



2017 recipients Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre

# 2018 Social Investment Grants Program

## Building resilience and capability in people experiencing homelessness or domestic abuse

Since 2014, our Social Investment Grants Program has supported dozens of not-for-profit organisations in their quest to help excluded, marginalised and disadvantaged people. But not only does the program strengthen communities, it also strengthens the not-for-profit organisations that many people rely on to get by. We're proud to be running the program again in 2018.

### This year's theme

The overwhelming number of applications for our 2017 program showed the immense need for more funding in the homelessness and domestic abuse sectors. That's why in 2018 the theme will again be Building resilience and capability in people experiencing homelessness or domestic abuse.

Programs and projects that focus on prevention and intervention are also eligible. To view past projects and programs funded please view our website [communitysectorbanking.com.au/grants](http://communitysectorbanking.com.au/grants)

### Funding available

A total grant pool of \$300,000 is available in 2018. Applications can be made for grants of either \$25,000 or \$50,000.

### Eligibility criteria

- Applicants must have a specific objective for the funding that delivers against the theme of 'building resilience and capability for people who are experiencing homelessness or domestic abuse.'
- Applicants must be a not-for-profit organisation
- Activities that the grant supports should be completed by the end of 2019
- The grant will only support projects that benefit communities in Australia

- All applications will be required to demonstrate operational and financial stability by providing appropriate information and documentation
- Leveraging other funding sources in combination with the application is encouraged.

## Exclusions

Grants will not be awarded for:

- Continuing operating (or everyday) costs (e.g. normal wages and electricity costs, although grants for building capacity within the organisation may be eligible). Please note, all costs required to deliver your project can be included (including the wages of staff delivering the project)
- Capital works (e.g. renovations, fit-outs, etc. software, IT and vehicles are excluded if they are not at the core of the program's delivery)
- Housing capital or construction
- Research or policy development (although resources and toolkits may be eligible)
- Overseas projects
- Retrospective requests
- Scholarships

## Application process

Applications will open 1 May 2018 and close at 5pm AEST on Thursday, 31 May 2018.

## How will applications be assessed?

Applications will be assessed on the extent to which they:

- Build resilience and capability
- Build capacity within the organisation to deliver the project or program sustainably
- Create a sustainable positive impact for the target clients beyond the funded initiative
- Take an innovative approach to service delivery and client engagement
- Generate value\* from the funding investment

\* Can be assessed through multiple lenses, including but not limited to: return on investment, volume of individuals impacted by the investment, cost per head, etc.

## Frequently asked questions

### How do I apply for a grant?

When applications are open, you will need to apply online through our website. You will be directed to an online application form on the Community Enterprise Foundation's website.

### Can an organisation apply for both a \$25,000 and \$50,000 grant?

No, organisations can only apply once for the same program, but can apply more than once if the applications are for different programs.

### Do I need to be a Community Sector Banking customer to apply?

No, but Community Sector Banking customers are encouraged to apply.

### Our organisation doesn't have Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status – can we still apply?

Yes, you can still apply, so long as your organisation is classified as a not-for-profit by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

### Our organisation is based in Australia, but the project will be carried out overseas – do we qualify?

No – funded projects must be carried out within Australia.

### Must my organisation be nationwide to be eligible?

No.

### Can I apply for a grant if I have applied and have been successful in previous years?

Organisations who have applied in previous years are eligible to apply in 2018. However, if you were a successful recipient in 2017, you are ineligible to apply for this year's program.

### **What happens if my application is unsuccessful?**

You will be advised via email.

### **What is the assessment process?**

The independent Advisory Committee will review and assess all applications and make recommendations to the Trustees of the Community Enterprise Foundation. The Trustees will then assess and approve applications for funding.

### **If successful in receiving a grant, is regular reporting required?**

We will request acquittal reports, which will be discussed and agreed with successful applicants. These conditions will be part of the Grant Agreement. We will also arrange a phone interview with you after 6 months to discuss how your program is progressing.

### **When applying for a grant, do we need to provide full copies of quotes and financials?**

Yes – as outlined in the Supporting Documentation Checklist in the application form, you must provide complete copies of original project quotes and financial statements. Grants cannot be awarded until this information is received.

### **Contact us**

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For grant related enquiries, contact the Community Enterprise Foundation on 1300 304 541.

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