

Funds & Grants Assessment Committee 2021 Updates and 2022 Report



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The impact of Covid-19 in recent years had significantly disrupted our lives in general, but in particular magnified the risk of isolation, causing significant impact on the wellbeing; social and emotional challenges for some vulnerable communities. In response to these challenges, the 2022 Funds and Grants program continued to prioritise our focus on Covid-specific needs for some targeted disadvantaged groups. We adopted a theme-based approach and a 2-stage application process i.e., grant consideration begins with an initial expression of interest, followed by an invitation to submit a full proposal if shortlisted.

Grants were offered across two categories: support for the Aged; and support for Disabilities and Special Needs. Both categories aimed at supporting projects that contribute to fostering community engagement, social connection and participation activities; addressing social isolation and risk of mental health challenges faced by these disadvantaged cohorts. A sum of \$99,290 was respectively awarded to 12 partner organisations.

Funds were awarded to 7 organisations in the Disabilities/Special Needs category – supporting children/youth and their families.



5 organisations were each awarded a grant in the “Aged” category.



Congratulations to all grant recipients and wish them every success with their projects!

2021 “Start Over” Project Updates

The 2021 “Start Over” projects delivered by our partner organisations to support victims of domestic violence who had left unsafe relationships to make a new start were completed in November 2022. These projects were invaluable in helping women and families feel safe and secure whilst working through the trauma of domestic crisis.

Projects Highlights:

Detour House

This project was partly supported by the Pak Family Fund. 33 women and girls received support through the fund and starter packs are prepared for distribution to an additional 20-30 women and girls.

Funds have been used to establish new homes for women, support them to stay connected through technology, paid for removalist expenses, and provided clothing and groceries for residents relocating.



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Fairfield Women's Health

14 women and their children who had escaped from abusive/life threatening relationships received financial assistance ranging from food vouchers, rent arrears, electricity bills, necessities for children, phone credits and other necessities etc.

*Client P: is on bridging visa and has 2 dependents when separated from an abusive relationship. **ACCF fund has helped her with rent arrears and electricity bill. It was a big relief for Client P at the time of financial difficulty.***

*Client C: has started building a new life after leaving an abusive relationship. Client C cannot work as she is pregnant. **Food vouchers were given as she needed some money for phone credits and other necessities.***

*Client B has a very complex situation. The DFV has left her with mental health issues. She also has to care for a child with mental and behavioural issues. **ACCF fund has saved her from eviction which also meant to help relieve mental and physical distress.***

The Northern Centre



A self-funded 12-month pilot program supporting women with or without children who have left violence to navigate to services and their challenges that trigger them to return to violence.

The SafeT (transition) program was introduced to provide ongoing support to women and families leaving violence to navigate to services and challenges to avoid the triggers that usually see them return to violence.

87 clients received a wide range of supports based on brokerage funds including legal advice, making police reports, access to financial counselling and emergency relief, parenting program, grocery vouchers, housing support and many other supports.

Wash House

60% of the funds was used to assist 18 victims of domestic violence secure their homes with security cameras, replacing door locks and security doors and safety equipment. The remaining 40% was used to assist in purchasing food, toiletries, clothing, transport, safe phones and in some cases health care for injuries sustained in a domestic incident.



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Lastly, I wish to acknowledge Mrs Cecilia Tsai, our retired Funds & Grants Assessment Committee member for her valuable contributions over the years to the funding program. Special thanks to the Funds and Grants Assessment team (Mrs Gloria Cheung, Ms Faith Tan, Mr Charles Liu, Miss Gigi Chong, Mr. Victor Yeung JP and Dr. Ben Lau) for the expertise, knowledge and commitment they all have contributed in working towards ACCF's objectives of supporting vulnerable people in Australia.

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