

Examples of how the **Educate and Participate Grant** funding could be utilised:

Education

Mary has a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care and in order to have a better chance of employment Mary needs to complete a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care. The cost of the Diploma is \$3,000 with TAFE Queensland. Mary has applied for a grant of \$1,000 to kick start her payment plan for the course. This grant funding will allow Mary to commence her studies and have some additional time to save money to be able to continue her repayments in the future.



Employment

Following a long period of homelessness, Jake is now in stable housing and is keen to get back into the workforce. Jake is working with BHC's Resident Employment and Participation Coordinator (RPEC) to enrol in a Certificate in Construction with TAFE Queensland. The cost of the course is covered as Jake is eligible for a concession through the JobTrainer program. However, he requires workwear and tools to ensure he is able to effectively complete the program. Jake has established that he is unable to source this gear with JobActive and support services. Jake gets together costings for appropriate workwear including steel cap boots and a start-up tool kit. The estimate comes to \$750 and he applies for an Educate and Participate Grant to fund this. This grant funding will provide Jake with the kick start he needs to be able to realise his employment goals.



Participation

Alexis has a 10-year-old daughter, Willow, who has a passion for music. Willow loves her weekly music lessons and they have really helped with her confidence and reducing her social isolation. Alexis has her enrolled in music lessons at her primary school but has recently had to stop as she can no longer afford them. Alexis applied for Educate & Participate Grant funding to recommence these lessons.

Alexis provided a copy of the invoice for the music lessons, along with a letter from the music teacher outlining the positive impact the lessons are having on Willow. With the grant funding, Alexis was able to recommence music lessons for her daughter.



Examples of how the **Connect Grant** funding could be utilised:

Equipment

Margaret lives by herself and has become increasingly isolated as a result of the pandemic. Margaret's family lives in New Zealand and whilst she can't visit them in person she stays in regular phone contact with them. Margaret would like to invest in an electronic tablet so that she can video chat with her family and spend more with them. As well as staying in contact, Margaret would like to use the technology to connect with some online groups within her local library and potentially even use the device to learn some new skills. Margaret applies to the Connect Grant to purchase a tablet to enable her to connect and learn.



Education

Ben is keen to have a computer, such as a laptop, that he can use to improve his digital literacy and teach himself some new skills. Ben is interested in completing some short, online courses that will enable him to initially increase his confidence using the internet. He would like to move forward with the goal of improving his financial literacy skills to include budgeting and online banking. Ben applies for a Connect Grant to receive a laptop that will help him achieve his goals.



Connection

Jason has enrolled in an online course, a Certificate III in Fitness with Tafe Queensland and has chosen to complete the course part-time over a year. To be able to complete studies online, Jason needs internet access and has decided to apply for a grant to assist with this cost. Jason lives in an area that has NBN access and has found a quote for internet for \$600 for 12 months. He has applied for a Connect Grant to support his studies and help him work towards realising his employment ambitions.

