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CATEGORY 2: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

| | Name of Organisation | Amount Sought | Amount Recommended |
|----|--|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | NSW SLASA INC | \$5,000 | 0 |
| 2 | NSW SLASA INC | \$5,000 | \$3,061 |
| 3 | Parkinson's NSW – Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Support Group | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 4 | StreetWork Australia | \$5,000 | \$1,850 |
| 5 | 2nd St Ives Scout Group | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| 6 | Pymble Playgroup | \$4,985 | 0 |
| 7 | M2M North Shore | \$5,000 | 0 |
| 8 | CASS Care Ltd | \$4,905 | \$3,905 |
| 9 | Fighting Chance Australia Limited | \$3,820 | 0 |
| 10 | St Ives High School Parents and Citizens Association | \$3,300 | 0 |
| 11 | KU Fox Valley Preschool | \$2,400 | \$2,400 |
| 12 | KYDS Youth Development Service Incorporated | \$4,597 | \$2,000 |
| 13 | Early Education (EarlyEd) Inc. | \$4,975 | \$4,975 |
| 14 | Gordon Baptist Church | \$5,000 | 0 |
| 15 | Lions Club Of Manly Inc | \$1,200 | 0 |
| 16 | Pymble Turramurra Preschool | \$4,685 | \$4,685 |
| 17 | Phoenix House Youth Services | \$4,750 | \$4,750 |
| 18 | Rotary Club of St Ives INC | \$5,000 | \$5,000 |
| 19 | Warrawee Public School P&C | \$4,705 | 0 |
| | Total | \$80,322 | \$38,626 |

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| ORGANISATION NAME: | NSW SLASA INC |
| ORGANISATION BACKGROUND: | <p>NSW SLASA is a community organisation which represents the different Spanish and Latin American communities of NSW. Within the objectives of NSW SLASA is to provide services to immigrants and refugees in order to facilitate their settlement in Australia. Furthermore, NSW SLASA has the responsibility to identify the need of the community and to represent these before various Government departments in order to obtain funds to develop strategies and to establish projects which will help to improve the conditions of the Spanish and Latin American community of NSW.</p> <p>Initially NSW SLASA received a grant from the Community Relations Commission to employ one social worker. Today NSW SLASA has 3 workers and receives funding from the Department of Family & Community Services; and other small grants in NSW. In 2014 NSW SLASA started to work with the community in the north of Sydney developing Spanish Communities Hubs around Hornsby Shire Council, Ku-ring-gai Council and The Hills Shire Council.</p> |
| AMOUNT REQUESTED: | \$5,000 |
| PROJECT DESCRIPTION: | <p>Butterfly: Empowering Women Program @ Kuringai – The purpose and anticipated end result of this proposal is for the participants to improve the level of satisfaction in each area of life: career, education, finances, health, family, personal development, providing tools and strategies to avoid isolation, and as a consequence empowering and helping women to improve their self-esteem and motivate and inspire them to become agents of social change, because helping women is helping their community.</p> <p>This program will be delivered in 10 weekly sessions of 3 hours each, which is a School Term.</p> <p>This project will contribute to our service provision by assisting CALD women in the community in their social connectedness, general wellbeing and their need to feel part of the community.</p> |
| PREVIOUS GRANTS: | 2016 \$3,000 2017 \$2,000 2018 \$2,992 |
| 2018 ACQUITTAL FORM RECEIVED? | Yes |
| COMMENTS: | <p>Please note that this is the first of two Community Grant applications by The Spanish and Latin American Association for Social Assistance (NSW SLASA) under the category Community Development.</p> <p>Under the Ku-ring-gai Community Grants Program, organisations cannot apply for more than one project under the same category. This information was clearly communicated to community groups at the Ku-ring-gai Community Grants Program Information Workshop and groups were encouraged to seek advice on projects if they were unclear regarding eligibility criteria.</p> <p>NSW SLASA was contacted and they advised that Spanish Senior Community Group was a higher priority, and this has been recommended for funding.</p> |

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| AMOUNT REQUESTED: | \$5,000 |
| PROJECT DESCRIPTION: | <p>Spanish Senior Community Group – To provide social activities, recreation, information sessions, workshops and excursions to the Spanish Senior Community living in Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai Council area, with the purpose to reduce social isolation and therefore improve their health and general well being while supporting community building. We are currently working with a Spanish senior group of 25 people approximately and we need financial and economic support from any local government to keep running this project.</p> <p>This project will contribute to our service provision by assisting the senior members of the Spanish speaking community in their social connectedness, general wellbeing and their need to feel part of a cultural community aligned with their language and traditions.</p> |
| PREVIOUS GRANTS: | 2016 \$3,000 2017 \$2,000 2018 \$2,992 |
| 2018 ACQUITTAL FORM RECEIVED? | Yes |
| COMMENTS: | <p>The Spanish and Latin American Association for Social Assistance (NSW SLASA) is seeking assistance to provide social activities, recreation, information sessions, workshops and excursions to the Spanish-speaking seniors community in the Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby LGAs.</p> <p>Most programs provided by NSW SLASA support members to integrate into Australian society through English language and skills training. However, older parents who move to Australia to accompany family find it difficult to learn English, make new friends and settle into a new culture. They often feel isolated and alone, and have a desire to reconnect with their language, cultural identity and community.</p> <p>The range of activities run by the group includes gentle exercise, craft and cooking, use of computers, dancing, excursions, exhibitions and information sessions on health, nutrition, financial advice and local services, etc. Approximately 600 Ku-ring-gai residents speak Spanish as their primary language.</p> |

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Please note that this is the second of two Community Grant applications by NSW SLASA under the category of Community Development. Under the Ku-ring-gai Community Grants Program, organisations cannot apply for two projects under the same category. NSW SLASA INC. was contacted and they advised that Spanish Senior Community Group was a higher priority, and this has been recommended for funding.

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED:

\$3,061

SPECIFIC PURPOSE:

A contribution towards excursion and program costs of the SLASA Spanish-speaking seniors group.

