

# COMMUNITY GRANTS

## Strengthening local communities



**GRANT OPPORTUNITY NOW OPEN!**

Applications open from 3rd August 2020 to 21st September 2020

The National Psychosocial Support (NPS) measure is a commonwealth funded initiative aimed at helping people with reduced psychosocial functional capacity who are not eligible for assistance through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). As part of this initiative COORDINARE – South Eastern NSW (SENSW) Primary Health Network (PHN) invites local community organisations to apply for grant funding to strengthen the capacity of communities whilst delivering mental health and wellbeing benefits to individuals.

The strengthening local communities grant's aim to promote community participation, inclusion and cohesion for people with mental health issues.

Funding is available for small to medium community groups/organisations to provide community led psychosocial support activities at no cost to consumers that will:

- Increase accessibility and awareness of people with mental health issues and decrease stigma
- Improve social connectedness, relationships and isolation for people with mental health needs



## Grant Eligibility

Applications will be open to existing mental health specific community groups/organisations and non-mental health community groups/organisations who are based in SE NSW region.

## What the grant money can be used for

This funding is for group focused health and wellbeing initiatives. Types of activities may include, but are not limited to:

- education for non-mental health community groups to become mental health inclusive
- projects that support social skills, connectedness and friendships through group activities
- new initiatives that are recovery focused and aim to build on an individual's ability and skills to manage their mental illness, improve relationships with families and others, as well as increasing social and economic participations within the community.

## What the grant money cannot be used for

Projects which are not eligible for this funding include:

- construction of new community infrastructure
- refurbishment, repair and maintenance of existing community infrastructure
- activities/services which duplicate existing
- purchasing of assets (i.e. buildings or vehicles)

## Grant funding amount

Grant amounts between \$5,000 and \$30,000 are available to small to medium community/organisations operating within the South Eastern NSW region.

There will be two rounds of funding available :

- Round 1 is now closed.
- Round 2 is open from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 and closes Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020.

## How to apply

To apply for a SENSW PHN Community Grant head to [www.coordinare.org.au/slcgrants](http://www.coordinare.org.au/slcgrants) where you can download the **Application Form** and **Grant Guidelines**, which contain further information on suitability of applications and how grant activities will need to be able to proceed while complying with relevant government COVID-19 requirements in relation to public gatherings. Completed forms should be emailed to [slcgrants@coordinare.org.au](mailto:slcgrants@coordinare.org.au)

Successful applicants will be selected through a competitive process. Funding will be paid direct to the bank account provided on your application, following the return of signed grants agreement documentation.

## Further Information

For further information, contact Alan Beadnell, Complex Mental Health Project Coordinator on (02) 4225 4375 or email: [slcgrants@coordinare.org.au](mailto:slcgrants@coordinare.org.au).