



Robyn Preston MP

Member for Hawkesbury

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ELSA DIXON ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT GRANTS OPEN IN THE HAWKESBURY AREA

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP, today encouraged eligible agencies to apply for the annual Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Grants, which are now open.

The \$1.4 million grant program supports the skills development of Aboriginal people through the creation of training and employment opportunities.

“This important initiative makes a range of grants available from a one-off \$10,000 payment all the way up to \$40,000 for both permanent and temporary roles,” Ms Preston said.

“The grants also support entry level jobs through school-based apprenticeships and traineeships.”

Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education Geoff Lee said the annual grants are named after Aboriginal activist Elsa Dixon who played a key role in improving social outcomes for Aboriginal people, particularly in 1970s and 1980s.

“The Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Grant works to develop and support Aboriginal Australians through training and employment. It is all about opportunities in areas of education, training and employment,” Mr Lee said.

“The NSW Government is proud to support this initiative that supports locals find their dream role.”

Applicants need to visit www.elsadixon.smartygrants.com.au to complete the application.

The 2020/21 Grant applications are available as below:

- Permanent Employment – \$30,000 to \$40,000 (dependant on level of role) to support permanent employment;
- Temporary Secondment – \$20,000 to \$40,000 (dependant on level of role) to support a temporary position of up to 12 months that offers significant skill development for a permanent employee; and
- School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships – \$10,000 one off payment to support school-based apprenticeships and traineeships.

Further information, including the Grant guidelines, can be found here:

https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/programs_services/funded_other/acp/index.html

The grants scheme supports commitments in the NSW Public Sector Aboriginal Employment Strategy, ‘NSW working together for a better future 2019-2025’, to create a pipeline of talent in NSW.