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Media Release

The Australian Chinese Charity Foundation held its annual fundraising dinner on Saturday 26th October 2024 at the Eight Restaurant in Haymarket.

The highlight of this dinner is the announcement and cheque presentation for a total sum of \$141,500 to 20 successful Community Projects Grant 2024-25 recipients.

The theme for the 2024-25 Community Projects Grant, *Let's talk about mental health*, aims to fund community initiatives that support people who are affected by mental illness. We received a strong number of expressions of interest from services across Australia.

While evaluating the applications, the Assessment Committee took into consideration the project's relevance, the applicant's experience in delivering projects, as well as the project's ability to address gaps of service, and disproportional challenges faced by disadvantaged groups such as First Nations people, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, young people and people in rural and remote areas.

The 20 successful projects will be delivered in 2025 to raise awareness about mental illness, reduce mental illness stigma, support families/carers of people experiencing mental illness and provide peer support and education on mental illness, in metropolitan and regional NSW, South Australia and Victoria.

Please see at the end of this release the complete list of successful projects.

We take this opportunity to thank all organisations who submitted applications and express our admiration for their tireless effort to ensure those affected by mental illness are supported.

The ACCF also offers Emergency Assistance Fund of up to \$1000 per case individuals and families with emergency needs arising from unforeseen or unexpected circumstances. Please visit our website: <https://accfnsw.org/> for more details and application form.

ACCF 2024-25 Community Projects Grant recipients and projects

Organisation	Project title
Accessible Diversity Services Initiatives (NSW)	Afghan Men's Support Group
Advance Diversity Services (NSW)	Multicultural women's mental health and wellbeing
Byron Community Centre (NSW)	Elder Beats: Rhythm and Dance Program for Seniors
CanRevive Inc (NSW)	Mindfulness and Cancer
Chinese Australian Services Society (NSW)	Mental health support for Chinese women in NSW
Chinese Bilingual Parkinson Support Group (NSW)	Healthy Brain and Mind
CCA NSW Ltd (NSW)	Being blue is not a normal part of ageing
Chinese Parents Association - Children with Disabilities Inc (NSW)	Refresh, Recharge and Reconnect – Mental health essentials for CALD carers and families of people with disability
Farm Raiser (VIC)	Growth and renewal: farm based therapeutic horticulture
Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Women's Shelter (NSW)	Psychological support at the shelter
Kiray Putjung Aboriginal Corporation (NSW)	Mapping good health
Manning Valley Neighbourhood Services Inc (Rural NSW)	Engage with equine
Outside the Locker Room Charity Ltd (VIC)	Changing the game for mental health
Royal Far West (Regional NSW)	Mental health support for at risk children
Ryde Family Services TA The Northern Centre (NSW)	Raising capability of community to talk about mental health through a CALD lens
SOS (Stamp Out Suicide) Yorkes (Regional SA)	Mental health first aid training for Yorke Peninsula community
The Men's Table (NSW Regional)	Community Connections: Reducing isolation and improving mental health through peer support
Weave Youth and Community Services Ltd (NSW)	MadPride – Weave youth led mental health community event
Women's and Girl's Emergency Centre (NSW)	ACCESS mentoring program wellbeing initiative
Zoe Support Australia (VIC)	Circle of Security - Building Parent Capacity