

# Country Education Foundation 2014 Student Support Overview



## A year of solid growth

The Country Education Foundation (CEF) is a national not for profit organisation that helps disadvantaged rural and regional school leavers to access tertiary education, training or jobs – through a non-academically based grant program. **In 2014 we have achieved outstanding results with the value of local grants increasing by 29 per cent.**

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Total number of grants given in 2014 – a 4% increase on 2013

\$601,700

Total value of grants given in 2014 – a 29% increase on 2013

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2,995

Total number of grants given since 1993

\$319,400

Total value of funding provided from our education partners in 2014

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\$5,443,680

Total value of financial support provided since 1993

\$921,100

Total value of financial support provided in 2014 (includes grants, university/college co-funding and university experience camps)

## A sound investment

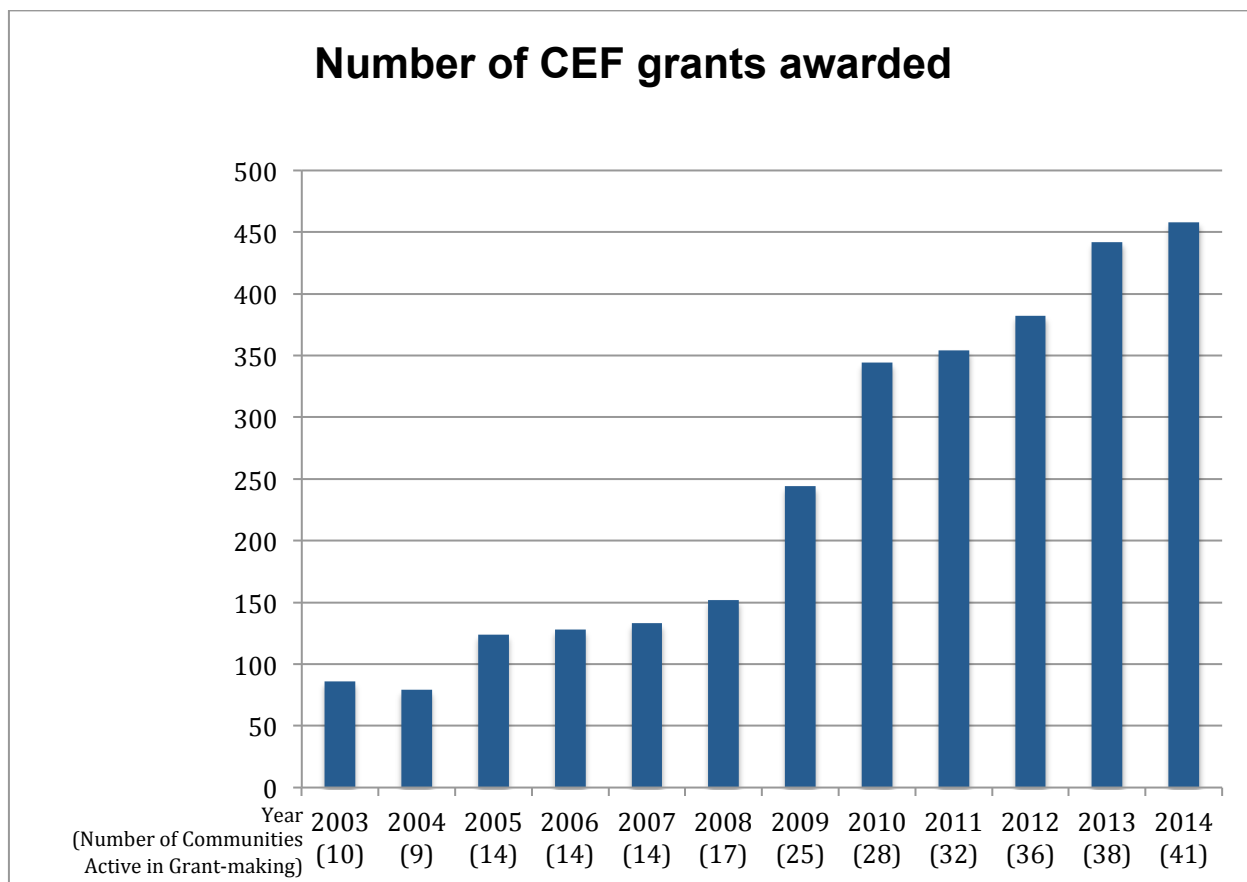
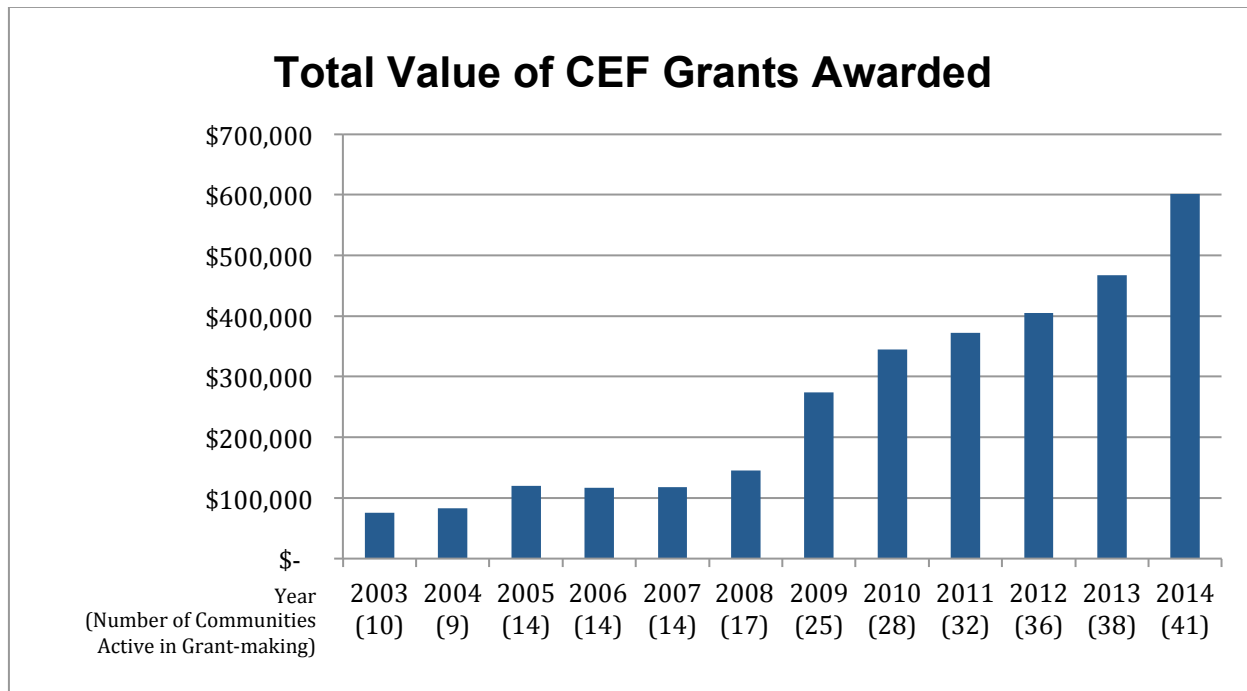
The CEF model of locally based grants and support delivers a sound return on investment. Research by Social Ventures Australia (*SROI Report 2011*) indicates that for every dollar invested a social return of \$3.10 is generated. This benefits the individual student, his or her family and the broader local community.