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| ORGANISATION NAME: | Parkinson's NSW – Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Support Group |
| ORGANISATION BACKGROUND: | <p>AIM: To provide support both to people suffering from Parkinson's disease and their carers.</p> <p>OBJECTIVES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To provide educational sessions to assist both Parkinsonians and carers to understand Parkinson's disease.2. To improve lifestyles through promoting the various therapies available.3. To keep members informed of research being undertaken into Parkinson's disease.4. To assist both sufferers and carers to accept and adapt to Parkinson's disease.5. To provide moral and practical support to all concerned.6. To increase awareness of Parkinson's disease in the general community. |
| AMOUNT REQUESTED: | \$1,000 |
| PROJECT DESCRIPTION: | <p>Parkinson's Members Communication – The newsletters provide relevant and up-to-date information about Parkinson's disease to members. The project aims to improve members' quality of life and to advocate for better health care support for people who are living with Parkinson's.</p> <p>Assistance is sought to cover the cost of printing and distributing the Support Group's monthly newsletter and the cost of duplicating and distributing DVD recordings of meetings so that members can stay informed.</p> |
| PREVIOUS GRANTS: | 2018 \$2,000 |
| 2018 ACQUITTAL FORM RECEIVED? | Yes |
| COMMENTS: | <p>Parkinson's Support Group is seeking financial assistance with the cost of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• printing and distributing the Support Group's monthly newsletter, which contains information on treatments and medications, and how to better support people living with Parkinson's.• production and distribution of DVD recordings of meetings to members who cannot attend meetings. <p>The Parkinson's Support Group offers people living with Parkinson's disease and their carers support, advice, information and resources via meetings and newsletters. The newsletters are vital to the group's members to keep them informed of developments in the treatment of Parkinson's disease. The newsletters help to keep them up to date with advances in medications and treatments, and provide information on how to care for someone living with Parkinson's.</p> <p>This support group has been operating for more than 20 years in Ku-ring-gai/Hornsby and has more than 200 members.</p> <p>Please note that Parkinson's NSW has also applied for funding under the Small Equipment stream of the Ku-ring-gai Community Grants Program.</p> |
| AMOUNT RECOMMENDED: | \$1,000 |
| SPECIFIC PURPOSE: | To cover the cost of publication, production and distribution of newsletters and DVD recordings of meetings. |

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ORGANISATION NAME: StreetWork Australia

ORGANISATION BACKGROUND: StreetWork is a not-for-profit, community-based organisation that focuses on prevention/early intervention strategies delivered to 'at risk' young people (YP) so that they have the same opportunities as their peers – that is to grow, to achieve their dreams and to develop as a person with high self-esteem. StreetWork's mission is to provide innovative and effective services for medium-high 'at risk' YP aged 11-18 affected by crime, mental health issues, violence, homelessness, social isolation, alcohol/substance misuse, those disengaged from school/education or with poor employment with opportunities, to turn their lives around.

StreetWork has close to 40 years' experience working with 'at risk' YP, acting as a "specialist concierge" to connect YP to specific youth services providers such as Juvenile Justice, employment agencies, education and counselling services. Our aim is to assist 'at risk' YP to tackle the core problems they face, working to reinstate their self-esteem and self-worth by providing the best level of support possible. The organisation has three branches servicing Sydney's North Shore, Northern Beaches and Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai communities. StreetWork employs 9 full time, part time and casual staff members and has more than 310 volunteers.

AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$5,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: **StreetSizzle - Outreach BBQ** – StreetSizzle is a Mobile Outreach Hub (MOH), an early intervention strategy, whereby youth workers/trained volunteers go to where young people gather – to meet on their "turf". The strategy is built around recurring BBQ's (via a customised BBQ trailer) in places such as local skate parks or PCYC. The main objective is to provide a safe and inclusive environment for 'at risk' and/or homeless YP to receive support and connect with programs/services they may otherwise be unable to access. The program is regularly supported by other youth services organisations such as headspace and KYDS.

StreetWork's team of youth workers and volunteers gathers thirty minutes prior to start time to set up the BBQ, tables, flags/banners and prepare for food service. Once set up, the team begin offering YP a free sausage sizzle, engage them in conversation and invite them to participate in planned sports activities such as soccer, touch football, etc. StreetWork plays music and offers a fun and peaceful atmosphere for YP to engage with staff and peers.

StreetWork's programs focus on stabilising and/or improving a young person's risk to youth crime, mental illness/suicide, homelessness and early school leavers not engaged in employment. By taking a holistic approach that addresses risk and protective factors, StreetWork is better positioned to alleviate disadvantage and promote general wellbeing among YP.

The key social benefits of StreetSizzle include:

- Provides YP with access to youth workers in order to get the support they need to address issues affecting them.
- Improves youth engagement with services/programs in the local area that can support them, including StreetWork's KickStart Mentoring Program.
- Provides an opportunity for socially isolated YP already engaged with StreetWork, to interact in a structured, safe program and have fun with other YP."

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PREVIOUS GRANTS:

2014-15 \$1,250
2015-16 \$3,300
2016-17 \$4,400
2016-17 \$2,200
2017-18 \$3,300

2018 ACQUITTAL FORM RECEIVED? N/A

COMMENTS:

Streetwork is seeking assistance for food and advertising costs to deliver StreetSizzle - a Mobile Outreach program for young people in the Ku-ring-gai LGA. StreetWork is proposing to deliver monthly 'StreetSizzle' programs in the Ku-ring-gai LGA. Locations may include: local parks, youth / community centres and sites that young people gather.

The program aims to provide a safe and inclusive environment for young people to receive support and connect with programs/services that they may not be able to access otherwise.

The program is a mix of prevention / early intervention strategies with a low-cost and effective approach, critical in helping divert YP from risk-taking behaviours.

Streetwork is a not-for-profit, community based organisation with over 40 years of experience working with 'at-risk' young people.

Please note Council will not fund recurrent/ongoing expenses such as salaries, grant funding will contribute to food and advertising costs to deliver the StreetSizzle Program.

Please note that Streetwork has also applied for funding under the Small Equipment and Arts and Cultural streams of the Ku-ring-gai Community Grants Program.

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED: **\$1,850**

SPECIFIC PURPOSE: A contribution towards the food and advertising costs of delivering the Mobile Outreach program 'StreetSizzle' to young people in Ku-ring-gai.

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| ORGANISATION NAME: | 2nd St Ives Scout Group |
| ORGANISATION BACKGROUND: | <p>The mission of Scouting is to contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Scout Law and Promise. Through involvement in a non-formal educational process where individuals are a principal in their development as self-reliant, supportive and responsible individuals, and that assists them develop a value system covering spiritual, social and personal principals. The scout law requires members to be respectful, friendly and considerate, care for others and the environment and encourages Scouts to believe in themselves, to learn from their experiences and to face challenges with courage. The scout promise has members promise to do their best, to do their duty to god and the country, or alternatively their own spiritual beliefs and values, to help other people and to live by the Scout law. Scout activities are significantly designed around outdoor activities and a major component is the involvement in adventurous activities including camping, abseiling, canoeing, hiking and general outdoor pursuits whilst training them on survival, navigation and backwoods skills. In addition to this there are significant elements covering citizenship and activity based awards based on a diverse selection of activities and skills.</p> |
| AMOUNT REQUESTED: | \$5,000 |
| PROJECT DESCRIPTION: | <p>Replacement Trailer – We urgently require a replacement trailer to transport our gear to camps and activities. The current trailer is over 15 years old and has corroded to a degree that it has a limited remaining life and if it breaks before we have a replacement it will mean that the Cubs and Scouts are no longer able to go on camps and activities.</p> <p>There is a significant amount of equipment to transport in order to construct a self-sufficient camp site and we require a large serviceable trailer in order to transport these items. A new trailer is therefore critical to these activities and an essential part of the service provision that we provide to the youth members.</p> |
| PREVIOUS GRANTS: | 2013 \$3,300 2014 (Approx) \$1,250 |
| 2018 ACQUITTAL FORM RECEIVED? | N/A |
| COMMENTS: | <p>The 2nd St Ives Scout Group is seeking assistance to fund a trailer to transport equipment to and from camps and activities. The current trailer is over 15 years old and is in urgent need of replacement.</p> <p>The trailer is used to transport large amounts of equipment to and from camping activities and is available for use by other groups. Camps and external activities are an essential part of the Scouting program and assistance young people to learn responsibility in a structured and outdoor environment.</p> <p>The benefit of the trailer is that the Scout group will be able to continue attending camps to develop greater independence and leadership skills for young people.</p> |
| AMOUNT RECOMMENDED: | \$5,000 |
| SPECIFIC PURPOSE: | A contribution towards the cost of purchasing a replacement trailer. |

