

Program Stream	Application ID	Applicant	Project Title and Description	Amount Funded
2025 – 2026 – Community Grants Program – Round 1				
Connected Communities	25CCGR1007	ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH)	Community Pulse Royal Life Saving NSW will deliver inclusive, lifesaving education to 125 vulnerable community members in Cumberland. Through 5 interactive workshops, participants will develop essential skills in CPR, emergency response, and water safety. Tailored to support seniors and CALD individuals, regardless of physical ability, the program builds confidence and practical knowledge to respond effectively in real-life emergencies, while also encouraging safe participation in water-based activities.	\$5,380.00
	25CCGR1012	RICHMONDPRA LIMITED	Speaking of Mental Health in Cumberland 2026 Headspace and The Champions will deliver 4 compelling education seminars on suicide prevention and mental health to Year 10 students in schools with higher needs / lower SES. This highly rated program (98% approval) helps young people understand that difficulties they may face with mental illness, stress, or suicidal thoughts are not uncommon and are treatable. We highlight that speaking up to friends and family while accessing professional help early is the best way to be supported. This is achieved through authentic storytelling from a lived-experience mental health educator and Q&A with headspace to enable discussions that lower barriers to help-seeking.	\$4,620.00
	25CCGR1019	AUTISM SPECTRUM AUSTRALIA (ASPECT)	School incursions for students on the autism spectrum at Aspect Southeast Sydney campuses in Auburn and Regents Park We will deliver a series of sensory-friendly incursions for students on the autism spectrum at Aspect Southeast Sydney campuses in Auburn and Regents Park. The program aims to provide educational and enriching experiences within the familiar school environment to reduce barriers to participation. Activities will be adapted to meet students' individual needs, promote social connection, and	\$5,992.00

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Connected Communities			support their learning and wellbeing. Through collaboration with specialist providers, teachers, and families, the project promotes engagement, confidence and inclusion for students on the autism spectrum.	
	25CCGR1022	GOOD360 AUSTRALIA LTD	Bridging the Divide – A Cumberland Digital Inclusion Project Good360 will provide refurbished corporate devices (laptops, tablets or phones) and access to the internet (if required) to financially disadvantaged Cumberland residents. \$14,880 will enable us to deliver 62 refurbished laptops plus optional Wi-Fi dongles and mobile data supplied by our partners at Optus, with a total project value over \$90,000. Access to these digital devices and data provides enduring benefits. It increases skills leading to improved education and employment outcomes, enables access to health services and community support and facilitates essential services like banking and social engagement that many of us take for granted.	\$14,880.00
	25CCGR1024	Cumberland Christian Churches and Ministries Incorporated	Caring for Cumberland Caring for Cumberland is a collaborative project of Christian churches and ministries across Cumberland LGA, designed to connect residents with practical help and hope. The project will produce a public catalogue of community support services, run children's craft workshops to create uplifting "Cards of Hope," print handy connection cards with referral links, and distribute information-filled tote bags made through Cumberland Council's Banners to Bags program. By engaging churches and sharing resources at public community events, Cumberland Cares will make support services more visible, reduce barriers to access, and strengthen local care networks.	\$1,800.00
	25CCGR1025	DISABILITY SPORTS AUSTRALIA LIMITED	Abilities Unleashed Cumberland Disability Sports Australia will deliver an Abilities Unleashed event in the Cumberland area, providing children and adults with disability the opportunity to experience a variety of inclusive sports and active recreation. The event will connect participants with local clubs and activity providers, encouraging pathways into ongoing community sport. Abilities	\$6,500.00

