

# COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM

## JOHN JAMES FOUNDATION - REQUESTS FOR FUNDING - INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

### BACKGROUND

Our annual Community Health Program supports organisations and groups, primarily located in the Canberra region, to undertake a wide range of charitable activities in the health sector. National organisations may apply if your project activities align with the Foundation's focus areas of Canberra and surrounding regions.

The following information is designed to assist those applying for Community Health Program funding.

**All decisions on grant funding are made by the John James Foundation Board.**

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### HOW MUCH MONEY DOES THE FOUNDATION PROVIDE IN GRANTS?

In 2019 the Foundation donated over \$500,000 to various large and small organisations and groups, primarily to Canberra based or focussed charities or activities.

Further information about donations that have been made in previous years is available on the Foundation website [www.jjf.org.au/communityhealth](http://www.jjf.org.au/communityhealth). The Foundation expects to continue with this pattern of donations, although amounts donated may vary.

#### WHO CAN APPLY FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM FUNDING?

Applications from Australian charities and other organisations registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) that align with the Foundation's objectives are welcomed. Preferred activities will:

- a. promote the practice and study of science regarding disease and disability, particularly in the Australian Capital Territory;
- b. promote education and training in science regarding diseases and disability,
- c. provide support to specialist medical volunteers;
- d. promote research into science regarding diseases and disability;
- e. promote community health initiatives;
- f. provide healthcare equipment and facilities; and
- g. operate healthcare facilities and accommodation for people affected by disability and diseases.

#### WHAT SORT OF FUNDING REQUESTS ARE LIKELY TO BE SUCCESSFUL?

The Foundation funds activities that align with its objectives, as listed above. This provides scope to support a wide range of activities. For example, applications for seed funding to establish an ongoing program, activity, or service are usually well received, as are applications to purchase specific equipment for an established program or activity.

#### WILL THIS YEAR BE DIFFERENT?

This year due to the impact of COVID-19 the Foundation will consider requests for one-off transition funding support. Many organisations require capacity building and organisational transformation to adapt to the 'new normal', including the ability to provide new or existing services, or work, remotely.

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### IS THERE ANYTHING THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM FUNDING DOES NOT SUPPORT?

Generally, funding is not provided for recurrent or operational costs such as rent or purchase of premises, staff salaries or wages and similar ongoing expenses. The Foundation does not donate to fundraising activities. One-off projects or those needing seed funding are well regarded.

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### HOW MUCH COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM FUNDING CAN I REQUEST?

The Foundation provides funding from a few thousand dollars to \$20,000 or \$30,000 in exceptional cases, depending on the nature of the project and its alignment with the Foundation's objectives. The more clearly you can specify the reasons for the support you are seeking, the way it will be administered and the likely impact on those who will be assisted, the better the chance of success.

The Foundation will get in touch with your nominated contact if more information is required. A concise application with a clear summary of the purpose assists with decision-making.

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### CAN I APPLY MORE THAN ONCE?

Yes, the Foundation accepts repeat applications. If a previous bid has been made, whether funded or not, information about that bid is essential in your request for funding this year.

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### CAN FUNDING BE FOR MORE THAN 1 YEAR?

Yes, funding can be for more than one year as a lump sum or with progressive payments. Include details in your application to show clearly how and when funding will be used each year and what milestones will be met.

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### WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?

Dates and more detailed information regarding the application process will be released in August on the Foundation website [www.jjf.org.au](http://www.jjf.org.au) under Our Charitable Programs > Community Health Program > 2020 Applications. The 2020 grant round will open late August.

Many donations have been made to Canberra region charities with the structure, personnel, skills, and experience to be effective and administer funds for the clear benefit of people in need. However, funds are limited and not all applications are successful.

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## CONTACT US

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### HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

For further advice please contact the John James Foundation office on **02 6281 6695** or email our Program Manager [helen.carter@jjf.org.au](mailto:helen.carter@jjf.org.au)