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| ORGANISATION NAME: | Pymble Playgroup |
| ORGANISATION BACKGROUND: | <p>Playgroup NSW leads in engaging families and communities in early childhood development. Programs and services centre around play and are universally beneficial for communities, carers and children from a range of backgrounds.</p> <p>Vision: Playgroups are accessible to all families with children 0-5 in NSW, resulting in enhanced development, wellbeing and support for carers and children; and thriving communities.</p> |
| AMOUNT REQUESTED: | \$4,985 |
| PROJECT DESCRIPTION: | <p>Signage – Permanent signage - made from a gabion wall & laser cut steel signage. To replace fence that wraps around stump. Please note: We have approval from the venue owner, Council for this to occur.</p> <p>Currently we only have a tiny Aframe and a A3 sized sign at the gate. We have increased our presence on social media and are on an outreach and marketing mission to showcase our presence in the community with an emphasis on increasing the capacity of groups. The house itself is in a bit of a shabby state but new signage would welcome people when they visit our community groups, and clearly demonstrate that the community is a thriving, engaged and above all, focussed on the local communities we serve.</p> |
| PREVIOUS GRANTS: | Nil |
| 2018 ACQUITTAL FORM RECEIVED? | N/A |
| COMMENTS: | <p>Pymble Playgroup is requesting assistance for the installation of new signage, by replacing part of the existing fence and the reconstruction of a new gabion wall.</p> <p>Under Ku-ring-gai Community Grants Program Guidelines, capital assistance or maintenance of building or grounds cannot be funded. This information was clearly communicated to the community groups at Ku-ring-gai Community Grants Program Guidelines Information Workshop and groups were encouraged to seek advice on a project if they were unclear regarding eligibility criteria</p> <p>Please note that Pymble Playgroup has also applied for funding under the Arts and Cultural and Small Equipment streams of the Ku-ring-gai Community Grants Program.</p> |
| AMOUNT RECOMMENDED: | Nil |
| SPECIFIC PURPOSE: | N/A |

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| ORGANISATION NAME: | M2M North Shore |
| ORGANISATION BACKGROUND: | <p>Of the approx 10,000 students in high school in the North Shore, roughly 1,000 kids (plus their parents and families) struggle with special needs and isolation. For most, social media is simply not an option as these kids are particularly at risk from bullying and predators. Is there a safe place for teens with challenges to go to connect with other kids who may be struggling? The answer is no.</p> |
| AMOUNT REQUESTED: | \$5,000 |
| PROJECT DESCRIPTION: | <p>M2M North Shore –</p> <p>M2M North Shore is a referral-based, parent-led, online forum to help connect and support teenagers aged 12-17 years with mild to moderate special needs or disabilities, their parents/carers, and the community of practitioners and providers.</p> <p>There are 3 linked but separate forums:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• M2M Kids• M2M Parents/Carers• M2M Practitioners and Providers. <p>M2M provides a kids' forum that allows kids to chat in a safe and secure environment. The parents/carers' forum encourages parents and carers to share their personal experiences and local knowledge, extend the circle of support and encourage parent-led and funded social engagement and activities. The practitioner/providers' forum allows local support to be better targeted.</p> <p>I am applying for the \$5,000 grant to cover the costs of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• conducting a community launch of the program to participating schools• promotional material• some minor upgrades to the existing FB forum and website. <p>Of the approximately 10,000 students attending high schools in the Ku-ring-gai area, around 1,000 have disabilities or other challenges. These challenges may result in their being isolated from the mainstream and being particularly vulnerable to bullying and predators, especially on social media. Many parents also struggle with the challenges and isolation, as well as coping with their children's difficult journey. The forum is designed to provide a safe community to help parents and carers support their kids and each other by sharing information and encouraging safe connections.</p> |
| PREVIOUS GRANTS: | Nil |
| 2018 ACQUITTAL FORM RECEIVED? | N/A |
| COMMENTS: | <p>M2M is an online forum to help connect and support teenagers aged 12-17 years who have a disability, and their parents or carers.</p> <p>The forum is designed to provide a safe community, helping parents and carers to support their kids and each other by sharing information and encouraging safe connections.</p> <p>Support is provided to kids by allowing them to chat in a safe and secure online environment. The online forum also gives parents the opportunity to share their personal experiences and knowledge and to extend the circle of support. This is a referral-based online forum.</p> |

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Financial assistance is sought to cover the cost of a community launch of the program, promotional material, and to upgrade the existing Facebook forum and website.

Financial assistance is not granted for the following reasons:

- No financial breakdown has been provided for how the money will be spent.
- There is no clear indication how this forum will operate on a practical basis
- It is unclear what is required to upgrade the system and if there is technology that already exists to provide the same service.
- No indication of the number of people using the service has been provided.

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED:

Nil

SPECIFIC PURPOSE:

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| ORGANISATION NAME: | CASS Care Ltd |
| ORGANISATION BACKGROUND: | <p>The CASS Group provides a wide range of social and welfare services. It is widely known and promoted in the community with its brand name "CASS". It consists of a group of organisations, all of which are registered charitable companies limited by guarantee, including principally its parent entity, the Chinese Australian Services Society Ltd (founded in 1981), and the subsidiary, CASS Care Ltd (established in 2002) which is also an endorsed public benevolent institution by the Australian Taxation Office. The aim of CASS Care is to provide various services to the multicultural communities.</p> <p>The services of CASS Care: Covers a 63-bed residential aged care facility in Campsie, Home Care Packages for over 270 frail seniors, Commonwealth Home Support Program for over 800 frail seniors, Community Visitors Scheme, Disability Services, settlement and health services, and children services. More than 2,800 families access CASS services and activities weekly.</p> |
| AMOUNT REQUESTED: | \$4,905 |
| PROJECT DESCRIPTION: | <p>Chinese Community Access Project – The aims of the Chinese community access project are to encourage and support the Chinese community in Ku-ring-gai Local Government Area to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* break isolation and language barrier;* establish social support network;* gain access to information and services;* promote community participation, integration, and harmony* increase understanding and identification to the local area as well as a citizen of Australia. <p>An activity group which has weekly meetings in Gordon Library will be developed. This will form the basis where activities will be organised to achieve the above aims.</p> <p>In addition to organising activities, CASS will also turn the meeting place of the activity group into a community information hub for the local Chinese residents, where people can get important community services information in their language, and come into direct contact with staff of CASS to receive culturally and linguistically appropriate services, or be referred to other service providers.</p> <p>The project will directly support the provision of the following services by CASS to the local residents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Home aged care* Disability services* Settlement services to new migrants in the local Chinese community* Family Day Care services. |
| PREVIOUS GRANTS: | Nil |
| 2018 ACQUITTAL FORM RECEIVED? | N/A |
| COMMENTS: | CASS Care is requesting assistance to provide a Community Information Hub alongside their weekly Chinese cultural activities group in Gordon Library. The Hub will allow better access to services for local Chinese |

