

Funds & Grants Assessment Committee

2016 Report



In 2016 the Foundation received twenty-four applications from charitable/non-profit community organisations with specific projects. There were twenty-one successful applicants and cheques were presented to the applicants at the annual dinner on 24 September 2016. A total of \$83,176 was distributed to the following recipient organisations:

1. Ronald McDonald House
2. Special Children Services Centre Inc. (SCSC)
3. ReachOut Australia
4. Royal Institute for Deaf & Blind Children (RIDBC)
5. Gordon Baptist Church - English Plus Evening Service
6. CanRevive Inc.
7. Vision Australia
8. Fresh Tracks Foundation
9. Cambodia Vision
10. Youth off the Street
11. The Reach Foundation
12. Indochinese Aged Care Services
13. StreetWork Inc.
14. Sleep Health Foundation
15. Chinese Parents Association-Children with Disabilities Inc. (CPA)
16. Multiple Sclerosis Ltd (MS)
17. Parkinson's NSW-Chinatown Bilingual Support Group
18. The Media Evangelism Australia
19. The Girls & Boys Brigade
20. Australian Chinese Community Association of NSW (ACCA)
21. Girl Guides NSW & ACT - Eastern Beaches - Southern Sydney Rivers Region

As different to previous years, the assessment committee made recommendation to the management of ACCF that grants for major equipment purchase be made directly to the equipment supplier. Grants were given on this condition to two recipient organisations.

Commencing 2016 our Foundation was very privileged and grateful to be selected as the sole beneficiary of raffle ticket sales in the states of New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria at the NAB Lunar New Year dinner events. NAB had further extended its generosity to include the states of South Australia and Western Australia in 2017 and 2018. Earlier this year all five States raised \$32,775 from raffle ticket sales at their Lunar New Year events. Our Foundation decided to match dollar for dollar to the local charity organisations in the states of Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia and South Australia to a maximum of \$6,000 for each state. Our Foundation had chosen to fundraise for victims of domestic violence at our Annual Chinese New Year Dinner in Sydney in February this year. The theme of helping victims of domestic violence was adopted for all other states.

The generosity of NAB had enabled the Foundation to donate a total of \$81,640 to the following organisations to support victims of domestic violence:

1. Immigrant Women's Speakout Association of NSW - \$40,820
2. Safe Steps in Victoria - \$13,630
3. DV Connect Ltd in Queensland - \$12,060
4. Zonta House Refuge Association in Western Australia - \$10,590
5. Zahra Foundation Australia in South Australia - \$4,540

It is with gratitude that we are now able to extend our helping hands to those in need beyond the state of New South Wales.

The assessment committee has also made recommendation to the management of ACCF to introduce a new funding Sponsorship programme. ACCF wishes to support emerging needs of community groups and organisations that align with the Foundation's strategic

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aims and objectives through the sponsorship programme. In return, ACCF can promote its service to the community and increase brand awareness.

The funding guidelines of the other two existing programmes - Emergency Assistance and Community Project Funding have also been updated to enable applicants a better understanding of the philosophy behind these funding programmes.

It is also the aim of the assessment committee to work closely with the Foundation's Webmaster in the coming months to improve the on-line submission forms and procedures. A project acquittal form can now be used by recipient organisations for easier reporting on the completion of the funded project. The acquittal report can be submitted online or by post to P O Box 1174, Strathfield NSW 2135.

To this date, there was only one unsuccessful Emergency Funding application.

It has been indeed a busy year for the assessment committee, I am very honoured to work with a team of robust and dedicated team members -

Mrs Monica Chu, Miss Ruby Teng, Ms Joanna Ng, Ms Stella Fan JP, Ms Annie Tang JP and Ms Faith Tan. Their expertise in various areas of Funds and Grants has significant contribution to the success of the team. Thank you.

Dr Peter Wong AM

Chairman, Funds & Grants Assessment Committee

