Youth Vibe Holiday grants are OPEN

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The opportunity for young people to have fun and develop new skills during the holiday break is at the fingertips of Young Territorians, with applications open for the Youth Vibe Holiday Grants for the June/July 2015 holidays.

“I see this as an excellent prospect for the youth in the Northern Territory and I encourage young people and organisations to apply for this great program,” Minister for Young Territorians Peter Styles said.

“Getting involved in your local community, by participating in events or development programs can put you on a positive path, opening many doors for your future.

“Previous successful applicant, HIA (Housing Industry Association), ran a free course just last week, for young people wanting to get into the building and construction industry and the overwhelming response saw the course completely booked out,” said Minister Styles.

HIA Skill Centre Manager for the Northern Territory Neilia Ginnane said the course was a great success, 17 young people now have the qualifications to enter the construction industry with a nationally recognised Construction Induction Card.

“The Youth Vibe Holiday grants gave these students the opportunity to complete the White card (Construction Induction Card) and armed them with a qualification, confidence and skills required to enter the workforce, at no cost to students” said Neilia Ginnane.

“We provided basic health and safety training and guest speakers from the building and construction industry spoke to the participants, which gives them the first step toward pursuing an apprenticeship or trade.”

The program offers grants of up to $2000, for activities which encourage young people to get involved and offer development opportunities in areas such as self-esteem, team building, career and leadership.

“The Giles Government is committed to providing opportunities for young people aged 12 -25 to access programs, which encourage positive choices and participation,” said Minister Styles.
“The grants are part of the government’s plan to encourage young people to be involved in the community and keep them active during the school holidays.

“The opportunities and options that our youth can take advantage of are endless – all you need is some motivation, creativity and the willingness to have a good time.”

The grants are open now – for your application pack or for further information please visit, [http://www.youth.nt.gov.au/youth_grants.html](http://www.youth.nt.gov.au/youth_grants.html) or call Office of Youth Affairs on 08 8999 3881. Applications close on 27 February 2015.

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