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residents who may be isolated by language and cultural barriers. Information will be provided in Chinese languages on the services that are available in Ku-ring-gai such as aged home care services, disability services, settlement services and Family Day Care services. In addition help will be provided in navigating complex government service systems. There is an identified need for improved communication in community languages and assistance to access services to CALD residents.

Please note that CASS Care has listed insurance and administration costs in the proposed budget. These items are considered ongoing operational costs and are ineligible for funding under the Ku-ring-gai Community Grants Scheme guidelines.

CASS Care have also applied for funding under the Small Equipment stream of the Ku-ring-gai Community Grants Program.

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED:

\$3,905

SPECIFIC PURPOSE:

A contribution to the provision of a community information hub, including venue hire, promotion and program costs.

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| ORGANISATION NAME: | Fighting Chance Australia Limited |
| ORGANISATION BACKGROUND: | <p>Fighting Chance designs, builds and scales social enterprises which move the dial for Australians with disability and their families. Our approach is simple. We work with our community to identify the challenges and barriers faced by people with disability in their everyday lives and then create sustainable social businesses which resolve these issues. Our mission is to ask 'WHAT IF?', to see the world as it isn't yet, to imagine a future quite different to the present. And then to make it happen.</p> <p>Since 2011, Fighting Chance has designed and built social enterprises which create meaningful employment and community engagement opportunities for people with disability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avenue: A Co-Working Space providing opportunities for people with profound disability to work, socialise and learn. Supporting over 250 people in 4 premises, Avenue is providing many with a sense of contribution, who would otherwise only have traditional day program options.• Jigsaw: A digitisation and document management business providing people with disability with work-readiness training, Award-wage employment and supported transition to mainstream employment. Supporting over 120 people in Frenchs Forest, Jigsaw is a unique commercially competitive business. <p>Fighting Chance has also launched a new approach to shared independent living through a home in Narraweena.</p> |
| AMOUNT REQUESTED: | \$3,820 |
| PROJECT DESCRIPTION: | <p>Developing the skills of those who work with people with disability in the Ku-ring-gai LGA – This project involves providing invaluable cutting edge staff training and development to Fighting Chance staff members who are living in the Ku-ring-gai LGA.</p> <p>Avenue and Jigsaw are Fighting Chance social enterprises employing Ku-ring-gai residents, which are moving the dial for adults with disability.</p> <p>These businesses offer a range of opportunities for community engagement, work experience and skill development. Our philosophy is that it is not the lack of ability that holds so many people with disability back from fully engaging in the economy and community life, but the lack of opportunity.</p> <p>Fighting Chance exists to fill that gap by offering all people the opportunity to work, socialise and learn in a safe and supported environment.</p> <p>Support workers, team leaders and hub managers all work with participants with disability at Frenchs Forest. They are an amazingly dedicated team, providing high quality supports, and are focused on Team Members' individual abilities and needs. The training we have highlighted as key is Management of Actual or Potential Aggression (MAPA).</p> |
| PREVIOUS GRANTS: | 2017 \$1,716 2017 \$2,800 2018 \$4,000 2018 \$2,000 |
| 2018 ACQUITTAL FORM RECEIVED? | Yes |

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COMMENTS:

Fighting Chance would like their employees who work with people who have a disability to complete Management of Actual or Potential Aggression Training. The training aims to enhance employees' understanding and management of disruptive, aggressive or violent behaviour that clients may display.

Under the Ku-ring-gai Community Grants Program, training of staff is considered an ongoing expense and a primary responsibility of the organisation, and cannot be funded. In addition, this type of training is a common training model for staff working with people who have a disability.

Please note that Fighting Chance has also applied for funding under the Small Equipment stream of the Ku-ring-gai Community Grants Program.

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED:

Nil

SPECIFIC PURPOSE:

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| ORGANISATION NAME: | St Ives High School Parents and Citizens Association |
| ORGANISATION BACKGROUND: | <p>St Ives High P&C's objectives are:</p> <p>i) to promote the interests of the St Ives High School by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation and</p> <p>ii) to assist in providing facilities and equipment for the School and in promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the School.</p> |
| AMOUNT REQUESTED: | \$3,300 |
| PROJECT DESCRIPTION: | <p>Create community raingardens – Create raised raingardens to help establish a community garden in St Ives High School.</p> <p>Building several raised raingardens will provide an opportunity to bring together the local community to work on a positive project, providing social and environmental benefits.</p> <p>Many families, sporting groups and cultural groups access the school for various activities during school time and during the evenings and weekends and these groups will be invited to participate.</p> <p>This project will highlight the importance of communities coming together and looking after their environment. The benefits are both social and environmental:</p> <p>Social benefits - all groups that participate which includes: children and families, hearing impaired students who attend the school, local community and sporting groups that access the school - will gain connection to each other by working together on a positive project.</p> <p>The P&C provides service to the school and local community by bringing parents, citizens, pupils and teaching staff into close co-operation.</p> <p>This project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Actively involves the community in the delivery of the project• Develops the skills of all participants – learning how to construct a raised raingarden which will encourage many students, community members and local groups to construct a raingarden in their own private gardens/homes.• Provides long term benefits to the school and local community by encouraging active care of the environment, and understanding the relationship between stormwater and the local creeks and waterways• Promotes undertaking sustainable practices• Provides the opportunity for students and community to volunteer their time for a project with community benefits• Provides the opportunity for the diverse community to come together to work on a common project• Improves mental wellbeing of the participants by working together on a positive project. |
| PREVIOUS GRANTS: | Nil |
| 2018 ACQUITTAL FORM RECEIVED? | N/A |
| COMMENTS: | <p>The P&C from St Ives High School is seeking assistance to construct rain gardens on the school grounds. This would include materials to deliver the project.</p> <p>There are environmental benefits due to it being a practical 'hands-on'</p> |

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project that will benefit the local environment by using stormwater to water the raingarden, which supports the local waterways by reducing the stormwater sediment load and reducing pollutants entering the waterways.

This project is not considered a priority under Community Development and is more closely aligned with Council's Environmental Levy Small Grants Program. Discussions have been held with Council's Environment and Sustainability Department and the P&C will be informed of the application process. The Environmental Levy Grant applications are now open with a closing date of 6 September 2019. The Environment and Sustainability department can be contacted to discuss whether any practical assistance can be provided.