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Connected Communities			Unleashed is designed to remove barriers, promote inclusion, and showcase that everybody belongs in sport. This free event will foster participation, confidence, and connection, while supporting Cumberland's vision for a healthy, inclusive, and active community.	
	25CCGR1033	JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED	The Men's Group – Cumberland The Men's Group will support men who are refugees, seeking asylum or other migrants in the Cumberland LGA who face social isolation, unemployment or mental or physical concerns. The program aims to support the participants foster resilience, improve health and wellbeing and develop stronger community connections through a series of structured wellbeing activities, group workshops and social gatherings. As no current programs exist to support men belonging to this cohort, funding will contribute to venue hire, transport, catering, and facilitation costs to ensure activities are accessible and inclusive.	\$7,000.00
	25CCGR1034	KIDSPRESS LIMITED	Creating a Trauma Informed Inclusive Environment for children and teachers This project would deliver a series of trauma-informed mental wellbeing workshops, for students and teachers at Toongabbie East Public School & Berala Public School. These workshops are designed to enhance the emotional well-being of children, create an inclusive learning environment, improve classroom function, and empower teachers to respond to children's emotional and behavioural challenges. All sessions are run by a highly qualified and experienced KidsXpress Trauma-informed Consultant and Practice Coach.	\$14,586.00
	25CCGR1038	Walking Football NSW Incorporated	FREE Introduction and Development of WalkSoccer for Seniors, including those withdrawn, lonely, or isolated. NFP Walking Football NSW t/a WalkSoccer NSW [WF-NSW] is aimed primarily towards Females over 40, and Males over 50, to participate in a socially relaxed, non-contact, non-pressurised, safe, fun environment. WalkSoccer meets the UN's Sustainable Development Goal 3, regarding "Good Health & Well-being", ensuring healthy living & promotion of well-being for seniors.	\$4,048.00

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Connected Communities	25CCGR1047	REEL MATES PTY LTD	REEL Mates (Cumberland LGA) Recruit and train 10 Fishing Mentors, who will be supported to deliver Activity Based Mentoring to youth from the Cumberland LGA (who lack a positive male role model or who have been impacted by domestic violence) as a preventative measure to undesirable outcomes. recruit youth from the Cumberland LGA who meet the eligible criteria from schools and local community groups, ensuring parental involvement and consent in the program. data is collected from all engagements and is used to show the impact on youth against 4 main pillars of wellbeing.	\$15,000.00
Education Access	25EAGR1012	Auburn Youth Centre	AYCafe - Barista and customer service training AYCafe is a training program providing real life hospitality experiences. AYCafe is tendering to ASQA to become a registered training organisation, we should know the results in April 2026. AYCafe has been closed to the public since 1/7/2025. AYCafe will reopen three afternoons a week, providing training in producing hot and cold beverages including Barista, customer service, food safety and food hygiene. Participants will gain experience in hospitality and develop skills and a resume to gain employment. Participants will work with mentors to develop resumes, cover letters, job search skills and interview skills and be supported to apply for employment.	\$15,000.00
	25EAGR1014	Alzahra Support Association	Empowering Afghan Families Through Education and Wellbeing Project The project provides targeted math and English support for newly arrived children aged 6 to 11 in Granville, helping them adapt to Australia's education system. Many of these children have faced war or displacement, missing crucial learning opportunities. Extra support will boost their success in math, and English. Weekly sessions for parents will focus on school curriculum awareness, health education, and yoga, promoting wellbeing and stronger family connections. The three-month program includes two hours of health, one hour of yoga, and three hours of math and science weekly, reducing stress, building confidence, and supporting successful integration.	\$14,884.00

