

GIVING FOR A FAIRER SYDNEY

The Sydney Community Foundation is a public, philanthropic foundation which combines the independence and community connectedness of a charity with a long term investment focus on building stronger social capital.

Our vision is to build a sustainable and inclusive Sydney community. An inherent component of stronger communities is the sense of “belonging”.

The Sydney Community Foundation’s Belonging Project is seeking to develop a greater sense of belonging within the communities of Greater Sydney. We are looking for projects or activities which we can take to our existing and new donors to showcase how the non profit organisations of Greater Sydney are building stronger communities.



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The SCF invites eligible non profit community organisations to apply to participate in our Belonging Project small grants round.

Our Belonging Project represents an innovative approach to grantmaking. Successful applicants will not receive immediate funding from the SCF but rather receive the opportunity to participate in a new approach to donor engagement as we promote the successful projects to the wider Sydney community. We will be seeking donors to fund these projects and join us in building a stronger sense of belonging within our very own Sydney community. This approach has been very successful within the Sydney Women's Fund, a subfund of the Sydney Community Foundation, and in fact provides organisations with a fantastic opportunity to increase their exposure, raise awareness and potentially gain higher levels of donor engagement than the traditional funding model.

The Belonging Project will focus on the areas of youth at risk, families and children, homelessness, pathways to employment and migrant support and settlement. We select primarily early stage and innovative projects and will accept submissions for grants between \$5,000 and \$15,000.

Eligibility

The SCF welcomes applications from a diverse range of non profit community organisations, for projects and activities which align with the SCF's vision and which meet some or all of our stated criteria. We know your time is valuable and so detailed criteria and guidelines will be posted on our website from the open of this grants round on 26 August 2011 until the round closes at 5pm on 30 September 2011. Applicants must have Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) and Tax Concession Charity (TCC) endorsement from the Australian Tax Office (ATO).

How to apply

We are looking for initial Expressions of Interest (EOI) for projects which demonstrate an innovative approach to developing a greater sense of belonging to your community. You can contact the SCF on 02 9251 1228, or send an email to scfgrants@sydneycommunityfoundation.org.au should you require clarification as to whether your project is something that would be considered for funding. The Foundation may also consider grants for infrastructure providing that a clear and strong alignment with our vision can be demonstrated.

You would then email an EOI to the Foundation. This EOI form will be on the SCF website from 26 August and will outline all information required. The EOI form must be completed in full to be considered. As the SCF office has very limited space, please do not send DVDs, posters or other material with your application. From these applicants a number will be selected to submit a Full Application and be considered for inclusion in the Belonging Project, to be launched early 2012. Funding for these projects will be sought during 2012.

Please submit your Expression of Interest before 5pm Friday 30th September 2011.

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To learn more about the Belonging Project please contact us on 9251 1228.