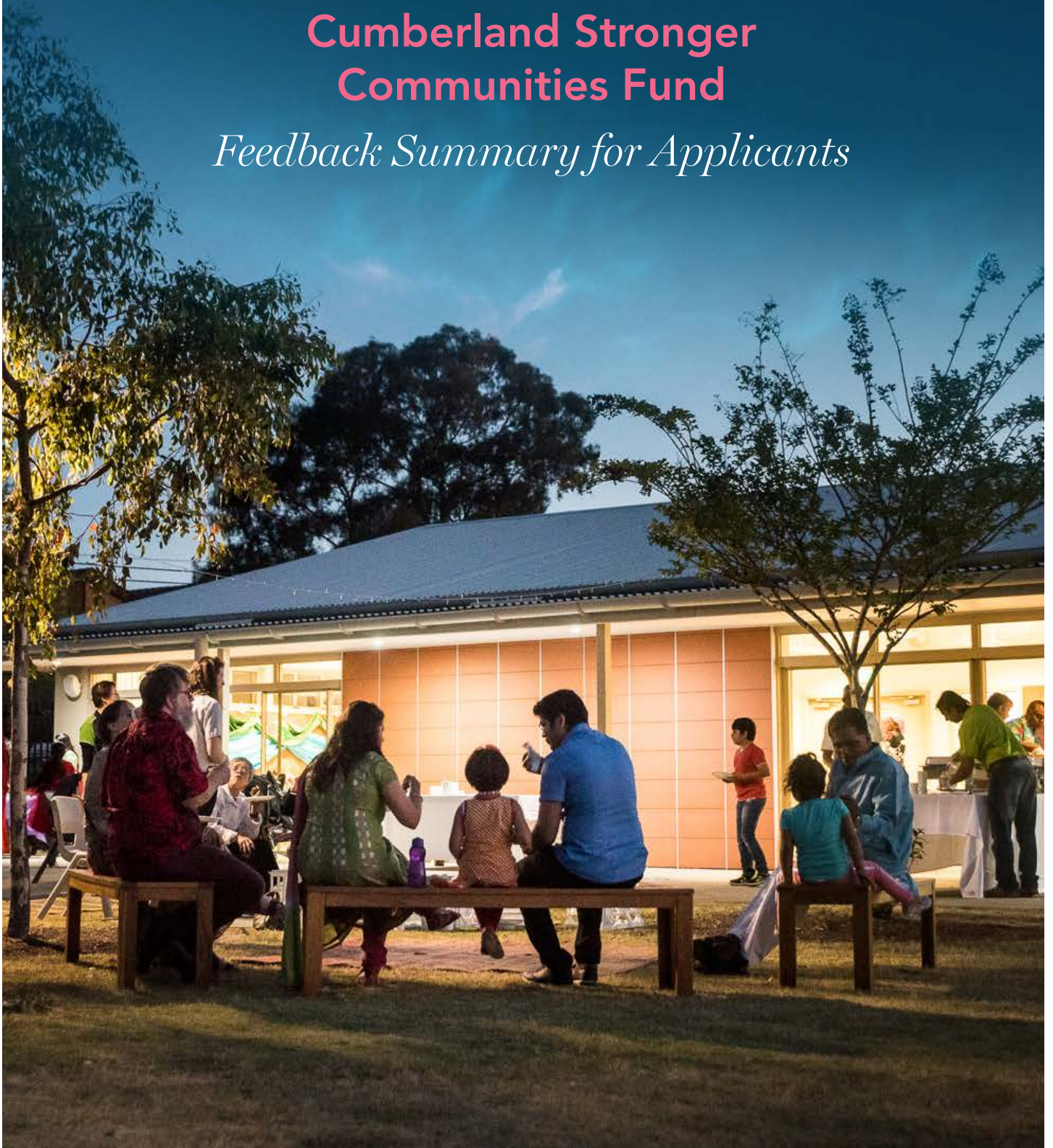




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Cumberland Stronger Communities Fund

Feedback Summary for Applicants



This document contains information on the assessment process and feedback on the main strengths and weaknesses of applications for the Cumberland Stronger Communities Fund Community Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The Stronger Communities Fund (SCF) was established by the NSW Government to provide newly merged Councils with funding to kick start the delivery of projects that improve community infrastructure and services.