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Education Access	25EAGR1015	Learning Links	Learning Links' Opportunity Project – Unlocking the Learning Potential for Children in Cumberland The Learning Links Opportunity Project will reduce educational disparities in Cumberland by delivering a targeted specialist service at Granville South Public School, identified as an area of greatest need. This initiative provides disadvantaged children experiencing learning difficulties and disabilities with access to professional support otherwise out of reach due to financial hardship and long waitlists. Delivered onsite by Learning Links' specialist educators, psychologists, or speech pathologists, the program strengthens literacy, numeracy, and language skills while fostering confidence and wellbeing. By tailoring interventions to student needs, the project ensures access to education support and prepares children for future success.	\$14,676.00
	25EAGR1017	Heart2help Incorporated	Heart2Help In x Yatimba small steps BIG MOVES Yatimba! is a wellbeing and skills development program that uses rhythmic movement, storytelling, and role play to engage children and young people in fun, interactive learning. The program builds confidence, resilience, communication, teamwork, and cultural understanding while supporting positive mental and physical health. Yatimba! also extends to parents through tailored wellbeing sessions that strengthen family relationships and provide strategies to support children's education. By combining creativity, movement, and family engagement, Yatimba! helps break down barriers to learning, promotes inclusion, and equips children and families from disadvantaged backgrounds with the tools they need for long-term success.	\$13,000.00
Safer Communities	25SCGR1002	Barnardos Australia	Expanding Support for Women and Children Escaping Domestic Family Violence Barnardos Australia seeks funding to double the delivery of our two-stage recovery pathway for women who have experienced family and domestic violence: Moving Forward and Learn to Live Again. These small, safe groups help women understand abuse is not their fault, build confidence to protect themselves and their	\$15,000.00

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			children, and begin to heal. Funding will provide childcare, skilled facilitators, and small brokerage support so that women can attend without barriers. By expanding from two to four program cycles per year, we will support twice as many women in Cumberland LGA to rebuild their lives in safety.	
Event Support	25ESGR1002	Western Sydney Malayalee Association Inc	Western Sydney Malayalee Association Multicultural Onam Celebration The WeSMA Onam Festival is a vibrant celebration of the Malayalee community in Western Sydney, showcasing unity and cultural heritage through music, dance, and games. The event attracts diverse participants, including those of various religious and citizenship backgrounds, fostering inclusivity and social connections. With a focus on aiding new migrants and promoting a sense of belonging, the festival highlights WeSMA's commitment to supporting its community through volunteer-driven initiatives like language classes and social integration programs. Overall, the Onam Festival serves as a vital link for the Malayalee diaspora, enhancing cultural pride and community cohesion.	\$15,000.00
	25ESGR1003	Sri Durgadevi Devasthanam Sydney INC	Durga Devi Devasthanam Cultural, Health and Fitness Festival The Durga Devi Devasthanam Cultural, Health and Fitness Festival is a one-day free community celebration to be held in Auburn on 5th April 2026, welcoming over 2,000 participants. The Festival will showcase traditional Carnatic music and multicultural dance alongside wellness activities such as yoga, meditation, seniors' fitness, and nutrition workshops. Healthcare professionals will deliver practical sessions on physical and mental health, while children and youth present cultural performances. Free transport for disadvantaged and mobility-impaired attendees will ensure accessibility. This one-day event fosters inclusion, celebrates Cumberland's diversity, and strengthens community health and wellbeing.	\$8,000.00
	25ESGR1010	Auburn Nepalese community	Nepali New Year 2083 BS The Auburn Nepalese Community will host the Nepali New Year 2083 BS celebration on 14 April 2026. This vibrant cultural event will bring together Nepalese residents of all ages in New South Wales	\$13,692.00

