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Australian Chinese Charity Foundation Community Projects Grant 2024/25 Guidelines

Grants opening date: 22 July 2024

Grants closing date: 2 September 2024

Success notification: By 5 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)

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
- 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
- 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.