

Grant Guidelines

Youth Wellbeing Hub

Description and Background

Northern Beaches Council is seeking Grant Applications from organisations wanting to provide innovative youth services in the northern part of the peninsula. This grant will provide seed funding toward the establishment of a space for hosting youth outreach services that can provide holistic support and counselling services for all young people. There are currently no such services in the northern part of the LGA and existing school counselling services are heavily booked. The maximum grant is \$90,000 per year for two years commencing 2017/18.

Young people are experiencing increasingly high level of stress and pressure with recent research from Mission Australia (2016) showing that one in four young people are living with a mental disorder. Around one in five respondents (approximately 20,000) in the 2016 survey were either 'extremely concerned' or 'very concerned' about depression and family conflict. More than 44% reported high stress levels.

The youth services hub 'project' will meet an urgent need to help young people through a partnership approach with professional service providers. It is the intention that the service provision is continued beyond the term of this grant funding.

This project has been initiated by an Administrator's Minute at the Northern Beaches Council meeting on 27 June 2017, where funding was announced for new programs that support arts and culture, youth, environmental sustainability and community events on the Northern Beaches through the Merger Savings Fund.

Administrators Minute (09/2017)

Youth Wellbeing Hub in the northern part of the local government area (e.g. Mona Vale): seed funding (e.g. rental assistance) for establishment of a space for hosting youth outreach services - \$90,000 per year for two years commencing 2017/18 with an intent to secure long term external funding beyond the seed funding term

Contract Value

Up to \$90,000 per year for two years commencing 2017/18

Closing date:

5pm 19 January 2018

Eligibility

Organisations need to be incorporated, not for profits operating within social and/or youth services provision.

Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria.

- Short and Long term community/youth benefits
- Organisational capacity to undertake project
- Vision & long term viability of project concept

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