Cumberland Council was provided with \$1 million in funding for the SCF Community Grants Program component. Incorporated, not-for-profit community organisations could apply for funding of up to \$50,000 for projects that build more vibrant, sustainable and inclusive local communities.

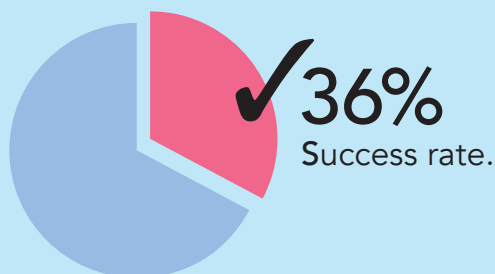
The grant round was open from 9am, 31 October 2016 and closed 4pm on 27 February 2017.

90 applications
all up received **\$2,805,705**

32 projects
funded worth **\$1,001,101**

↓ **Lowest amount**
requested **\$3,390**

↑ **Highest amount**
requested **\$50,000**



HOW FUNDING PRIORITIES WERE IDENTIFIED

To identify community priorities, councils were required to ensure that the community and local stakeholders were adequately consulted and provided with the opportunity to put forward ideas for funding.

Council implemented a community engagement program between July and August 2016 to identify funding priorities and inform the development of detailed guidelines for the SCF Community Grants Program, including administration, application and assessment processes. The engagement activities targeted community organisations operating in the Cumberland Local Government Area (LGA).

A Stronger Communities Survey was undertaken with local community groups/services to identify local community priorities and funding needs. The focus of the survey included: Funding needs; Identifying barriers applicants have in applying for grants; Support organisations would like in developing and submitting grant applications; Identifying the types of projects organisations would like funding for and funding limits.

The survey was distributed to over 450-not-for-profit organisations operating in the LGA. The survey was also made available on the Council website, via social media and distributed via email as well as in hard copy.

A total of 153 responses were received (a 30% response rate). A variety of funded and unfunded organisations completed the survey. This included local charities, volunteer groups, schools, cultural groups, sporting clubs, childcare centres, youth based organisations and religious organisations.

In-depth interviews/focus groups were also conducted with 12 community organisations representing a cross section of the local community sector.

The following funding priorities were identified for the Community Grants Program based on the responses:

- Community Safety, including domestic and family violence;
- Health and Wellbeing;
- Social Inclusion and Participation;
- Enhancing Community Organisation Capacity.

COUNCIL'S GRANT SUPPORT PROGRAM

To assist local organisations to develop high quality applications, Council delivered the following support programs, which were promoted and available to all:

- Three information sessions outlining the funding priorities, assessment process and conditions for successful applicants. A total of 61 people participated in these sessions.
- Three 'Preparing a Successful Grant' workshops. The free workshops assisted participants to develop and write their grant applications and focus on specific questions in the application form. A total of 49 people participated in these workshops.
- Three 'Advisory Desk' sessions. Applicants could book a session to receive tailored one on one advice on their project and grant application. A total of 50 people participated in these sessions.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Council received a total of 90 applications under the SCF Community Grants Program requesting a total of \$2,805,705. Two applications were deemed ineligible and the remaining projects were assessed and ranked across the funding priority areas.

Applications submitted for funding under the SCF Community Grants Program were assessed in three stages:

Stage 1: Preliminary Eligibility Assessment

Council's grants administrators conducted a preliminary eligibility assessment of all applications submitted.

Stage 2: Subject Matter Expert Panel

Four internal assessment panels (Subject Matter Expert Panels) consisting of relevant Council staff were convened to review and rank eligible applications against the assessment criteria.

The Subject Matter Expert Panels involved staff that had submitted an expression of interest and were determined to have sufficient understanding of the funding process and funding priorities. The Panel consisted of staff from a cross section of service areas.

Recommendations of the Subject Matter Expert Panels were provided to the Stronger Communities Fund Assessment Panel for further review and determination.

Stage 3: Stronger Communities Fund Assessment Panel

The SCF Assessment Panel was established in accordance with the NSW Government Guidelines and included the following:

- Administrator, Cumberland Council, Mr Viv May (Panel Convenor).
- Ms Donna Davis representing the Member for Auburn, Mr Luke Foley MP.
- Mr David Halliday representing the Member for Granville, Ms Julia Finn MP.
- The Member for Prospect, Dr (Hugh) Paul McDermott MP.
- Regional Coordinator, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Ms Alison Morgan.
- Independent Probity Adviser, Ms Daemoni Bishop.
- Representative from NSW Department of Family and Community Services, Mr Peter Prants.
- CEO Western Sydney Community Forum (former Parramatta ClubGRANTS panel member), Ms Billie Sankovic.
- Community Liaison Officer, Auburn Girls High School (former Auburn ClubGRANTS panel member), Ms Fatma Amr.

