

Category 1 (ID:4042)

Amount Requested: \$3,500.00

Autism Community Network

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Summary

Q 1. Project Name

Autism Art Therapy Georges River

Q 2. Brief Project Description (100 word maximum)

Art therapy is a form of expressive therapy that uses the creative process of making art to improve a person's physical, mental, and emotional well-being. For children with autism. The creative process involved in expressing one's self artistically can help our kids resolve issues as well as develop and manage their behaviours and feelings, reduce stress, and improve self-esteem.

Project Details

Q 3. Please provide an outline of your project (250 words)

While we provide a variety of activities in the Georges River LGA for children with autism, those are largely designed to help develop their social skills and help them access important play opportunities designed to suit their limitations. Art Therapy focuses more on the mental health side of these children. From instilling the right messages in younger children to helping older youth on the spectrum overcome the impressions they too often have of themselves as being 'broken' or less than their peers. Instilling a positive sense of self worth is critical in people's mental health status. and we want to give our children that gift.

Q 4. Which of the following ClubGRANTS priority areas below does your project address?

A4 - aged, disability or youth services

Q 5. How did your organisation identify the need for this project?

The rate of depression among teens with autism is higher than the average. As they form a perception about their ability to fit in they begin to question their self worth. There is wide evidence of this in the media world as can be seen on line. Our aim is to help steer them away from such thoughts while at the same time shaping positive impressions for younger autistic children.

Q 6. Who will your program benefit?

Children (0-14yrs)

Q 7. Approximately how many local resident recipients will your project benefit?

ABS 2016 estimates 734 individuals affected by Autism in Georges River LGA.

Q 8. Approximately how many local resident volunteers will be involved?

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Q 9. Will ALL the ClubGRANTS funding you have requested be spent within the Local Government Area in which you are applying?

Yes

If not, approximately what percentage will be spent outside the local area?

Q 10. What is the proposed commencement date and completion date for the project?

Commencement date:

01/07/2018

Completion Date

30/06/2019

Funding Information

Q 11. Can your project be broken down for part-funding? If so, how?

To provide this program we must engage a professional Art Therapist, so costs are influenced by that. We may be able to

reduce resources we hope to make available or try to recruit a volunteer to assist her if we can't afford to pay for an aide.

Q 12. Will your project still be viable if you receive less than the requested amount?

Yes

Q 13. Has your organisation received funding from another club in the past 12 months?

Name of Club	How much was received?	When was the funding received?	Purpose of funding
Club Merrylands Bowling and Guildford Leagues Club	\$3,450.00	2017	Cumberland Autism Active Kids
Club Rivers	\$4,950.00	2017	Cooking Club
West's Ashfield	\$4,950.00	2017	Music Therapy
City of Sydney RSL	\$2,750.00	2017	Sydney Social Family Days
	\$16,100.00		

Does your project have any other sponsors? If so, who and for how much?

Georges River Life Centre has long supported our efforts in the local community by providing the venue free of rent fees.

Q 14. Project budget

Income Description	Amount	Expenditure Description	Amount
Georges River Clubs Grants	\$3,500.00	10 sessions x therapist @ \$100/hr x 2hrs	\$2,000.00
Venue In-Kind support	\$500.00	20 sessions x 1 aide @ \$25/hr x 2hrs	\$500.00
		Resources (art supplies)	\$500.00
		Venue 10 sessions x \$50 IK	\$500.00
		Admin, promotion \$50 x 10 sessions	\$500.00
	\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00

Q 15. Please provide your organisations banking details. (If you have an auspice, please provide that organisation's details)

Commonwealth Bank - Autism Community Network

Account Name

Autism Community Network

Account Number

10417253

BSB No:

062234

Previous Funding

Q 16. Note to applicants: only complete this section if you have received funding over the past three years.

Year Received	Amount Received	Purpose of funding	Report Submitted (Y/N)
2017	\$2,750.00	Sydney Social Family Days	N - program still running
2017	\$4,950.00	Music Therapy	N - program still running
2017	\$4,950.00	Cooking Club	N - program still running
2017	\$3,450.00	Cumberland Autism Active Kids	N - program still running
2016	\$5,600.00	Fit & Friendly Sutherland	Y

2016	\$2,357.00	Ryde Arts About Autism Club	Y
2016	\$5,300.00	Hurstville Fit & Friendly	Y
2016	\$5,300.00	St. George Art Club	Y
2016	\$5,300.00	St. George Cooking Up Life Skills	Y
2015	\$5,600.00	Fit & Friendly Sutherland	Y
2015	\$5,000.00	Canterbury Drama	Y
2015	\$5,300.00	Hurstville Fit and Friendly	Y
2015	\$4,800.00	Parramatta support group	Y
	\$60,657.00		

Authorisation

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