Please note that St Ives High School P&C has also applied for funding under the Small Equipment and Arts and Cultural streams of the Ku-ring-gai Community Grants Program.

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED:

Nil

SPECIFIC PURPOSE:

N/A

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| ORGANISATION NAME: | KU Fox Valley Preschool |
| ORGANISATION BACKGROUND: | <p>Fox Valley Preschool is a small preschool nestled in a beautiful bush land setting in council owned premises on Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga. We are part of the larger not for profit organisation, KU Children's Services with a long history of active community involvement, having celebrated our 50th birthday in 2018 with the Mayor in attendance at the event. Our stimulating, natural hands-on learning environment brings out the curiosity of children, extends their thinking and equips them ideally for a successful transition to school. One of the best things about KU Fox Valley is the sense of community that is fostered here. With frequent opportunities for families to contribute to the program they gain a sense of belonging through participation and we enjoy local connections with Greenwood aged care and Wahroonga Waterways Landcare. We aim to provide a high quality preschool experience and in doing so make lasting community connections, promoting connectivity and social capital, benefiting children and their families. Our objectives include developing genuine, reciprocal relationships within our community, drawing on the skills, experiences and inspirations of our parent community and staff. Meaningful, hands-on, relationship based naturalistic learning for children is a key objective in achieving this.</p> |
| AMOUNT REQUESTED: | \$2,400 |
| PROJECT DESCRIPTION: | <p>Connecting younger and older generations – Our project, Connecting younger and older generations, builds on a visiting program that the children and staff at KU Fox Valley Preschool have built over the years in partnership with the residents and staff of Greenwood Aged Care. With this project we plan to make 5 visits to bring the children, staff and parent volunteers across to visit with the residents of Greenwood Aged care. In 2018-19 we implemented an adapted visiting program that focussed on relationships and reciprocal relationships rather than certain activities and resourcing. We have evaluated this project and found it to be more meaningful and beneficial for the residence and the children involved as it allows for unhurried interactions. By venturing across to Greenwood we are able to connect with residents who are otherwise isolated or unable to venture out themselves, and whilst the residents continue to visit us it is in smaller numbers and with those who are more able bodied. By engaging in this project we also plan to chronicle our visits and record them in self-published book format, the cost of which will be met in the preschool budget.</p> |
| PREVIOUS GRANTS: | <p>2016 - \$3,000</p> <p>2018 - \$532 Small Equipment</p> <p>2018 - \$2,400 Community Development</p> <p>2018 - \$2,100 Arts & Cultural</p> |
| 2018 ACQUITTAL FORM RECEIVED? | Yes |
| COMMENTS: | <p>KU Fox Valley Preschool is seeking funds to support return visits to the Greenwood Aged Care facility, as part of the Intergenerational visiting program known as the "Return visiting with our elder friends" project. The program supports relationship building whilst addressing social inclusion and allowing for visits to the more confined residents. This allows for connection between the children, families and the older generation. The program promotes greater connections within the local community. The preschool shares best practice with other kindergartens and preschools,</p> |

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which has provided professional learning opportunities for teachers.

The grant funding would be used towards bus transportation of the children to the facility, with the assistance of parent volunteers who accompany the children.

Please note that KU Fox Valley has also applied for funding under the Small Equipment and Arts and Cultural streams of the Ku-ring-gai Community Grants Program.

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED:

\$2,400

SPECIFIC PURPOSE:

A contribution towards the cost of bus transportation for children participating in the "Return visiting with our elder friends" project.

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| ORGANISATION NAME: | KYDS Youth Development Service Incorporated |
| ORGANISATION BACKGROUND: | <p>KYDS Youth Development Service was founded in 2004 to provide accessible and expert mental health support service to young people across northern Sydney. KYDS mission is to support all young people to work through their mental health challenges and reach their full potential.</p> <p>Last year KYDS delivered more than 2500 individual, free counselling sessions to around 250 young people aged 12-18 years. With a holistic approach, KYDS works with our clients and their families/parents/caregivers to manage their mental health concerns - building and repairing relationships, learning skills and developing habits for the long term.</p> <p>KYDS helps young people understand, and manage, difficult issues in their lives. We do this by providing easily accessed, personalised counselling and mental health support services, family counselling, and early intervention well-being workshops and information events. We ensure issues such as grief, loss, family break ups, friendship problems, school and study stress, addictions, risky behaviour, anger, bullying, anxiety, depression, alcohol and drug use, body image concerns, mental health concerns, self-harm and suicidal thoughts do not overwhelm young people.</p> |
| AMOUNT REQUESTED: | \$4,597 |
| PROJECT DESCRIPTION: | <p>KYDS Youth Advisory Project – KYDS has a long history of supporting young people and their families across northern Sydney through their social and emotional challenges. We have established a strong network of clients, as well as interested and engaged young people who support our work in the community. We believe that these young people hold significant potential to contribute to how we deliver our services, including through discussion and feedback, creation of potential new and/or improved services and fundraising activities.</p> <p>The group will meet regularly to inform and support the reflection, review, iteration and development of programs or services that will most effectively and appropriately engage and respond to the needs of young people. This will include providing leadership and input to the KYDS management committee and/or that of other relevant agencies.</p> <p>Founded in 2004, KYDS delivers expert and accessible mental health services to young people and families across northern Sydney. We have recently undergone a series of significant changes to improve our service capacity, as well as our sustainability. To support this work and to support our continuing delivery of a best practice, young person focused service, we believe that a youth run Advisory Group will be invaluable - allowing KYDS to better respond to the needs of their demographic through discussion, criticism, feedback and even creation of potential new services.</p> <p>With mental health topping the list of concerns for young people in a Mission Australia survey last year, KYDS is dedicated to supporting young people to improve their skills and knowledge around mental health and wellbeing.</p> |
| PREVIOUS GRANTS: | <p>2018 \$2,000</p> <p>2017 \$2,000</p> <p>2016 \$4,000</p> <p>2015 \$1,000</p> |

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2014 \$5,000

2018 ACQUITTAL FORM RECEIVED?

Yes

COMMENTS:

KYDS Youth Development Service is seeking assistance to deliver a Youth Advisory Project for families across Northern Sydney.

The Advisory Group will be coordinated by a KYDS staff member, a KYDS clinical intern and supported by a senior clinician. It will consist of and be led by young people primarily from the Ku-ring-gai LGA, but also with young people from beyond. Implementation will include monthly meetings throughout the funding period.

The Youth Advisory will act as a mode of community engagement - working with young people through local schools and community groups to disseminate quality information and to advocate for awareness building activities in schools and in the community. After the initial project period, the advisory group will be coordinated by a KYDS intern and volunteers, and mentored by clinical staff.

Please note Council will not fund recurrent/ongoing expenses such as salaries. Grant funding will contribute to food, materials and advertising costs to deliver the Youth Advisory Project.