The Member for Fairfield - Mr (Guy) Gaetano Zangari MP was noted as an apology. Three Council officers were also in attendance at the meeting to provide professional advice and administrative support to the Assessment Panel.

Members of the Assessment Panel were required to declare any conflict or potential conflict between their private or professional interests and their duties as a member of the Assessment Panel.

A total of 32 applications requesting a total of \$1,001,101.21 were recommended by the Stronger Communities Assessment Panel for funding. The Schedule of Recommended Projects is included on pages 8 - 14.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

In accordance with the SCF Community Grants Program Guidelines funded projects were required to meet the following criteria:

- Deliver social, cultural, recreational, economic or environmental benefits to local communities;
- Address an identified community priority;
- Be well defined with a clear budget;
- Demonstrate that any ongoing or recurrent costs of the project can be met by the community group once grant funding has been expensed; and
- The organisation must demonstrate the capacity to manage funds and deliver the project.

In addition, a maximum of \$50,000 could be allocated to any one organisation. All applications were required to address one of the four identified community priorities. Funded projects must be delivered between 1 July 2017 and 30 December 2018.



FEEDBACK ACCORDING TO THE CRITERIA

Applicants were required to submit applications online on the Cumberland SCF Community Grants Program Application Form. Organisations were required to explain how their projects will benefit the local community.

Better applications demonstrated the direct benefit to the Cumberland community. Poor applications did not indicate how projects would benefit the Cumberland community directly or the number of people from the Cumberland LGA that would be involved. These applications, whilst perhaps demonstrating an overall need, unfortunately did not translate this need into demonstrated actions that directly impact the Cumberland LGA.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the SCF Community Grants Program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be registered, incorporated not-for-profit organisation or community group or be sponsored (auspiced) by an organisation that meets these requirements.
- Applicants must be currently located or delivering services in the Cumberland LGA, or have specialist expertise not currently available in the Cumberland LGA;
- Applicants must show proof of appropriate insurance including public liability insurance (minimum of \$10 million liability);
- Only one application was permitted per applicant.

Areas for improvement

Two applicants submitted more than one application which were deemed ineligible. Applicants are encouraged to read the eligibility criteria prior to submitting an application.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

Applicants were required to demonstrate their experience and capacity to manage projects with or without funding.

Strengths

Applicants provided information that demonstrated the organisation had previous experience managing community based projects. Examples provided include: programs or projects delivered and outcomes achieved, number of clients serviced over a period, relevant policies and procedures of the organisations, existing connections with target population, annual budgets managed by the organisation and skills and experience of staff and/or volunteers working with the organisation.

Areas for improvement

Applicants could have strengthened their responses by: demonstrating the link between previous projects delivered relevant to the submitted applications. Provision of information (qualitative and quantitative) about outcomes of previous projects, number of years operating.

PROJECT TITLE

Project titles are short names for projects.

Strengths

Applicants provided short succinct project titles that reflected the aims and objectives of the project.

Areas for improvement

Many applicants had lengthy titles (more than 10 words) that did not reflect the project description.



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Applicants were required to give brief/succinct descriptions of their project.

Strengths

Applicants provided responses that included the project aims, activities, target group and number of participants. Responses also included how the proposed activities addressed a need identified by the target group.

Areas for improvement

The majority of applications gave lengthy project descriptions that did not directly explain what the project was about and how it would be delivered. In addition, many applications discussed the community issue they were looking to address at length however did not include specific information about how their project activities would address the issue.

FINANCE

A well-defined budget was required for all applications. Applicants were also required to demonstrate how any ongoing or recurrent costs would be met by the organisation once the grant was expensed.

The lowest amount requested was \$3,390 and the highest being \$50,000. The average amount requested was \$31,175.

Strengths

Strong applications provided detailed budgets that included itemised costs (e.g. hours and rates for venue hire, award rates for staff, number of hours to be worked by staff). Compulsory quotes for equipment purchases were provided. Detailed quotes were also included from consultants who will be engaged by applicants. Consultant quotes included the skills, experience and expertise of consultants, period that the quote is valid for, and itemised costs which include number of sessions, duration and cost per session.