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Event Support			to celebrate our traditions through music, dance, food, and family-friendly activities. The program aims to foster community connection, preserve cultural heritage, and create an inclusive, festive environment for both Nepalese immigrants and Australian-born Nepalese.	
	25ESGR1017	Asylum Seekers Centre	Celebrating Rights, Refuge, and Belonging: Human Rights Day Celebration The Asylum Seekers Centre will host a community Human Rights Day celebration that brings people together in welcome, safety, and connection. The event will raise awareness of human rights issues while celebrating the resilience and contributions of people seeking asylum. It will feature a shared community meal, children's activities, music, guest speakers, and workshops, alongside opportunities for ASC clients to showcase their talents. Designed as an inclusive and engaging gathering, the celebration will foster reflection, learning, and joy, highlighting the importance of human rights while strengthening community spirit and belonging.	\$6,651.00
Hardship Assistance for Children and Youth in Education and Sport	25HACYR1011	Fathima Rukshana Boosa	Swimming Education Beginner level swimming lesson fees.	\$425.00
	25HACYR1013	Karyn Allen	Charlize's Dream Elite level soccer player fees- APIA Leichhardt FC Tigers.	\$1,000.00
	25HACYR1014	Syuhaiabah Jamil	School Expenses 2025/2026 Expenses incurred to participate in school activities such as excursions.	\$845.00
	25HACYR1016	Joanne Khier	Representative Basketball at West Sydney Wolves: Continued participation in Parramatta Wolves Basketball.	\$900.00
	25HACYR1019	Syed Hussain	Swimming Education Beginner level swimming lesson fees.	\$483.00
	25HACYR1021	Abdullah Khan	Australian senior/junior weightlifting championship 2025 National weightlifting championships, as part of the NSW team.	\$350.00
	25HACYR1023	Thajudeen Mohideen Abdul Khader	Soccer Registration fees and expenses incurred to join Auburn Football Club.	\$550.00
	25HACYR1024	Fathima Booso	Swimming Education Beginner level swimming lesson fees.	\$425.00
	25HACYR1025	Fathima Rukshana Boosa	Swimming Education Beginner level swimming lesson fees.	\$425.00

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	25HACYR1026	Fathima Rukshana Boosa	Swimming Education Beginner level swimming lesson fees.	\$425.00
	25HACYR1028	Sangeetha Dhanasekaran	Swimming Education Beginner level swimming lesson fees.	\$425.00
	25HACYR1029	Thajudeen Mohideen Abdul Khader	Soccer Registration fees and expenses incurred to join Auburn Football Club	\$550.00
	25HACYR1030	Thajudeen Mohideen Abdul Khader	Swimming Education Beginner level swimming lesson fees.	\$425.00
	25HACYR1031	Sangeetha Dhanasekaran	Swimming Education Beginner level swimming lesson fees.	\$425.00
	25HACYR1033	Mikael Kheir	Representative Basketball Continued participation in Parramatta Wolves Basketball.	\$900.00
	25HACYR1034	Joanne Kheir	Representative Basketball Continued participation in Parramatta Wolves Basketball.	\$900.00
2025 – 2026 – Community Grants Program – Round 2				
Connected Communities	26CCGR2003	Wentworthville Baptist Church	Indigenous boys' didgeridoo and cultural education project Wentworthville Baptist Church would like to host a series of twelve classes to teach approximately twenty First Nations' boys the didgeridoo (culturally, the didgeridoo is considered a male instrument only). The grant money would be used to fund the teacher. Apart from the didgeridoo it is also envisioned that the classes would also involve indigenous cultural education. The rationale behind the project is that many First Nations' boys live in housing commission and other lower socio-economic conditions. Many have family issues related to drugs and alcohol, and some are being involved even at an early age in illegal activities.	\$6,300.00
	26CCGR2010	NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS)	Stepping Forward Afghan Young Women Movement-based and Creative Expression Program Designed to promote wellbeing, confidence, and social inclusion for newly arrived Afghan young women, Stepping Forward Program will deliver 76 culturally safe sessions over a 30-week duration. Activities include 60 Zumba classes	\$6,700.00