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED:

\$2,000

SPECIFIC PURPOSE:

A contribution towards project materials for the KYDS Youth Advisory Group.

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| ORGANISATION NAME: | Early Education (EarlyEd) Inc. |
| ORGANISATION BACKGROUND: | <p>EarlyEd provides early intervention services to children from birth who have delays in development or disabilities and their families/carers. Our team of special educators and therapy staff provide support in the form of group programs, playgroups, individual sessions and parent training at our centres and in the community. Through our support we help every child to learn, develop and participate meaningfully in their community, starting early in life. We develop a plan for each family to suit their needs to include small groups, individual therapy and special education, childcare and school consultations, workshops and training programs and resources and information.</p> |
| AMOUNT REQUESTED: | \$4,975 |
| PROJECT DESCRIPTION: | <p>Masters of Lego Play - school holiday program for children with disability – This is a pilot project which will give children with disability and their families from Ku-ring-gai an opportunity to be involved in school holiday activities. A Lego® Friendship Skills Group session will be run in the Ku-ring-gai area (probably at Gordon Library Meeting Room) over 3 holiday periods. Families (brothers, sisters and parents of children with a disability) join in the group. Prior to attending families will receive resources and support to ensure the experience is as positive as possible. Families will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- have the same opportunities as other children to take part in holiday activities- learn strategies together that support social play- learn how to help their child manage at short, one off activities with children they may not know- have a family activity to do in the school holidays- connect up with other local families and make new friends (parents and children)- feel safe and comfortable that their child will be meaningfully and successfully included <p>EarlyEd has been delivering our Friendship Group programs regularly for many years, particularly in the school holidays, using the Lego®-Base Therapy Program) at North Sydney and Pendle Hill. This is too far for families to travel with their family for a short program.</p> <p>EarlyEd is committed to finding ways to support families in their local areas by giving them opportunities to learn and be supported and experiences they might not necessarily consider. EarlyEd is no longer funded to do support inclusion through community programs. This project will give families an opportunity to try an EarlyEd service without a financial commitment. This will mean that they can be comfortable with whatever outcome they can experience, experience something they may not have considered before, take their time to be part of the activity.</p> |
| PREVIOUS GRANTS: | Nil |
| 2018 ACQUITTAL FORM RECEIVED? | N/A |
| COMMENTS: | <p>Early Education (Early Ed) Inc. is seeking assistance to fund a pilot project for school aged children with disability, and their families to be involved in school holiday activities in the Ku-ring-gai area. Children do not always</p> |

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cope in mainstream programs and families have indicated that it is difficult to find suitable activities for their children during the school holidays if their child has a disability.

These group sessions will provide an inclusive environment which offers support and strategies for the children, their families and siblings and will assist them in developing new skills that can be transferred to their home environment. The service will be able to offer support to those children that aren't eligible for NDIS funding, or for families who may not want to access formal funding.

Families will have an opportunity to come together at a local venue whilst making new connections in a supportive environment.

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| AMOUNT RECOMMENDED: | \$4,975 |
| SPECIFIC PURPOSE: | N/A |

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| ORGANISATION NAME: | Gordon Baptist Church |
| ORGANISATION BACKGROUND: | <p>Gordon Baptist Church is a diverse community learning life together from Jesus. We follow Jesus because we believe that He shows us how to make the most out of life and live it well.</p> <p>Our purpose is to build a distinctive community of God's people growing in our communion with God, community with one another and commission within our world. We desire to be a growing body of Christ's people, responsive to the Holy Spirit, supportive of one another and effective in expressing God's love and truth to all people.</p> <p>We are a member of the Association of Baptist Churches in NSW & ACT and hold to the Statement of Beliefs adopted by the Baptist Churches of NSW and ACT.</p> <p>We have a significant Chinese membership, and on Sundays have a Mandarin service, a Cantonese service, as well as 2 English services. We have recently started a midweek service, aiming to reach primarily older people in the local community, and also have a Japanese service once per month.</p> |
| AMOUNT REQUESTED: | \$5,000 |
| PROJECT DESCRIPTION: | <p>New playground equipment – We would like to install some outdoor playground equipment in our fenced outdoor play area. We are looking to purchase and install a climbing frame with slide, and small rockers, to enable toddler and primary school aged children to safely play together in this space.</p> <p>We have many families who attend the church, both on Sundays and at other events during the week (eg Mainly Music). Currently there is only a fairly small outdoor fenced space for the children to play in during or after the service times. The provision of some play equipment will greatly improve the functionality of the space, providing a more interactive environment for children to play in, and will help to keep them entertained whilst the adults are involved in ministering to other members of the church.</p> |
| PREVIOUS GRANTS: | Nil |
| 2018 ACQUITTAL FORM RECEIVED? | N/A |
| COMMENTS: | <p>Gordon Baptist Church has applied for funding towards installing some fixed play equipment in their fenced outdoor area as part of a larger project involving the development of the children's play area.</p> <p>Under Ku-ring-gai Community Grants Program Guidelines, capital assistance or maintenance of building or grounds cannot be funded. This information was clearly communicated to the community groups at the Ku-ring-gai Community Grants Program Guidelines Information Workshop and groups were encouraged to seek advice on a project if they were unclear regarding eligibility criteria.</p> |
| AMOUNT RECOMMENDED: | Nil |
| SPECIFIC PURPOSE: | N/A |

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| ORGANISATION NAME: | Lions Club of Manly Inc |
| ORGANISATION BACKGROUND: | <p>We, the Lions Club of Manly are once again proud to be hosting our annual Circus Quirkus Show, This is our 26th year for the festival with last year an outstanding day out for the many children and their families whom attended, all thanks to support from the business community. Funds distributed previously have benefited a variety of community projects including the ongoing funding of the Lions NSW ACT Nurses Scholarship Foundation and Lions Diabetes Kids camp. Manly Lions have funded a number of pieces of specialised medical equipment focused in the field of paediatrics which include an Avalon FM30 Foetal Heartrate Monitor, a critical piece of equipment in evaluating maternal health and a Panda Warmersâ which are used to obtain accurate diagnostics for newborn babies whilst protecting in this process. Our support of the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation has seen a number of Hart Walkers provided for local children with Cerebral Palsy which are revolutionary pieces of equipment designed to assist the child to learn to walk independently</p> |
| AMOUNT REQUESTED: | \$1,200 |
| PROJECT DESCRIPTION: | <p>The Annual Circus Quirkus Show – Provide a days outing to the disadvantaged and special needs children of our community with a non-animal circus whilst at the same time raising funds for specialized medical equipment and community projects in the local area.</p> <p>Rotary is a voluntary organisation. Time and resources are provided at no charge. This annual event is eagerly anticipated by local children with disabilities and special needs and at the same time raising funds for specialised medical equipment which benefits the wider community.</p> |
| PREVIOUS GRANTS: | Nil |
| 2018 ACQUITTAL FORM RECEIVED? | N/A |
| COMMENTS: | <p>The Lions Club of Manly Inc is seeking assistance towards the cost of providing a circus outing (non animal) for disadvantaged and special needs children and families. At the same time, they raise funds for specialised medical equipment and community projects in the local area. The event is not open to the public and tickets are gifted to worthy recipients at local schools and kindergartens. This event has been staged for the past 26 years and is primarily funded through local sponsorship.</p> <p>It is unclear from the application how many local children and families are likely to benefit from the Annual Circus Quirkus Show or how the tickets are allocated. Also there is very little information supplied as to the connection to the Ku-ring-gai area and outcomes derived from this program.</p> |
| AMOUNT RECOMMENDED: | Nil |
| SPECIFIC PURPOSE: | N/A |