Areas for improvement include:

- Number of project participants not mentioned in the application, making it difficult to assess value for money.
- Wages for project staff was not itemised (i.e. did not include the hourly rate, number of hours worked or on-costs such as superannuation, annual leave loading and workers compensation). Some wage rates did not reflect the award rates set by Fair Work Australia.
- Applications included high administration costs (over 20%), with no explanation/details of how the funds would be used.
- Quotes for purchases over \$1,000 not provided.
- There was no clear link between budget items and the grant application - some items were included in the budget but were not mentioned in the grant application.
- Operational costs were not eligible, however a number of applicants included these costs in their applications.
- Projects that have ongoing staffing costs were not eligible, however a number of applications were submitted for projects which had ongoing staffing costs and there was not sufficient evidence to demonstrate how the ongoing costs will be paid for.
- Inclusion of in-kind contributions in the budget. This will demonstrate the actual cost of a project. This includes partnerships, volunteer contributions and other in-kind services.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Applicants were required to indicate how the project addressed the identified funding priorities..

Strengths

Better applications explained that the need was identified with the target group. Additionally, the target group was considered as partners in the project delivery and evaluation.

Areas for improvement

Applications were ranked low if the target group was not involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the project.

A *Project Partners Acknowledgement Form* was required for all projects that were to be completed in partnership with other organisations. This Form was proof that project partners had been consulted and consented to be involved in the project (if successful). A number of applications made reference to project partners but did not submit the Form with the funding application. Projects were ranked low if they did not indicate how project partners would be involved in delivering the project in the Cumberland LGA.

Some applications indicated a target group that projects would engage. In several applications it was not clear how the target group would be engaged to participate in the project.

Applicants are encouraged to spend more time engaging potential project partners and recipients to ensure the project strategies are relevant and delivered in the most effective manner. Further, the information collected at this phase would assist in demonstrating why the project is required.

DUPLICATION

There were multiple applications for projects addressing similar issues, targeting the same groups (e.g. unemployed, women). Greater collaboration amongst community groups is encouraged to reduce duplication and maximise results.

CONNECTION TO CUMBERLAND

Applicants were required to illustrate the project or organisations' connection to the Cumberland LGA. Applicants were also required to demonstrate where projects will be delivered and the percentage of participants from the Cumberland LGA.

Strengths

Applications were ranked high if the majority of participants (at least 90 percent) were from the Cumberland LGA. A high ranking was also provided if a strong connection to the local area was demonstrated. Examples provided include: delivery of services within the Cumberland LGA, number of clients from Cumberland LGA, percentage of participants from Cumberland LGA.

Areas for improvement

Low rankings were given if applications did not have a high number of participants from the area. Applicants also ranked low if they didn't indicate how the Cumberland community would directly benefit from the project

PROJECT OUTCOMES

Applicants were required to identify a minimum of 3 project outcomes.

Strengths

Strong applicants demonstrated outcomes that were linked to the project aims and objectives.

Areas for improvement

Applicants did not indicate what the intended project outcomes were or how they linked with the project aims.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Monitoring and evaluation is an important component of a project to track progress and assess the outcomes. The information collected from monitoring and evaluating a project can assist in decision making (whilst the project is being implemented), refining a project or identify new projects.

Monitoring refers to the ongoing review of a project. The process

of monitoring includes collecting information that will indicate how the project is progressing towards an identified outcome. Monitoring helps organisations track the implementation of a project and achievements by regular collection of information. This information assists with decision making, provides evidence for accountability purposes, and assists with evaluation of the project.

Evaluation is the systematic and objective assessment of an on-going or completed project or program. It includes the design, implementation and results of a project or program. Evaluation aims to determine if the intended project objectives were met, identify any unintended outcomes for example: assess project impact, timeframes for delivery, effectiveness (i.e. to what extent does the project/intervention achieve its objectives?).

Strengths

Better applications included both monitoring and evaluation methods. The most common evaluation technique indicated was surveys (pre and post).

Monitoring and evaluation methods differ based on project size and type. The results are beneficial for the grant recipient, project participants and funding body. Monitoring and evaluation methods should be considered at the grant application phase ready for implementation at the start of the project.

Areas for improvement

Few applications included monitoring methods. Further, many applications did not indicate what the evaluations would be measuring (i.e. what outcomes will be evaluated) or the impact (what happened as a result) of the project.

