



APPLICATION FORM - CATEGORY 1 FUNDING

Name of Organisation Applying for Funding: <u>Autism Community Network</u>		
ABN: <u>64 103 662 535</u>		
Council Area: <u>City of Sydney</u>		
Is your organisation a non-profit organisation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is your organisation incorporated?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please indicate which form of incorporation below:		
- A company limited by guarantee	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- A co-operative	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- An incorporated association	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
- An unincorporated association	<input type="checkbox"/>	
- Other – please detail below:	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

LOCAL COMMITTEE INDEX: Information on where and how to apply to each Local Committee (based on local government area) is also available on the ClubsNSW website (www.clubsnsw.com.au) by following the 'Local Committee Index' Link. If your area has a

local committee, please contact the local committee convenor or council before applying. Also read the latest ClubGRANTS guidelines, available from www.clubsnsw.com.au

REMINDERS:

- Applications should be sent to local committees or individual clubs, where appropriate. Applications sent to ClubsNSW will be returned.
- There is no application form for Category 2 funding. In relation to Category 2 grants, applicants should liaise directly with individual ClubGRANTS clubs in their local area – a listing is provided on the ClubsNSW website.
- Please do not attach lengthy covering letters or appendices to your application.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Please call ClubsNSW on 02 9268 3000 or email enquiries@clubsnsw.com.au for further information.

If your application for funding is successful you will be required to:

- make an appropriate level of acknowledgement of the funding source for the project;
- complete an evaluation form at the end of the project.

Q1. Project Name: Community Inclusion for Autism Kids

Q2. Project Sponsors (if applicable):

Q3. Please provide an outline of your project (what you are going to do or provide, e.g. details of your event, service, product etc).

The group will run once a month, with excursions to popular venues as well as discovering other sights Sydney has to offer. To date, some of the places the group has visited have included - Ferry trips for lunch at Manly, Kirribilli, day out at Darling Harbour, Powerhouse Museum, Australian Museum.

We would like to also include the opportunity to help the group attend two special events during the year within the City of Sydney.

Families, who typically struggle to get their children out of the house due to their anxieties and other autism issues, are now looking forward to going to different places, seeing new things, and having new experiences. They also look forward to meeting new people and catching up with familiar friends who won't judge them for who they are. The carers themselves, are also feeling less isolated as they enjoy the chance to meet others who understand them. They also have the opportunity to exchange autism information, and tips, therapy information etc, with other carers.

As the ACN's mission is to help parents, carers and individuals dealing with the effects of autism disorder, we are always seeking a variety of suitable social options. Whereas something like a Youth Club or an Art Group provide the same constants each session. This program allows kids to get used to experiencing different things and different location (something commonly a struggle to accept) but under a structure they feel safe within. They look forward to learning where they will go next, but as they will be part of the group, surrounded by many familiar faces and which is running for a fixed time, it is easier for them to accept.

While our other groups are in controlled environments, this type of support allows them to mix with the wider community.

Q4. Which of the following community priorities below does your project address? Please tick ONE (1) BOX ONLY.

- A1 - family support/emergency or low cost accommodation
- A2 - child protection/child care
- A3 - counselling services
- A4 - aged, disability or youth services
- A5 - victims of natural disasters
- A6 - volunteer emergency services
- A7 - veteran welfare services
- B1 - neighbourhood centre/youth drop in activities
- B2 - community transport services
- B3 - community education programs
- B4 - tenants services
- B5 - state-wide or regional services developing social policies and/or providing advocacy for local communities
- C1 - early childhood health/child and family services
- C2 - community nursing/therapy/mental health services
- C3 - drug & alcohol/palliative care/women's health/aboriginal health/dental services
- C4 - home and community care and disability services
- C5 - health promotion initiatives
- D1 - employment placement/advocacy services
- D2 - group training companies
- D3 - community enterprises
- D4 - local job creation scheme

Q5. Who will your program benefit?

- Children (0-14 years)
- Young People (15-24 years)
- Women
- Families

- Older People (65+ years)
- People from non-English speaking backgrounds
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
- People with disabilities
- Emergency services
- General population

Q6. How many local residents will your project benefit?

Recipients: While only 11 families are registered with us from within the City of Sydney area, this Program will attract families from throughout Sydney metropolitan area to enjoy venues and services in the city.

Volunteers: 1

Q7. If you expect indirect beneficiaries, who might they be?

Residents, businesses and venues will benefit with families experiencing autism able to participate more in local activities and be a greater part of their local community.

Q8. What impact do you hope to have on your identified local community priority needs?

Parents' feelings of isolation lessen as they are supported by those who understand first-hand how difficult their lives sometimes are. They share their positive stories as well as those that have caused them distress. The group is an outlet for their worries, concerns, stresses and joys. It is also a vehicle for sharing information on intervention therapies, available services, available training, school strategies, and what has and has not worked for them and their child. Maintaining and growing these groups will enable us to help meet this vital need.

The result is parents who feel less alone and isolated, more positive about the work they are doing to help their child progress, more optimistic about the future and more informed about the choices available to them.

Q9. How will you know that you have made a difference (and measure your outcomes?)

The program will be evaluated through:

- recording attendance figures
- feedback from participants completing evaluation forms

Q10. What is the proposed commencement date and completion date for the project?