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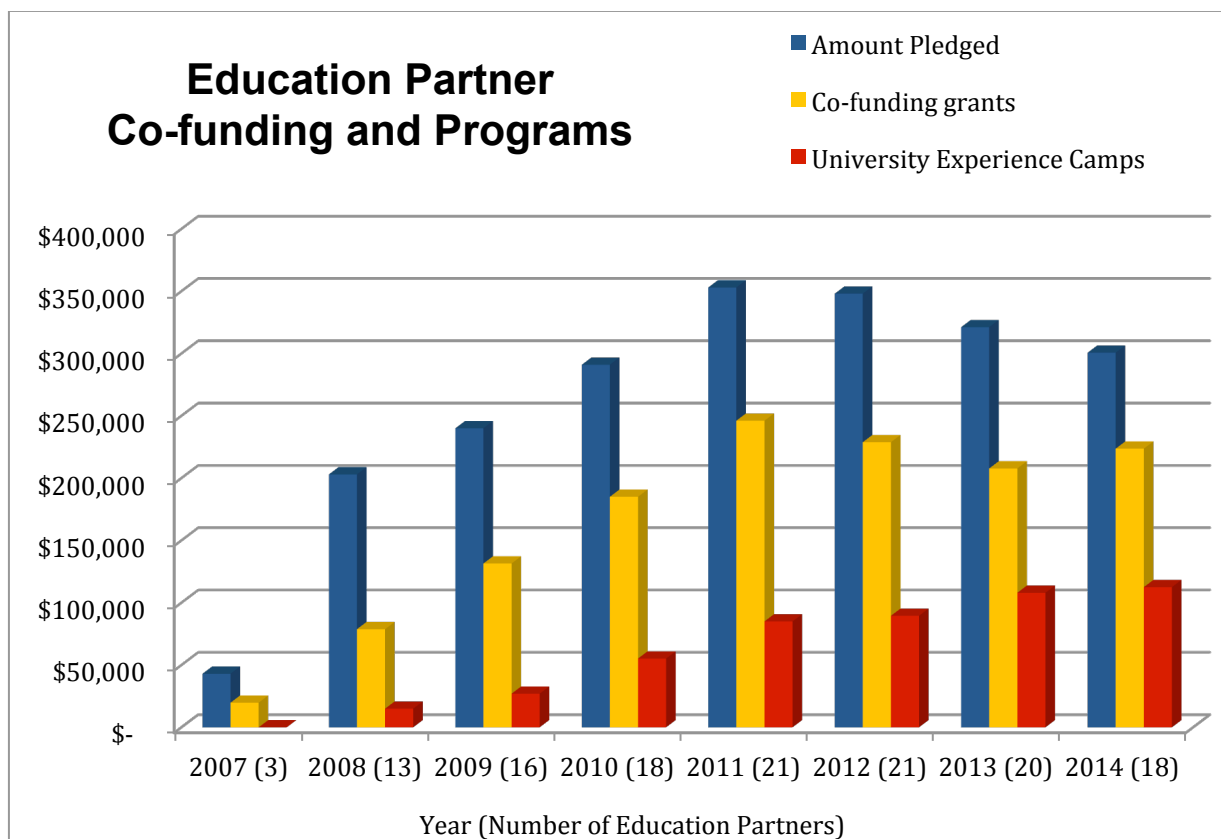
**Continued growth**