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Connected Communities			promoting physical fitness and social connection, 10 Creative and Self-Expression Masterclasses supporting identity exploration and confidence, and 6 Health and Wellbeing Sessions addressing mental health and resilience. The program will be facilitated by Afghan bi-cultural workers with language and lived experience support, ensuring a holistic and community-led approach to supporting young women for successful resettlement and wider community integration.	
	26CCGR2011	Educar Foundation	Cumberland Max Potential 2026 Cumberland Max Potential 2026 is an early intervention youth leadership program for Cumberland young people aged 15–17. With support from a trained volunteer Community Coach, participants build confidence, resilience and positive habits through one-to-one coaching, workshops and a youth-led community project. The program is designed for young people who may need extra encouragement, connection or positive role models. It strengthens wellbeing, community participation and belonging by building positive links between young people, schools, families, the council, local businesses and supports. The program concludes with a community celebration of each young person's growth, contribution and leadership.	\$10,140.00
	26CCGR2014	Swimming NSW	Cumberland Splash for Health Cumberland Splash for Health is a community aquatic participation initiative designed to improve health outcomes, reduce social isolation, and increase access to long-term, inclusive swimming opportunities for People with a Disability (PwD). Swimming NSW (SNSW) will deliver the initiative in conjunction with our affiliated clubs operating in the LGA through 24 free Come and Try sessions. This equates to fortnightly free swim/splash sessions across four swimming clubs. SNSW will work with local communities with people with a disability including Rainbow Club and direct spend towards promotional and marketing activities in the region to encourage families to partake in the initiative.	\$12,332.00
	26CCGR2018	Merrylands Rugby Union Club	Youth Mentor Project 2026 Merrylands Rugby Union Club seeks a grant to deliver a culturally appropriate	\$12,900.00

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			mentoring and youth diversion program for young at-risk players within the Cumberland Local Government Area (LGA), with a particular focus on Pasifika and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth. The project aims to reduce youth disengagement and anti-social behaviour while strengthening cultural identity, community connection and pathways to positive participation.	
Connected Communities	26CCGR2025	The Trustee for The Salvation Army (NSW) Property Trust	Sewing Group – Auburn Salvos We recently established a women's sewing group to strengthen social connections, build confidence, and develop practical skills that can support pathways into employment. The group has attracted strong interest from a culturally diverse range of women in our community. However, we are currently operating with a small number of older donated sewing machines, which are difficult to use and limit participation. As a result, we can only accommodate a few attendees at a time, restricting the program's growth and impact.	\$14,809.00
	26CCGR2029	Auburn Public School P&C (Parents and Citizens)	Auburn P&C Community Sustainability Program Auburn P&C Community Sustainability Program aims to educate and equip our local Auburn community to live more sustainably in their everyday lives. Through the program, we will facilitate community workshops on topics such as 'Balcony Veggie Gardening', 'Water-wise practices', 'Australian waste sorting systems', 'Composting in small spaces' and 'Planting Australian natives'. These practical workshops will benefit from Auburn Public Schools existing school veggie gardens and environmental program, making their resources more widely accessible to the community. The program will also provide gardening spaces and support to our existing community groups such as our Community Playgroup and our Community English Classes.	\$11,959.00
Education Access	26EAGR2005	Granville Multicultural Community Centre TA Cumberland Multicultural Community Services	EmpowerHer Pathways Project The EmpowerHer Pathways Project targets young women who are at risk of not completing secondary studies or who have significant barriers limiting them from meeting their potential. The program increases the participants employability	\$13,912.00

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			and life skills through the provision of small group workshops as well as providing the opportunity for participants to gain vocational qualifications. Participants are also provided individualised one on one support to ensure they reach their goals and get the support they require.	
Event Support	26ESGR2002	Arabian Music	Arabian Musical Nights Our project will consist of an Arabian Musical Night for the community once every two months, totalling to six events for this project. These events will gather the members of the community of all backgrounds and bring people from the local community together to enjoy an Arabian Musical Evening/Night consisting of a live band and singers that will be performing, Arabic poetry, raffle prizes to be won and an Arabian themed environment with dinner and dessert.	\$15,000.00
	26ESGR2004	Auburn District Cricket Club Inc	Auburn DCC 75th Anniversary Dinner Auburn District Cricket Club was established at Auburn in 1951 and has been based at Mona Park, Auburn since its inception. The current 2025-26 cricket season is the club's 75th anniversary and club is holding a special dinner to celebrate not only that milestone but to also celebrate the club's long term commitment to serving the local Auburn community over the past 75 years.	\$9,900.00
	26ESGR2006	JAFFNA HINDU OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH INCORPORATED	Thaipongal Festival 2026 Thai Pongal is one of the most significant celebrations in the Tamil calendar, observed on the first day of the Tamil month "Thai" in January each year. For the past 14 years, the Association hosted this event in Pendle Hill, attracting a diverse audience from the local community and surrounding areas. The festival is regularly attended by representatives from Local Council as well as State and Federal Parliaments. The program features traditional music and dance performances, and activities for children. Displays and participation by community organisations and local businesses further enrich the event, creating a vibrant and inclusive community atmosphere.	\$15,000.00
	26ESGR2007	Kamban Kazhagam Australia Incorporated	Kamban Tamil Literary Festival The Kamban Tamil Literary Festival, celebrating its 20th year, is a community-led event spanning two days, promoting Tamil language, literature, and arts in	\$12,000.00

