

2024/25 Funds & Grants Program Update



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Funds & Grants Assessment Committee Chairman

The Funds & Grants Assessment Committee (Committee) continues to support ACCF's objective of helping those most in need by ensuring funds are distributed in an equitable and accountable manner.

The Committee manages **2 funding streams**:

- **The Emergency Assistance Fund** supports individuals and families facing emergency needs arising from unforeseen circumstance. Each case is assessed individually and if eligible, individuals can receive cash payment of up to \$1,000.

In the financial year of 2023-24, ACCF awarded **\$34,900** to individuals and families in need.

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

- **The Community Projects Grant** supports initiatives that aim to improve the wellbeing of groups of people and to build capability and resilience in the community.

In 2024 ACCF funded 15 projects that address critical community needs, including crisis intervention and support for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. These projects are being delivered across NSW and Queensland.

The theme of the Community Projects Grant for 2025 focuses on projects that address key issues impacting on mental health and wellbeing in the community.

The Committee has awarded **\$141,530** to **20 projects** to be delivered across metropolitan and regional NSW, Victoria and South Australia in 2025. These projects address priority areas in mental health in the community by raising awareness about mental illness, reducing stigma of mental illness, providing support to families or carers of people experiencing mental illness.

Through these efforts, ACCF hopes to make a meaningful contribution to improving mental well-being and resilience of individuals and groups across our community.

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Finally, and most importantly, I cannot thank the Committee members enough for their dedication, commitment and hard work over the year. Thank you, April Pan, Dr Ernest Chan, Dr Isabella Pak, Susana Ng and Victor Yeung.

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) Yorke (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