TIPS FOR FUTURE GRANT APPLICANTS

The following tips would assist organisations in developing future grant applications:

- Read the Guidelines of the grants program before writing an application.
- Attend the information session for the Cumberland Stronger Communities Fund. Two sessions (morning and evening) are held for each funding round. The information sessions provide an opportunity to hear about the guidelines, ask questions about the scheme and meet potential project partners.
- Attend the *'Preparing a Successful Grant Workshop'*. The free workshop is facilitated by an experienced trainer and grant writer. In the two part practical workshop, applicants are assisted to develop their applications.
- Attend the *'Advisory Desk'* sessions. The Advisory Desk provides tailored advice to applicants on their project and grant application. During the session, applicants can receive feedback on their draft application and project ideas and tips on how to write their grant proposal.
- The majority of applications were received on the closing date – very close to the deadline. This resulted in little opportunity to research the application or have input from project partners. Applicants are encouraged to start writing their grant applications early to ensure all relevant supporting documents are provided and you have enough time to proof your application.
- Write the grant application in a team. Grant applications often require a lot of detail and research. Dividing the application amongst members of the organisation can reduce the work load and improve the quality of the application. 1 person should proof read the final version of the application to ensure consistency and identify any errors or omissions.
- Request feedback on your application. After receiving notification on the outcome of the grant application, contact the funding body for feedback on the application. Comments provided by the assessment panel could assist your future grant seeking. This should be done regardless of whether the application was successful or unsuccessful.



Funded Projects - COMMUNITY SAFETY

Organisation	Brief Project Description	Funding Priority	Amount Funded
Islamic Relief Australia	<p>Addressing Domestic Violence through Community-based Action and Engagement (ADVoCAtE)</p> <p>The project aims to address domestic and family violence (DFV) among Muslim families in the Cumberland LGA. It includes: Community consultation to identify current understandings of DFV, White Ribbon campaigns, anti-DFV video, leaflet distribution, poster, public bus advertisements, sermons at the mosque and gender specific capacity-building workshops.</p>	Community Safety	\$49,800
Community Migrant Resource Centre	<p>Safer CALD Women Community Initiative</p> <p>This project aims to build the skills of frontline staff to respond to DFV. It includes: Low intensity, community-based DVF awareness and capacity building programs through training all front line staff who then become trainers within CALD communities. The project will also involve the development of effective intake pathways and resources with referral mechanisms.</p>	Community Safety	\$50,000
Shakti Migrant & Refugee Women's Support Group NSW Inc.	<p>This project will deliver a holistic Women's Empowerment Second Chance Life Skills Programme to vulnerable and marginalised women aged 25 – 50 years from Asian, African and Middle Eastern backgrounds.</p> <p>Participants experience high rates of disadvantage due to lack of financial controls within the home, social exclusion and family violence. The project aims to enable women to become self-reliant and actively contribute to their financial independence as well as the Australian economy by challenging themselves personally and building skills based on their abilities.</p>	Community Safety	\$13,550
Cumberland Women's Health Centre Inc	<p>Employment Boost - A Better Future For Women</p> <p>This project will focus on building and developing the latent economic and human resources present in female participants and enables them to capitalise on these resources, essentially reducing the cost to both government and society as a whole. The project model includes the assessment of participants, delivery of an 8 week leadership program, linking participants to accredited educational training courses and a mentoring program.</p>	Community Safety	\$41,800



