



PRIME MINISTER

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR GRANTS

The Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam, today announced further funds and assistance for special projects during International Women's Year. This is the fourth in a series of grants announced over the last six months and represents a total commitment so far of \$1,139,302.

The grants were approved on the advice of the Australian National Advisory Committee for International Women's Year. They are in line with the general responsibility of the Committee to develop themes and encourage programs to benefit women throughout Australia.

The largest amount, \$38,000 goes to the Australian Department of Health for further funding of the Conference on Women's Health in a Changing Society to be held in Brisbane in August. This is in addition to an earlier grant of \$22,500 from International Women's Year funds, and a special grant from the Family Planning Vote of the Health Department. The \$38,000 will go towards additional printing costs, fares and accommodation for persons presenting papers, and fares and accommodation for 50 people to attend from special interest groups.

The Association of Queensland Women's Forum Clubs will hold a seminar in Brisbane on September 14 with the theme "Women at Work". This has attracted a grant of \$4,220.

The recently established Women's Centre in Launceston will receive \$2,000 to cover the cost of some essential furnishings and office equipment. Like other Women's Centres the Launceston one will function as a referral and information service as well as a meeting place available to all women in the district.

The International Women's Year Committee of the Bland Shire Council will get \$500 for a one-day seminar on July 5 intended to raise some of the issues affecting women in this large country area.

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Ms Diana Wilson will receive a grant of \$6,000 to write a book on the achievements of Australian Sportswomen. The book will include a general history of sportswomen, specific biographies and a photographic section.

Ms Zelda d'Aprano will get \$8,000 to write a book drawing on her experiences in many political movements.

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Priority Area	Applicant and Description of Project	Amount \$
Community Attitudes	<p><u>INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR COMMITTEE - BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL</u></p> <p>This Committee proposes to hold a one day seminar on July the fifth. Subjects such as "women on the land", "community aid", "child care" will be discussed in order to raise some of the issues affecting the women of this large country area.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COST:</p>	500.00
	<p><u>THE ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S FORUM CLUBS</u></p> <p>The Association would like to bring together for one day representatives of all their clubs throughout Queensland, plus invited people from other clubs and will also advertise the seminar extensively so that all other women will be given an opportunity to attend. The theme of the seminar is to be "Women at Work" and about 1000 women are expected to contribute. It will be held in Brisbane on 14th September.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COST:</p>	4,220.00
	<p><u>ZELDA D'APRANO</u></p> <p>Grant to write a book. Zelda D'Aprano has had wide experiences in many political movements for the past 40 years. She feels strongly that the women's movement has failed to learn from the experiences of the past and that she is in a position to be able to bring the past and the present together in a way that will be meaningful for those who seek changes in our society.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COST:</p>	8,000.00

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Community Attitudes	<p><u>DIANA WILSON</u></p> <p>Grant to write book celebrating the achievements of Australian sportswomen. It will include a general history of sportswomen, specific biographies and a photographic section. A book such as this will help restore our sportswomen to the position of prominence they deserve and will provide a valuable non-sexist reference source.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COST:</p>	6,000.00
Health and Welfare	<p><i>Australian</i></p> <p><u>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</u></p> <p>Conference on Women's Health in a Changing Society.</p> <p>This conference, to be held in August, has already attracted a grant of \$22,500.00 from International Women's Year funds. It has also received funding from the Department of Health Family Planning Vote.</p> <p>It has become apparent that the conference will be very successful. However, in order to maximize the impact, further funding is requested to cover (1) additional printing costs (2) Fares and accommodation for persons presenting papers (3) Fares and accommodation for 50 people from special interest groups</p> <p>Total requested</p>	38,000.00
	<p><u>WOMEN'S CENTRE - LAUNCESTON</u></p> <p>This centre was recently acquired by a group of women in Launceston. It is similar to other such centres in that it functions as a meeting place, provides</p>	

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Health and Welfare	<p><u>WOMEN'S CENTRE - LAUNCESTON (Cont'd)</u></p> <p>a central point for organising other activities, acts as a referral and information centre and is available for all activities relating to women in the area. Funds are requested to cover the cost of some essential items such as furnishings, office equipment etc.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COST:</p>	2,000.00