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Event Support			Australia. The program features classical music and dance, dramatic literary performances, speeches, youth wing debates, and Vazhakadu Mandram -a traditional Tamil debate forum where speakers present and challenge viewpoints on literary themes. These sessions involve internationally recognised Tamil orators alongside local talents and young speakers. Winners of the Vellum Sol youth impromptu speech competition are awarded by invited ministers and Cumberland Council councillors. The festival also presents the prestigious Maaruthi Award and recognises respected Tamil community members.	
	26ESGR2009	Didibahini Women's Network Australia, NSW	Teej Cultural Celebration & Women's Wellbeing Festival 2026 The Teej Cultural Celebration & Women's Wellbeing Festival 2026 is a one-day cultural event organised by (DWNA) – NSW Cumberland Unit to celebrate Teej, a traditional South Asian festival honouring women, cultural identity, and community solidarity. The event will take place on 13 September 2026 at Granville Town Hall and is expected to bring together approximately 400 women from Nepali, South Asian, and wider multicultural communities within Cumberland. The event will include: Traditional cultural performances and music Cultural dance and interactive activities Mental health and wellbeing discussions Distribution of information and resources on family and domestic violence prevention	\$14,700.00
	26ESGR2012	Cumberland Women's Health Centre	Women's Health Week There are often limited opportunities for women from diverse backgrounds to connect in inclusive settings, due to a lack of interactive, culturally inclusive events that bring women together across different ages and communities. For Women's Health Week 2026, we aim to bring together 50–100 women from across the Cumberland and Parramatta LGAs for a series of interactive workshops, a shared lunch, and informal social networking. This event will foster community connection and cross-cultural understanding, supporting improved health and wellbeing for women and contributing to a more inclusive and connected community in Cumberland.	\$1,780.00

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Event Support	26ESGR2015	Australian homeschool hub	Australian homeschool hub disco and launch This will be a disco and our launch for our nonprofit organisation. As a community that has been working so hard for 5 years, we have finally got our not for profit and would be using this as an opportunity to gather all community together. This is a great opportunity for those new to homeschooling to meet friends and other homeschooling families as well.	\$1,700.00
	26ESGR2016	Toongabbie Tamil Trade Association	Tamil New Year Festival 2027 The Tamil New Year Festival in Sydney is a premier annual celebration of heritage and new beginnings. Following previous successes, this single-day event is scheduled to be delivered at Girraween Park on 18 April 2027. Organised by the Toongabbie Tamil Trade Association, the festival serves as a vital platform for social cohesion, uniting generations through cultural workshops, folk performances, and local business stalls. Building on this momentum, the association plans to return to Girraween Park in 2027, ensuring a consistent and accessible space for seniors, youth, and the CALD community to celebrate Cumberland's unique cultural identity.	\$15,000.00
Hardship Assistance for Children and Youth in Education and Sport	26HACYR2002	Young Soon Kim	Football Australia Emerging Championships 2026 – NSW State Team My son has been selected to represent Football NSW at the Football Australia Emerging Championships 2026. This national football tournament brings together the best youth players from each state across Australia. He will participate as a member of the NSW State Team competing against other state representative teams during the tournament. The event provides a high-level competitive environment where players are identified for future national team pathways and elite development programs. Participation requires commitment to training camps, matches and team preparation during the championship period.	\$1,000.00

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