

2023/24 Funds & Grants Program Update



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ACCF's Funds & Grants Assessment Committee (Committee) continues to assess and distribute ACCF's funds in a fair and equitable manner through the Emergency Assistance Fund and Community Projects Grant programs.

The **Emergency Assistance Fund** supports individuals who have emergency needs arising from unforeseen or unexpected circumstance with cash payment of up to \$1500 per eligible case.

Each case is assessed individually and if eligible, payment amounts will vary according to the situation of the case. The Committee is committed to a turn-around time of less than five days for each application and applications are open all year.

ACCF works closely with referring organisations and has assisted urgent needs including medical, shelter, food for people who find themselves in a crisis, and who may not be eligible to other assistance.

Community Projects Grant supports initiatives that aim to improve the wellbeing of groups of people and the community.

The theme of the Community Projects Grant for 2023/24 is Homelessness noting the phenomenal challenges faced by many.

ACCF has awarded \$138,550 to 15 projects to be delivered across metropolitan and regional NSW as well as in Queensland. These projects address critical community needs, including crisis intervention and support for those fleeing domestic violence; emergency relief and

outreach services providing meal and hygiene support such as haircuts, hygiene packs, shower and laundry facilities, among others; and education/prevention services such as mentoring and empowerment programs for vulnerable demographics including older women and teenage girls. Additionally, scholarship opportunities are provided for women on temporary visas, fostering inclusiveness and opportunity within the community.

All projects will be delivered in 2024 and will end in December 2024. Through these efforts, ACCF aims to make a meaningful impact on the well-being and resilience of individuals and communities across the regions served.

2023-24 Community Projects Grant Recipients & Projects

	Project	Organisation
1	The Fletcher Street Cottage: Bridging the Emergency Relief Funding Gap in Response to the Homelessness Crisis	Byron Community Centre Ltd (Formerly Byron Bay Community Association Inc)
2	W.I.S.E - Women, Informed, Supported, Empowered	Women Illawarra
3	"It's not just a haircut" Community Hair Project	Southlake Inc
4	Rhodes Homeless Outreach service	St Merkorious Charity
5	Restoring the dignity	Immigrant Women' Speakout
6	ACCESS Mentoring Program Scholarships	Women and Girl's Emergency Centre
7	1000 Safe Sleeps Crisis Accommodation	Westcare Community Services
8	Food Support of the Homeless Support Services and Drop-in Hubs	St Vincent de Paul Society NSW
9	New Starter	Metro Assist Ltd
10	Guest Comfort Project	Dignity
11	Elevating and Transforming a Life – Meals Plus Service	Parramatta Mission
12	Girlzone Outreach Program	Detour House
13	Essential Security upgrades for women and children experiencing DV	Weave Youth Community Services
14	Fire retardant sleeping bags for street sleeping homeless people	Backpack Bed for Homeless
15	Men2Home	Uniting (Men2Home)