1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

Q11. Does the project need to be followed up after completion? If yes, how?

Our goal is to continue the program in some format in the longer term.

Q12. What are your plans to ensure that the benefits of the project will be sustained (that is, continue after the project has finished and/or there is no more funding available?)

We always look for volunteers to help us run projects in the community. If we can continue to build on the popularity of this program, we hope to encourage families to continue on with someone putting their hand up to organise it as a volunteer.

Q13. Are you working with other partners in this project, or have you asked for support from anyone else?

Yes No

Q13a. If yes, please provide contact details:

N/a

Q14. Is anyone else doing a similar project in this LGA with your target group?

Yes No Not known

Q14a. If yes, who? Have you spoken to them about collaboration/ ensuring non-duplication of services?

N/a

Q15. Is this program, project or service already assisted by an existing local, State, or Commonwealth Government funding program? If yes, please give details (how much, which program):

No

Q16. What is the total amount of ClubGRANTS funding you are seeking for this application?

\$2,750

Q17. Can your project be broken down into smaller sections for part-funding? If so, how?

No

Q18. Have you applied, or do you intend to apply, to any other registered club or funding body for this project (including applications in other areas)?

Yes

No

If yes, please identify:

Q19. Will ALL the ClubGRANTS funding you have requested be spent within the Local Government Area in which you are applying?

Yes

No

Q19a. If no, approximately what percentage will be spent outside the local area?

Q20. Has your organisation received funding from the ClubGRANTS scheme before?

Yes

No

Q20a. If yes, in what year, for what purpose and how much?

When	What For	How Much	Acquitted
2013/14	Hurstville Autism Kids Drama	\$4,808	Yes
2013/14	Kogarah Autism Kids Drama	\$3,000	Yes
2013/14	Sydney Music Club	\$2,000	Yes
2013/14	Marrickville Music Club	\$4,600	Yes
2013/14	Sutherland support group	\$4,830	Yes
2014/15	Bankstown Art Club	\$4,866	Yes
2014/15	Randwick support group	\$3,744	Yes
2014/15	Hurstville support group	\$4,900	Yes
2015/16	Sutherland Fit and Friendly	\$5,600	Yes
2015/16	Parramatta support group	\$4,800	Yes
2015/16	Hurstville Fit and Friendly	\$5,300	Yes
2015/16	Canterbury Drama	\$5,000	Yes
2015/16	Fit & Friendly Sutherland	\$5,600	Yes

2016/17	St. George Cooking Up Life Skills	\$6,300	Please note that the 2016/17 grants are yet to be acquitted as the Programs run until 30 June 2017. Once the Program have expired, we will promptly acquit all 2016/17 grants.
2016/17	St. George Art Club	\$5,300	
2016/17	Hurstville Fit & Friendly	\$5,100	
2016/17	Ryde Arts About Autism Club	\$2,357.60	
2016/17	Fit & Friendly Sutherland	\$5,600	

Note: Organisations that have not submitted their report / progress forms will not be considered for further funding.

Q21. Please outline below the project budget for your proposal, including funding from this source (ClubGRANTS) and any other funding sources. E.G. salaries, program costs, capital equipment, rent, etc.

Income		Expenditure	
Description	\$	Description	\$
City of Sydney Club Grant	\$2,750	1 facilitator x 10 sessions @ \$30/hr x 5hrs	\$1,500
ACN in kind Volunteer	\$1,000	Travel \$20 x 10 sessions	\$200
		Supervision / Administration / Promotion x 10 sessions x \$50	\$500
		1 x volunteer x 10 sessions @ \$20/hr x 5hrs	\$1,000
		2 x Special Event Attendance @ \$250	\$500
		Phone Expenses	\$50
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,750	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$3,750

**If more room is required, please attach extra information on a new page.*

Q21a. Please provide your organisation's banking details

Account Name: Autism Community Network Inc.

BSB No: 062 234

Account No: 10417253

Q21b. If the club wishes to provide a cheque, please advise as to who the cheque should be made out to for this purpose:

N/a

Q21c. Please attach a copy of your last annual report including financial statements, if applicable

Declaration, Authority and Consent

The applicant declares that the application information is true and correct. The Applicant will notify the Local Committee and/or club of any changes to this information and any circumstances that may affect this application.

The applicant authorises and consents to the Local Committee and/or Club:

1. Referring this application (as necessary) to external experts for assessment, reporting, advice, comment or for discussions regarding alternative or collaborative funding opportunities.
2. Disclosing the Application Information to ClubsNSW and to ClubsNSW collecting, aggregating, having access to, using, disclosing and publishing the Application Information for a ClubsNSW purpose.

“Application Information” means all information and data (including email and personal information) provided within this document.

“ClubsNSW Purpose” means:

- a) To quantify the social contribution made by registered clubs by the making of grants; and
- b) To use, disclose and publish the Application Information which it collects and aggregates from Clubs in ClubsNSW’s capacity as an advocate on behalf of the Club industry.

I understand that this is an application only and may not necessarily result in funding approval.

I am authorised to submit this application and agreeing to the Declaration, Authority and Consent.

I have read and agreed to the above.

Authorised Person:

Title: Mr____ First Name: Steve _____ Last Name: Drakoulis_____

Position: Operation Manager _____

Contact Number: 0431 724 229 _____

Signature: _____


Date: _____