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| ORGANISATION NAME: | Pymble Turramurra Preschool |
| ORGANISATION BACKGROUND: | <p>Pymble Turramurra Preschool (PTP) is a community preschool which educates and prepares students for primary school. PTPs mission is to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provide a safe, caring, social and stimulating learning environment for children in the local community.2. Respect and nurture each child's uniqueness and style of learning to promote the 'whole child'.3. Foster a creative learning environment where teaching, play, and communication form the basis for learning; and4. Create a strong community spirit by encouraging social interaction with families and strong connection to our Ku-ring-gai community. <p>A long established part of the community in operation since 1962, currently teaching 45 local children each day.</p> |
| AMOUNT REQUESTED: | \$4,685 |
| PROJECT DESCRIPTION: | <p>PTP Community Connection Program – To conduct a series of 12 connection mornings where the staff, parent volunteers and groups of children of PTP visit the elderly and, in some instances, disabled, residents of the Princess Juliana Lodge (“Princess Juliana”) in North Turramurra and engage in reading, card games, small puzzles, bubble blowing, as well as art, craft and music activities with the residents. Each visit will last approximately 2 hours. The program will be conducted once a week for 6 weeks in Term 3, 2019 and once a week for 6 weeks in Term 4, 2019. Grant funds are sought to pay for 12 return bus trips on a chartered bus on these 12 occasions between PTP and Princess Juliana to transport PTP staff, parent volunteers and students, and for some consumable resources for the visits. PTP has already conducted one set of 5 visits in Term 1, 2019 but now seeks grant funds to continue the program.</p> <p>This project will contribute to provision of service by PTP by enabling it to assist the children to (i) learn to interact in relation to others with care, empathy and respect (ii) develop a sense of belonging to a community and an understanding of active community participation, (iii) respond to diversity with respect. These are all learning outcomes of the Early Years Learning Framework for Australia which PTP implements. The project will also assist PTP to carry out its mission to create a strong community spirit and connection. The aim of the project is to lessen the social isolation of the residents of Princess Juliana, increase awareness of older people and people with disabilities, to help the children of PTP feel valued and to give them the skills and opportunity to actively participate in the community. Repeating the visits in Term 3 and 4 2019 means that all children in the 3 day group will attend Princess Juliana a further 2 times this year and more residents of Princess Juliana will have an opportunity to engage with the children which will hopefully deliver benefits which may not be seen from the one-off set of visits already conducted earlier in 2019.</p> |
| PREVIOUS GRANTS: | <p>2018 - Wooden Bench, Community Grants Program \$1,500</p> <p>Ongoing - Rebate on Lease of Council Land under Landlords Policy for Management of Community and Recreation Facilities</p> |
| 2018 ACQUITTAL FORM RECEIVED? | Yes |
| COMMENTS: | Pymble Turramurra Preschool is seeking funds to support a series of visits to the elderly who reside at Princess Juliana Lodge in North Turramurra. |

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The visits will provide connection and relationship building and lessen social isolation for the residents, and connect the young and older people. Five successful visits have occurred this year and the funding would give the preschool an opportunity to enhance relationships further. The visits will give children an opportunity to improve their social development and be active participants in the community, and the elderly resident look forward to their visits

A contribution of grant funding will allow bus transportation to be organised as the facility is not within walking distance. The playgroup has also explored other options including public transport, community transport and other community organisations which have not been feasible.

Please note that Pymble Turramurra Preschool has also applied for funding under the Small Equipment stream of the Ku-ring-gai Community Grants Program.

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED:

\$4,685

SPECIFIC PURPOSE:

A contribution towards the cost of bus transportation for preschool children to visit the residents at the Princess Juliana Lodge aged care facility.

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| ORGANISATION NAME: | Phoenix House Youth Services |
| ORGANISATION BACKGROUND: | <p>Phoenix House Youth Services (www.phoenixhouse.org.au) has an established 30 years track record of youth support services for youth 'at risk' (aged 14 to 24) in the Northern Sydney Region. We provide solutions for young people who are disengaged from education, victims of family breakdown, mental health issues, a history of abuse, drug and alcohol addictions, bullying, experiences with the juvenile justice system and newly arrived CALD youth. Through our alternative education and training programs, young people are given the opportunity to break free from disadvantage and homelessness and forge a better future for themselves. Our wrap-around support services include free counselling, case management, employment opportunities, wellness workshops, family support seminars and recreational activities.</p> <p>We collaborate with other services providers such as TAFE, the Department of Education, Family Referral Services, homelessness services, Council youth services, community based agencies, schools, hospitals such as the Royal North Shore Hospital.</p> <p>Over 300 young people benefit from our services; approximately 60 in core training and educational programs, over 120 in life skills courses, 190 in case management. Each young person is assigned to a Youth Development Specialist who acts as a mentor and guide in supporting them achieve their life goals.</p> |
| AMOUNT REQUESTED: | \$4,750 |
| PROJECT DESCRIPTION: | <p>RAP-The Resourceful Adolescent Program – The Resourceful Adolescent Program 'RAP' involves conducting a program that adds value to the lives of adolescents by equipping them with effective resilience skills so they can boost their mental health. It can be used as an early intervention tool to combat feelings of depression, mild anxiety, stress, isolation or inadequacy. It ultimately builds self-esteem, resilience and resourcefulness with the goal of helping adolescents maintain a sense of self when faced with stressful and difficult circumstances. It addresses psychological risk factors at an individual, family and academic level.</p> <p>The program will be facilitated by highly qualified youth developments specialists and delivered through a series of consecutive sessions using a workshop and talking circles format. The time length is 60 minutes per weekly session and it will be run in two blocks over two school terms.</p> <p>The RAP program will be run in 2 local schools, such as, Turramurra High School and St Ives High School, The RAP program will be run over 2 terms and will help address some of these issues; it will help the participants acquire self-regulation skills to manage academic pressures, anxiety, and other challenges they may face.</p> <p>By participating in the program, students who need the support can access case management and counselling service, plus ongoing Well-being activities organised by Phoenix House. This holistic approach will boost social inclusion and is an early intervention strategy for mental health and help young people feel valued and connected to their community.</p> |
| PREVIOUS GRANTS: | Nil |
| 2018 ACQUITTAL FORM RECEIVED? | N/A |

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COMMENTS:

Phoenix House is seeking assistance to deliver a program to disengaged young people who are students at Turrumurra High School or St Ives High School. The program will be used as an early intervention tool and will assist young people to develop skills and knowledge to address depression, mild-anxiety, stress and isolation.

