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Minister for Arts and Museums Matt Conlan today announced applications are now open for the 2014-2015 Regional Museums Grants Support Program.

$245,000 funding will be available to community museums for the development of local community projects and to help ensure the preservation of Northern Territory heritage.

“The Territory Government’s Regional Museums Grant Support Program helps keep our rich history alive in our communities by making museums more attractive places to go and learn about our past,” Mr Conlan said.

“These grants will help make our community museums vibrant places that reflect and celebrate our unique history here in the Territory.

“This $245,000 in funding will support our regional museums so they can provide an even greater learning experience and increase visitation from both locals and tourists in our regions.”

The Regional Museums Grants Program will consider initiatives and programs that will enhance understanding and appreciation of the history of local communities.

Last year some of the grants awarded included:

- **The Central Aviation Museum – Alice Springs ($36,090):** For the critical improvement and expansion of its collection database.
- **The National Pioneers Women’s Hall of Fame – Alice Springs ($45,748):** To update its existing exhibition ‘First in their Field’.
- **The Yolgnu Cultural Museum – Yirrkala ($34,139):** To upgrade the Museum’s storage facilities, display and interpretive information.
- **The Darwin Military Museum – Darwin ($35,000):** To assist with the development and delivery of a multi-media interpretive experience that explains WWII in the 'North' of Australia in areas outside Darwin
- **The Katherine Museum – Katherine ($71,023):** To upgrade the museum’s photographic cataloguing system and to assist with the research and development of two new exhibitions, one on the early Hospital and Medical services in the Katherine area and the second on the Chinese history of the region.

The Regional Museums Grants Support Program has been running since 1997 and is instrumental in fostering a high standard of community museums throughout the Northern Territory.

Applications close Monday 30 June 2014.

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