Funded Projects - HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Organisation	Brief Project Description	Funding Priority	Amount Funded
The Salvation Army Auburn	<p>Cumberland Together for Hope</p> <p>This project includes employment of a part-time Mental Health Project Officer to coordinate the <i>Auburn Together 4 Hope</i> project which aims to reduce the prevalence and impact of suicide in the local community.</p>	Health and Wellbeing	\$48,984
Western Sydney Community Centre	<p>The Multicultural Health Education</p> <p>Project will employ a part time worker to raise awareness amongst CALD residents of local health services. It includes the delivery of health education programs and social support groups.</p>	Health and Wellbeing	\$50,000
Affordable Community Housing Limited (trading as Evolve Housing for Youth)	<p>Mental Health Education, Pathways and Partnerships Project</p> <p>This 12 month project will employ a mental health professional to work with clients who have specific mental health needs. The mental health worker will also train existing case workers and support staff in this specialised area. The worker will also develop partnerships and stronger working relationships with relevant services.</p>	Health and Wellbeing	\$50,000
Miracle Babies Foundation Ltd	<p>NICU Survival Packs: Advocacy, Support & Information for Families of Premature and Sick Newborns</p> <p>The high stakes environment of the NICU is stressful, and without support, this overwhelming and traumatic experience can have lifelong effects on the emotional wellbeing of these miracle families. The NICU Survival Pack will equip 200 families with vital tools and resources as they try and navigate this strange, high tech universe. It also provides information about the availability of local groups after leaving the safety of hospital care.</p>	Health and Wellbeing	\$5,000
Australian Foundation for Disability	<p>Sensory, Cooking, Educational and Sporting Resources for People with Disabilities and High Support Needs</p> <p>This project includes purchase of electronic equipment, educational board games, sensory equipment, cooking and exercise equipment to help stimulate clients with disability (40+) who attend the Guildford Day Program. The equipment will be used as part of a training program that aims to increase hand eye coordination, manage aggression, increase self-awareness and participation in group activities suited to individual needs, which is vital for social inclusion in the community.</p>	Health and Wellbeing	\$9,995
Top Blokes Foundation	<p>Junior Top Blokes Mentoring Program</p> <p>This Program strengthens the mental health of teenage boys while improving their engagement and inclusion within the wider community. Across 16 weeks, 48 young males aged 14-17years will be mentored by positive male role models. A series of workshops will be delivered including risk taking and peer pressure, mental health, drugs and alcohol, healthy relationships, masculinity, online behaviours (including sexting, pornography and cyber bullying) and anger management.</p>	Health and Wellbeing	\$35,294

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Bicycle NSW	<p>Her Cycling Connections</p> <p>Aims to establish and enable unemployed women aged over 18 to build their confidence and participation in social activities. Bike hire and accredited cycling coaches and teachers will support an accessible program for up to 100 participants with a variety of activities and events.</p> <p>The program aims to build skills, confidence and safety, empowering more women to ride more often for fun, fitness or transport and improving their health and wellbeing at the same time.</p>	Health and Wellbeing	\$50,000
Auburn Youth Centre Inc.	<p>Inspire - Creative Arts Hub for Young Women</p> <p>This project will create a women's only expressive and performing arts hub for young women. Up to 200 women will participate in education and mentoring sessions, which will enable the creation and performance of works of art (theatre, dance, music).</p>	Health and Wellbeing	\$49,203
Mabaan Community NSW	<p>Soccer Program</p> <p>This project aims to support and engage 50 – 70 young people (aged 10 – 12 and 15 – 20 years) to exercise and live a healthy life through playing soccer. The program acts as a bridge and pathway to mainstream sporting participation in the wider Australian community.</p>	Health and Wellbeing	\$20,000
Chinese Australian Services Society Ltd	<p>I Win! You win! Community Empowerment Program</p> <p>This project aims to break the language barrier and empower local Chinese speaking residents to access community information and build self-reliance. Up to 30 people will take part in four information sessions/workshops. At the completion of the program, participants will be more confident in accessing community information in areas such as employment, lodging complaints and personal safety.</p>	Health and Wellbeing	\$3,400

Funded Projects

- COMMUNITY ORGANISATION CAPACITY

Organisation	Brief Project Description	Funding Priority	Amount Funded
Granville Men's Shed Inc.	<p>Healthy Living, Positive Ageing</p> <p>This project will improve the social and workshop space at the Shed. It includes replacement and upgrade of workshop machinery, and delivery of healthy living/positive ageing activities.</p>	Community Organisation Capacity	\$28,628
Burmese Community Development Collaboration	<p>Information Management System Development</p> <p>This project will purchase an information management system (IMS). It will enable the organisation to provide streamlined aged care services to the Burmese community in the Cumberland LGA.</p>	Community Organisation Capacity	\$20,000
Girl Guides NSW/ACT (Auburn-Lidcombe)	<p>Girls Guides Hall Improvement Works</p> <p>This project will build a roof for the entrance porch, install new entrance doors and an alarm system to improve the safety and accessibility of this community facility.</p>	Community Organisation Capacity	\$9,000
Taste Cultural Food Tours Inc.	<p>A Taste of Cumberland</p> <p>This project will develop a social media marketing campaign, enable the recruitment of local guides and production of a video to promote the program.</p>	Community Organisation Capacity	\$20,000
St Francis Social Services (trading as the House of Welcome)	<p>Empowered to Work</p> <p>A pre-employment, volunteer-led project supporting asylum seekers to access employment and become involved members of their community.</p>	Community Organisation Capacity	\$49,680.35
Guildford Soldiers Memorial School of Art	<p>Replacement of Roof</p> <p>This project will replace the roof to improve the safety and longevity of this community facility.</p>	Community Organisation Capacity	\$25,000

