER

PRESS STATEMENT NO. 456

20 February, 1975

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR GRANTS

The Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam, announced today grants and assistance totalling \$305,300.00 for special activities during International Women's Year. This is the second of a series of grants and represents a total commitment so far of over a half a million dollars (\$538,800.00).

He stated that he had approved the grants on the advice of the Australian National Advisory Committee for International Women's Year. This Committee which was established in September 1974, has the general responsibility for developing themes and programmes for the Year which will be of benefit to all women in Australia.

Mr Whitlam said that the grants were part of an overall program for International Women's Year and reflect the Government's determination to make the Year one of substantial progress for women in Australia. The Prime Minister said that he had been pleased with the response to the Year of both the Premiers of South Australia and Victoria and also of many local government organisations.

As well as involving the community and individuals in activities for the Year the Government had embarked on an extensive program throughout all Australian Government Departments which aimed at reassessing their existing activities in light of the aims of the Year.

As part of this program the Australian Post Office would be issuing a stamp to mark International Women's Day on March 8, a National Conference on Women and Health would be held in Brisbane in August, a special edition of Education News with special emphasis on women would be prepared, and an International Seminar on Women as Victims in Crime will be held in Canberra in April. Australia would also host a United Nations Inter-regional Seminar on Women, the Arts and the Media -- the communication of attitudes.

The Prime Minister said that many other submissions were presently under consideration by the National Advisory Committee and by various Government Departments. He expected to be able to announce further grants shortly.

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NOTE FOR PRESS

A detailed description of projects available from the Prime Minister's Press Office. Contact officers for further information: Shirley Castley 49 6489, John Gavin 47 0839.



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Attachment to 456

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR

PROJECTS FUNDED

Submissions

<u>EDUCATION</u>	\$
. St. Michael's Collegiate School (Tas.)	874
. NSW Teachers' Federation	12,000
. Carole Ferrier, University of Queensland	1,682
. Special edition of "Education News"	up to 6,160
. University of Adelaide, Department of Adult Education	3,250

CREATIVITY

. Adele Cohen - Readings (W.A.)	4,775
. The Women's Film Festival 75 (N.S.W.)	guarantee 35,000
. Royal South Australian Society of Arts Inc.	3,850
. Albury Symphony Orchestra (Vic.)	300
. Ewing Gallery (Vic.)	6,000
. Adelaide Festival Centre Trust	1,000
. North Shore Symphony Orchestra (N.S.W.)	500

HEALTH AND WELFARE

. Conference on women's health (Qld)	22,500
. The Wayside Chapel, Kings Cross (N.S.W.)	3,000
. N.S.W. Council for the Ageing	5,500

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• Women's Committee against Private Violence (N.S.W.)	10,214
• The Women's House, Victoria	4,000
• The Women's Centre, Adelaide	4,000
• Two seminars on women and crime	up to 20,000
• Women's Centre Action Group (N.A.)	3,000
• The Women's House, Sydney	4,000
• Country Women's Association, Murrumbidgee (Old)	1,300
• Sunshine International Women's Year Committee (Vic)	10,000
• Parents Without Partners (Aust.)	500

WORK

• Centre for Urban Research and Action (Vic.)	60,000
• Women Lawyers Association (N.S.W.)	2,000

COMMUNITY ATTITUDES

• National Council of Women, Townsville (Old)	3,000
• Australian Local Government Women's Association, -N.S.W. and A.C.T. Branch	3,000
• Young Women's Christian Association (N.S.W.)	20,000
• Alderman Elizabeth Poessel, Parramatta (N.S.W.)	3,000
• Prahran College of Advanced Education (Vic)	2,500
• International Women's Day Committee (Vic)	3,500
• Queensland Association of University Women	637
• Campaign Against Moral Persecution (N.S.W.)	4,000
• The Country Women's Association of Victoria	3,500
• Seventeenth National F.C.A.A.T.S.I. Conference	up to 4,000
• The National Council of Women of Victoria	7,000
• Joyce Stevens (N.S.W.)	6,000
• National Council of Women of Launceston (Tas)	200
• A. Morton and H. Ken (Vic.)	2,000
• The Country Women's Association of N.S.W.	8,000