



**Australian Chinese Charity Foundation Inc.**

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## **Australian Chinese Charity Foundation Community Projects Grant 2024/25 Guidelines**

**Grants opening date:** 22 July 2024

**Grants closing date:** 19 August 2024

**Success notification:** By 05 October 2024

**Funding available:** Up to \$10,000 (GST Exclusive)

**Type of funding:** One-off funding

**24/25 funding theme:** Let's Talk About Mental Illness

### **ACCF**

Australian Chinese Charity Foundation Inc (ACCF) was established in 1990 as a broad-based charity organisation to help the Australian community at large. It is supported by the generosity of patrons, trustees, life members and ordinary members; the dedication of a management committee and a Council Board - all voluntary members who have worked consistently to achieve ACCF's aims and objectives and to extend ACCF's reach to many other charitable organisations. (Please visit our website - [www.accfnsw.org](http://www.accfnsw.org))

### **Aims of the grant**

ACCF provides annual fundings for community projects that directly benefit those in need in the community. The 2024/25 Community Projects Grant seeks to fund initiatives that support people who are affected by mental illness.

ACCF seeks to identify and invite service providers, especially those under-resourced grassroots community-based organisations to submit an application for their mental health related projects. We will support these organisations to fill funding gaps, and enable them to initiate innovative project ideas.

## **Support Priorities**

Innovative projects that address and respond to the following key areas related to mental health:

- Raises awareness about mental illness
- Reduce mental illness stigma in the community
- Provide peer support and education
- Support families/ carer of people experiencing mental illness
- Develop culturally and language appropriate mental illness resources and support.

Projects that are developed by / in partnership of people with lived experience of mental illness are highly encouraged.

## **Target Groups**

We have identified several priority groups to fund in this funding round, including but not limited to:

- First Nations people
- People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Young people including international students
- People living in rural and remote areas

## **Eligible Organisation**

- A registered not-for-profit organisation, or
- A registered charitable organisation, or
- A group auspiced by a not-for-profit organisation.

ACCF Community Projects Grant highly prefers applications from small and medium size organisations.

*\*ACCF defines small and medium size organisations as those with annual revenue between \$500,000 and \$3million*

## **The project must:**

- Clearly demonstrate what it aims to achieve, how the project meets the identified needs and how success will be measured.
- Demonstrate experience and expertise to deliver a similar project.
- Be well-organised, realistic, and achievable within the given timeframe.
- Have a realistic and clear budget

- Keep operating expenses directly related to the project under 10% of the total costs.
- Disclose any partners providing additional funding, such as government agencies, businesses, or community

Please note:

- Costs for equipment which are a demonstrated requirement of the project may be considered.

### **What are the funding exclusions?**

- Projects that do not align with ACCF's aims and objectives.
- Projects already receiving full funding from a different source.
- Projects that are most appropriately provided through NDIS and My Aged Care.
- Projects that have expenses that are not related to, or necessary for the project.
- Ongoing staff salaries, administration, maintenance or operating costs.
- Capital expenditure, including tools and equipment.

### **How to apply:**

Apply on ACCF's website: <https://accfnsw.org/community-project-grant/>

### **Documentations required:**

- Applicants being auspiced by another non-profit organisation must provide documents of the auspice organisation.
- Certificate of Currency for public liability insurance.
- Certificate of Incorporation - all community groups and organisations applying for funding must be incorporated or hold another legal entity status.
- Latest Annual Report.
- Latest Financial Statement.

### **Application Terms & Conditions:**

- Full applications must be completed and submitted online on ACCF website [www.accfnsw.org](http://www.accfnsw.org)
- The decision of ACCF in the provision of funding is final and is not subject to any appeal.

- Funded organisation is required to use funds for the purpose stated in the application.
- Successful applicants will be required to complete an acquittal report within 2 months of the completion of their programme together with any supporting documents e.g. receipts etc
- The acquittal report outlines the achievements of your project, obstacles faced and reports on how the funding was spent.
- The acquittal report can only be submitted online at ACCF's website: [www.accfnsw.org](http://www.accfnsw.org)
- Any funds not expended must be returned to ACCF within 28 days of completion of the project

### **Who do I contact for more information?**

If you would like more information, please email the Funds and Grants Assessment team on [fundsandgrants@accfnsw.org](mailto:fundsandgrants@accfnsw.org).