Funded Projects

- SOCIAL INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATION

Organisation	Brief Project Description	Funding Priority	Amount Funded
Epilepsy Association (trading as Epilepsy Action Australia)	Epilepsy Awareness and Education This project aims to develop, promote & implement an epilepsy awareness and education program targeting local Arabic and Chinese communities.	Social Inclusion and Participation	\$30,000
Friends of Auburn Library Services	Creative Cumberland Children A story-writing competition for 300 school age children (years 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12). It aims to encourage entrants to write or present a creative story based on their experiences. Entrants are encouraged to attend editing workshops and peer support sessions which encourage outside-school interaction.	Social Inclusion and Participation	\$4,411
Horn of Africa Relief and Development Agency of Australia	African and CALD Youth Soccer Tournament and Community Festival This project will involve over 300 players / participants and take place from October 2017 - December 2018. The activities will aim to celebrate our cultural diversity and bring our diverse African and CALD communities together in order to showcase the benefits of cultural diversity, promoting social cohesion and community harmony.	Social Inclusion and Participation	\$17,540
Parramatta / Holroyd Family Support Inc.	Building Bridges: Group Work Response to Women and Children Impacted by Domestic and Family Violence The project aims to provide safe opportunities for women and their children to recover from the trauma of domestic violence and strengthen their relationships.	Social Inclusion and Participation	\$48,100
The Northcott Society	Achieving Social Inclusion and Wellbeing Through Whole Family Respite for CALD Children With Disability and their Families This project will provide weekend respite and recreational experiences for 12 families (60 people) from CALD backgrounds who have school age children with disability.	Social Inclusion and Participation	\$49,938.40
Multiple Sclerosis Limited	MS Activities Program for People Living with Disabilities MS Ltd will establish a program that enables access to a range of fitness/health activities for MS clients and others living with neurological /other disabilities. The program aims to provide a range of fitness/health activities to benefit this cohort from which they can select activities that meet their needs.	Social Inclusion and Participation	\$48,661.46
Somali Welfare and Cultural Association	The AfriBiz Hub project The project will support Africultures festival food stallholders (mainly women) to develop business ideas to form a social enterprise for African food. It will also build capacity and support for the festival volunteer committee to develop systems for long term sustainability of the festival. The project will address barriers via a series of business development workshops and business mentoring to develop a business plan and marketing strategies for sourcing funding.	Social Inclusion and Participation	\$31,590
Prosper (Project Australia)	Connecting Fathers Project This project will develop a resource and support network for fathers living throughout the Cumberland LGA.	Social Inclusion and Participation	\$27,354
Hilltop Road Public School P&C Association	Hilltop Road Connect-Ed This project will create a meeting place for families. Further education workshops will be provided in the space. The project targets the 500 families of Hilltop Road and up to 300 Cumberland residents per week through drop in initiatives, structured programs and community events.	Social Inclusion and Participation	\$41,554



Organisation	Brief Project Description	Funding Priority	Amount Funded
Information and Cultural Exchange	<p>The Auburn Digital Pod</p> <p>This project is a ten month program of digital and English literacy skills training for up to 120 recently settled migrant and refugee women from Arabic speaking and South-East Asian communities in Auburn and Granville.</p>	Social Inclusion and Participation	\$45,230
NSW Multicultural Seniors Association Inc	<p>Traditional Chinese Performing Arts Program</p> <p>The project will enable participants to acquire skills and appreciation for 3 forms of traditional Chinese performing arts (waist drum, dance and qipao).</p>	Social Inclusion and Participation	\$18,388
Australian Tamil Seniors Association	<p>Increased Circulation of ATSA Newsletters/ Magazines</p> <p>This project will assist in producing frequent newsletters to ATSA members. The newsletter includes information about local seniors' activities, promotion of health and wellbeing related matters and matters related to community safety and family/domestic violence. It will be circulated to over 500 people.</p>	Social Inclusion and Participation	\$9,000
TOTAL:			\$1,001,101



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