

## **NT Government – Computers for the Community Program**

### **FACT SHEET**

#### **What is the Computers for the Community Program?**

In conjunction with the Northern Territory Government (NTG) provider for Desktop and Helpdesk Services, Fujitsu Australia, the NTG is able to offer a number of ex-government desktop computers to the NT community. The program has been established to assist community organisations and support publicly spirited activities through the provision of “refurbished” desktop computers.

#### **What organisations are eligible to apply?**

As a general guide, the following Northern Territory individuals, groups and organisations are able to apply (not in any particular order):

- Established volunteer organisations
- Government clients (eg children under care of the Territory)
- Special needs groups (eg rural and disadvantaged schools, indigenous groups and schools)
- Charitable and benevolent organisations (for the relief of poverty, sickness and the aged etc)
- Non-government organisations which receive government funding
- Community focussed non-profit groups and clubs (eg museums, sporting, cultural, resource centres and neighbourhood centres)
- Community education and self help organisations
- Public counselling and support services; and
- Any other organisation that can demonstrate a benefit to the community (eg research activities, health promotion, heritage activities).

#### **What organisations are not eligible to apply?**

The following types of organisation would not normally be considered for the donation of computer equipment under this program:

- Organisations which operate for member profit
- Common interest and professional groups
- Commercial and business enterprises operating for fund raising; and
- Other business and commercial activities.

**Are there any special conditions?**

Equipment is provided on the condition that it will be used for the purpose stated in the application, which must be consistent with the recipient's core community activities. In effect, equipment is donated on the basis that it will be used for community or public activities, not as a reward or incentive for those participating in those activities.

The scheme will take into consideration equity issues and acknowledge the claims of socially and economically disadvantaged groups and individuals.

**What's on offer?**

The donated desktop computers are 3 or more years old and have been used by NT Government agencies. A 17inch LCD monitor is included. Typical specifications will be as follows:

Processor Type and Clock Speed	Celeron or AMD 1.6GHz
Minimum RAM	256Mb
Minimum HD	30Gb
Optical drive	CDROM

Only desktop PC's are available under the program and the capability of the equipment available for donation will vary. Peripherals such as modems, scanners and printers are not available.

It will not be possible for the program to discern or match equipment capabilities to individual applicants needs. Equipment will be donated on an "as is" basis and may require additional expenditure by the recipient to configure it to individual requirements.

**What software is supplied?**

Each desktop will come with Windows XP operating system installed. In addition, a selection of free or Open Source software such as AVG Anti-virus and Open Office will be loaded. No installation CDs will be provided.

**What about Microsoft Office?**

Microsoft Office is not included. Eligible Australian non profit groups with Income Tax Exempt Status (ITE) may be able to obtain selected Microsoft software including Microsoft Office through a donation scheme - details are available at <http://www.donortec.com.au/>  
The NT Government will not be involved in this process.

### **How do I apply?**

Fill out the application on the web-site [http://www.nt.gov.au/dcis/it/computer\\_community.html](http://www.nt.gov.au/dcis/it/computer_community.html) and email, fax or post your application to:

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ICT Industry Development

Palm Court

Department of Business and Employment

GPO Box 2391

Darwin NT 0801

Email

[chrisl.howard@nt.gov.au](mailto:chrisl.howard@nt.gov.au)

Or fax to

(08) 89 243880

Attention: Chris Howard, ICT Industry Development

If required additional information can be obtained by calling (08) 8924 3839.

Your application will be acknowledged by return email, fax, or telephone. Please ensure contact details are included in your application.

### **Who decides?**

An independent panel will determine the successful applicants. If you are applying for more than one computer you will need to provide sufficient, verifiable information to justify your application. The panel's decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

### **How will I be notified?**

An email, fax or letter will be sent to you.

### **When will computers be available?**

Computers will generally be available within 30 days from approval of your application. The estimated date will be advised in your notification email.

### **What about delivery?**

Free delivery is offered within 50km of Darwin CBD or pickup available from a Darwin depot. Details will be provided in your notification correspondence.

**What if it becomes faulty?**

There will be a 3 month back-to-base replacement warranty on any devices which develop a hardware fault. This will not include freight or return freight, software, configuration or data transfer, only simple replacement of the faulty equipment.

**How about support?**

No technical support or telephone support is included – such services can be sourced from local businesses.