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Aurizon's Community Giving Fund helps develop high performance coaches

Australia's largest rail freight operator Aurizon is kicking off another round of community grants on 15 September 2014.

The Community Giving Fund program has supported 149 worthy charities across Australia since its inception in 2011.

One of the worthy recipients was the Mid-West Academy of Sport who were awarded a grant for their coach development program.

Mid-West Academy of Sport Chief Executive Officer, Chris Darlington says Aurizon's Community Giving Fund grant will enable the Mid-West Academy of Sport to sustain the coach development program.

"Sport is critical for regional communities and great coaches are vital. We are using the funds to provide ongoing development to approximately 20 regional coaches across the Mid-West region of WA, from 11 different sports.

"The Aurizon grant will fund the development of coaches in areas including; sports psychology, communication, leadership, planning, team management and skill acquisition.

"There are approximately 550 young athletes that receive regular coaching from the coaches that are being developed with the assistance of Aurizon.

"By developing regional coaches, the home training environment is improved and therefore families with high-performing athletes are less likely to leave the region to receive better coaching."

Aurizon Managing Director and CEO Lance Hockridge is calling on the community to encourage local charities to apply.

"The Community Giving Fund can genuinely make a world of difference to those in need.

"We are calling on all charities and not for profit organisations who have projects based on environment, community safety, education or health and wellbeing to apply for a grant of up to \$20,000."

“Apply and let us help you to help those who need it.”

The Community Giving Fund opens on 15 September 2014 and closes at 5pm AEDST 24 October 2014.

To apply visit www.aurizon.com.au/community.