Since 2003, the CEF has continued to increase the number and value of grants awarded to disadvantaged rural and regional students. In 2014, grants were made to school leavers in 40 communities across New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and the Northern Territory.



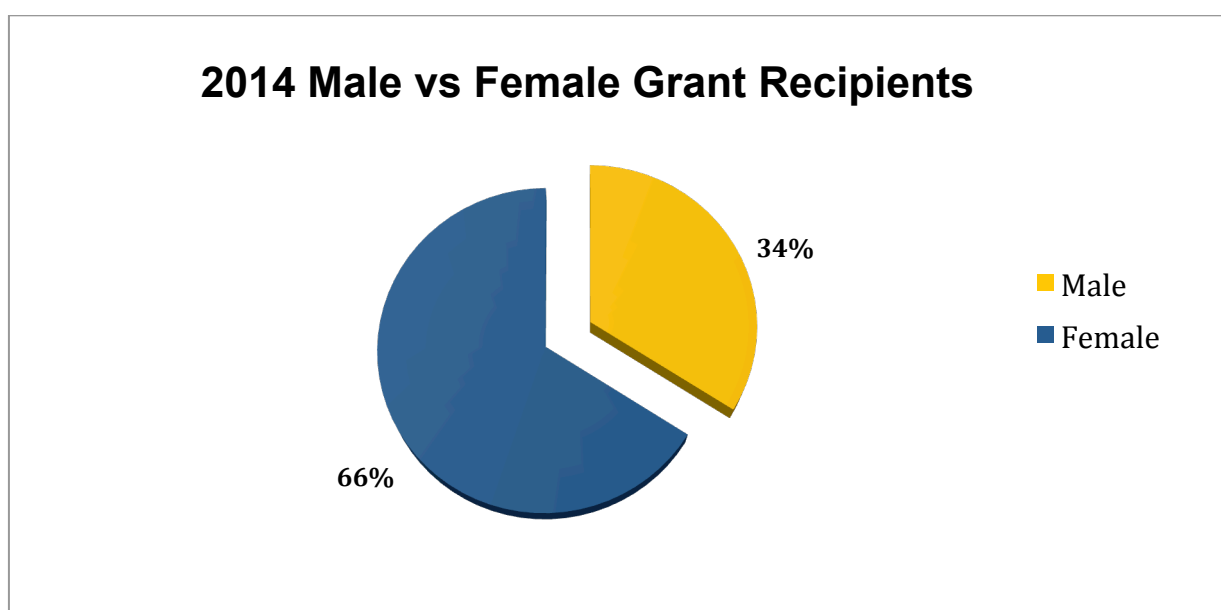
**Partner support**

The CEF partners with 18 universities and colleges across Australia. CEF Education Partners provide matched funding to CEF students studying at their university/college. In addition to this co-funding, four of our Education Partners also fund university experience camps for CEF high school students.



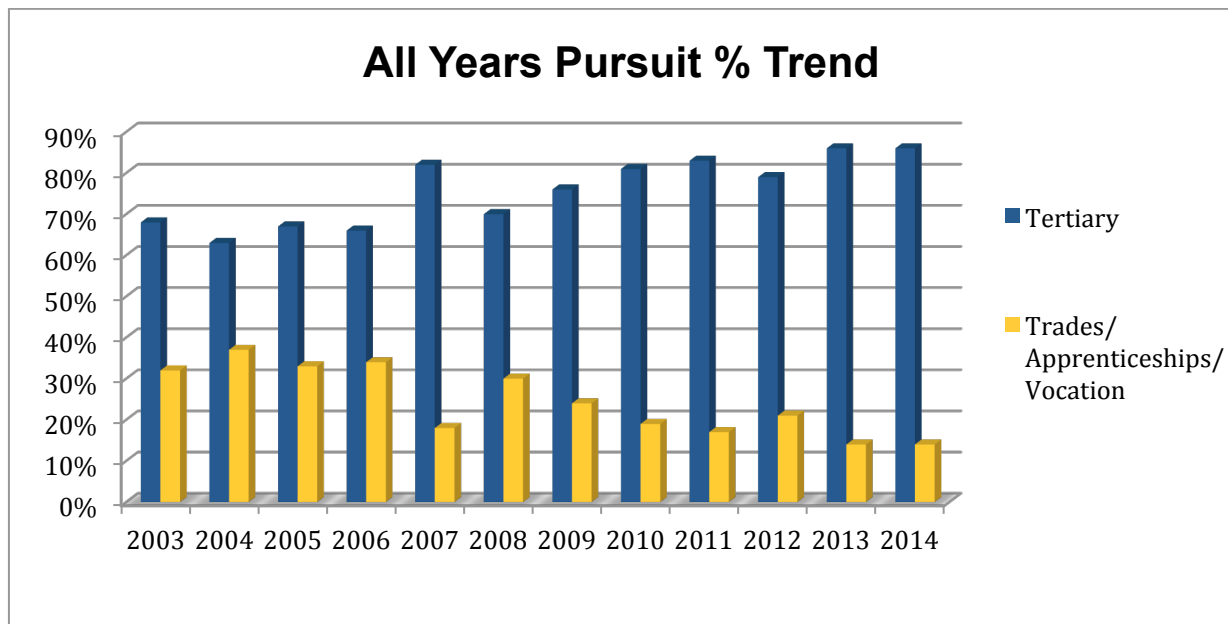
**Gender breakdown**

As in previous years, the majority of CEF grant recipients in 2014 were female (66%), while 34% were male.



**University, TAFE, cadetships and jobs**

CEF grants are awarded to students pursuing a broad range of post-high school vocations including university, apprenticeships, traineeships and jobs. The following graph shows the trend in pursuits CEF grant recipients are undertaking.



**Diversity of pursuits**

The following chart provides an indication of the diversity of pursuits for which recipients have received a grant from their local CEF. Students studying double degrees have been recorded under both pursuits.

