

Call for local charities to apply for grant funding

Not-for-profit and charity organisations seeking funding for local projects are encouraged to apply for a grant from Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation in the next funding round which closes on opens **24 March**.

Charitable Foundation Executive Officer, Graham Batten, is encouraging all eligible community-based not-for-profit organisations who are seeking funding for a project or initiative to make their submission before the funding round closes.

“This year we are looking to fund projects that take an innovative, but local approach addressing important community issues. We know that local charities understand their community best and the Charitable Foundation wants to help those organisations make their ideas for positive change a reality.

“Our goal is to support projects that help to rewrite the future for people who are disadvantaged, marginalised or isolated and also support social opportunity in our regional communities,” Graham said.

Twice a year the Charitable Foundation provides approximately \$800,000 in funding for projects across regional New South Wales.

“We encourage local charities to put forward their grass-roots projects that address key social issues across the Charitable Foundation’s three funding focus areas of health, youth and social outcomes.

“Since 2003 we’ve provided over \$20 million in funding to 472 community projects and initiatives, all in regional NSW. Each successful project is selected for its ability to make a meaningful different to the lives of people and build healthy, safe and resilient local communities.

“We’re looking forward to continuing our work with regional charities as together we help to improve social and well-being outcomes for community members in need.” Graham said.

Funding submissions open 24 March and close 5 May 2020. All applications are made via the Charitable Foundation’s online portal accessed via the website.

Eligibility information:

To be eligible for funding, a group must be endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a Type 1 Deductible Gift Recipient and hold Tax Concession Charity status, be registered with the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission, and be a not-for-profit organisation which is charitable at law, and a legal entity such as an incorporate association of corporation. Groups are encouraged to review the guidance information available at www.charitablefoundation.com.au.

About Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation:

The Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation distributes more than \$1.5 million in grants each year to facilitate charitable projects that address disadvantage in local communities throughout the Hunter, Central West, Central Coast, New England, Mid North Coast and Northern Rivers regions of NSW. Since its establishment in 2003 as a gift to the community as part of Newcastle Permanent’s 100th anniversary, the Foundation has provided more than \$20.6 million to 472 community initiatives.