The program will adopt a talking circles format to maximise learning by creating a safe space for young people to express themselves in a respectful environment. The aim of the project is for young people to have their say in a safe environment and not feel judged or excluded.

The program aims to build self-esteem, resilience and resourcefulness to help adolescents maintain a strong sense of self. The program will be facilitated by youth development specialists.

Phoenix House have over 30 years of experience working with disadvantaged young people and providing early intervention and support services.

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED:

\$4,750

SPECIFIC PURPOSE:

A contribution towards the cost of delivering the Resourceful Adolescent Program 'RAP' to young people in Ku-ring-gai.

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| ORGANISATION NAME: | Rotary Club of St Ives INC |
| ORGANISATION BACKGROUND: | <p>The Rotary Club of St Ives INC. provides volunteer services to others, promotes integrity, and advances world understanding, goodwill and peace through our fellowship of business, professional and community leadership. We select projects to support and raise funds through community activities such as the Bobbin Head Cycle Classic, St Ives Food and Wine Festival, Bunnings Sausage sizzles and many others.</p> |
| AMOUNT REQUESTED: | \$5,000 |
| PROJECT DESCRIPTION: | <p>Dementia Project - The FACTS about Dementia</p> <p>We are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increasing the public awareness of dementia• Encouraging the development of dementia-friendly communities• De-stigmatising dementia more broadly. <p>We do this by hosting a series of uncomplicated dementia education sessions and workshops for the general public, community leaders and organisations across Ku-ring-gai. These free public events explain what dementia really is, how it affects individuals and family caregivers, and informs participants about recognised treatments for dementia, thereby increasing community awareness. Since 2017, we have hosted 87 sessions to 2,110 Ku-ring-gai residents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2017 = 874 participants / 38 sessions• 2018 = 933 participants / 39 sessions• 2019 (to date) = 303 participants / 10 sessions <p>With a combination of this Community Grant, our club's funding activities and public donations we will expose an additional 1,200+ residents to these events during 2019/20. We also hosted Ku-ring-gai's first Community Forum (27 August 2018), which discussed the steps to create dementia-friendly communities.</p> |
| PREVIOUS GRANTS: | <p>2016 \$2,500</p> <p>2017 \$2,500</p> <p>2018 \$3,500</p> |
| 2018 ACQUITTAL FORM RECEIVED? | Yes |
| COMMENTS: | <p>The FACTS about Dementia offers community members and organisations free information sessions designed to increase general awareness and understanding of dementia across the community.</p> <p>The sessions are provided by tertiary-qualified dementia care specialists and supported by Rotary. The sessions positively impact social inclusion and quality of life outcomes for people living with dementia. They also assist individuals living with dementia and family caregivers to remain active within their local community.</p> <p>The information sessions explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• what dementia is and is not• the early signs of dementia• the differences between dementia and Alzheimer's• how to care for someone living with dementia• how to reduce the risk of developing dementia |

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- what communities can do to support those living with dementia.

In Ku-ring-gai, there are 3,100 people living with dementia, which is roughly 2.5% of the population and twice the national average.

The information sessions started in March 2017 and since this time, 87 sessions have been held in Ku-ring-gai with 2,110 residents attending.

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED:

\$5,000

SPECIFIC PURPOSE:

To run 20 FACTS about Dementia sessions, each for 40 participants.

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| ORGANISATION NAME: | Warrawee Public School P&C |
| ORGANISATION BACKGROUND: | <p>Warrawee Public School's P&C Association is made up of caring parents and citizens. The P&C promotes the interests of the parent body and the school by having parents, citizens, pupils and teaching staff work in close co-operation. Government funding for education is limited and it only covers a school's core operational expenses. Most times schools have needs that cannot be covered by government funding, and the P&C body every year engages in various fundraising activities to supply important educational resources, and maintain classrooms and school grounds in good and safe conditions. In past years our P&C body has been able to raise funds to provide new playground equipment and upgrades, smart boards, wi-fi, iPads, classroom air-conditioning, upgraded literacy and numeracy resources and flexible learning space furniture, among many other resources.</p> <p>Besides fundraising the P&C body is concerned with students' and their families having a positive rich and rewarding experience during the school years. As explained below, the P&C body organises different committees who work on issues ranging from school social events, to traffic management.</p> |
| AMOUNT REQUESTED: | \$4,705 |
| PROJECT DESCRIPTION: | <p>Warrawee Public School Outdoor Learning Space – Adjacent to one of the school's playgrounds there is a large and potentially very attractive and educationally useful green space, currently unsuitable for children given the overgrown flora and lack of accessibility. The area could be re-established as a prime educational and teaching space if proper landscaping could be completed. Funds will be used to develop an area for outdoor learning. This will require removing weeds, leveling some ground, mulching and revitalising the area around a simple seating arrangement. This will create the momentum of outdoor experiential learning and create opportunities for student, teacher and community participation in maintaining this area of Blue Gum Forest.</p> <p>The Warrawee P&C body aims to assist in providing innovative and sustainable educational experiences to the school's students. Much research has shown the importance of suitable learning spaces for children's educational outcomes, as well as the great benefits that outdoor play and learning may have for their development. By clearing this outdoor space and transforming it into a useful and attractive area, the school community in general and the students in particular, will benefit greatly by having access to an innovative but natural learning and teaching space.</p> <p>This project will also create a stronger partnership between Warrawee P&C, and Warrawee Public School to bring this facility back to life. Most importantly students will receive an enhanced educational experience not only by using it for special lessons, but by assisting in caring for it and maintaining it. This will increase their knowledge about the environment and their commitment to it, and allow for genuine experiential learning, as they will learn about their environment, science and geography, and the art and culture that can stem from it. This learning space will provide a "hands on" environment for children to learn by doing and by being embedded in a natural setting.</p> |
| PREVIOUS GRANTS: | Nil |

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Attachment A2

2018 ACQUITTAL FORM RECEIVED? N/A

COMMENTS:

Warrawee Public School P&C is requesting assistance to landscape green space adjacent to the school's playgrounds. This would include weeding, levelling of ground and providing simple seating as well as labour costs for landscaping and volunteer hours to organise and manage the project.

Under Ku-ring-gai Community Grants Program Guidelines, capital assistance or maintenance of building or grounds cannot be funded, including cost of labour.

This project is not considered a priority under Community Development and is more closely aligned with Council's Environmental Levy Small Grants Program. Discussions have been held with Council's Environment and Sustainability Department and the P&C will be informed of the application process. The Environmental Levy Grant applications are now open with a closing date 6 September 2019. The Environment and Sustainability can be contacted to discuss if any practical assistance can be provided.

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED: Nil

SPECIFIC PURPOSE: N/A