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| **2012 Staff Community Fund Community Grants Online Application**  |

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| **Important**All mandatory fields and questions must be answered for your application to be eligible. Mandatory fields are marked with \*. Applications that contain unanswered questions will not be considered.Please do not use the navigation buttons at the top of your web browser. Use the navigation buttons provided at the bottom of each page. |

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| **Section 1: Applicant details** |
| ABN/ACN : 64103662535Full Name : STEVE DRAKOULISEmail Address : autismcommunity@yahoo.com |

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| **Section 2: Organisation and Program Overview** |

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| **About your program** |

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| Provide a summary of the proposed community activity/initiative https://cba.dipolarhosting.net/Images/icon_question.gifThis is to provide a snapshot of the intended program including content, proposed community outcomes and reasons why this program will be effective in improving the health and wellbeing of Australian children and youth. (600 characters or less) \* |  | 459/600 |

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| Outline the details of the timeline for implementation of the community program. The program must be implemented within a one year period.https://cba.dipolarhosting.net/Images/icon_question.gif Timeline (300 characters or less)e.g. Nov 2009 - Design community playground \* |  | 285/300 |

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| Provide an itemised budget (income and expenditure) for the project or activity. https://cba.dipolarhosting.net/Images/icon_question.gifThis is important in the event that the application can only be part funded \* |  | 297/300 |

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| If not, how long has the program been running? https://cba.dipolarhosting.net/Images/icon_question.gif120 characters or less \* |  | 120/120 |

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| Describe the children or youth who will benefit from this program. https://cba.dipolarhosting.net/Images/icon_question.gif(600 characters or less) Include demographic details of beneficiaries of the program such as age group, socio-economic background. \* |  | 593/600 |

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| How many children or youth will the program positively impact over the course of a year? https://cba.dipolarhosting.net/Images/icon_question.gif120 characters or less \* |  | 90/120 |

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| What are the community benefits of this project? https://cba.dipolarhosting.net/Images/icon_question.gif600 characters or less \* |  | 273/600 |

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| Describe how the proposed program will be measured and/or evaluated to determine whether it has been successful in achieving the proposed outcomes? https://cba.dipolarhosting.net/Images/icon_question.gif600 characters or less \* |  | 227/600 |

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| Prior to submitting the response, you may wish to review or print your answers. Your answers are shown below. |

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| **Question** | **Answer** |
| Organisation name | Autism Community Network |
| Postal address | PO Box 188 |
| Town/suburb | Riverwood |
| State/Territory | NSW |
| Postcode | 2209 |
| Position held at organisation | President |
| Phone number (include area code mandatory) | 0431724229 |
| Fax number (include area code) | 0295346427 |
| Web address (if applicable) | www.autismcommunity.org.au |
| Number of full-time equivalent employees\* | 9 |
| Has the nominated organisation previously received a grant from the Commonwealth Bank Staff Community Fund? | No |
| Does your organisation bank with the Commonwealth Bank? | Yes |
| If so, who is your Relationship Executive or Local Branch contact | Our contact transferred soon after we opened our account. |
| Branch: (if applicable) | Riverwood |
| How did you hear about the Commonwealth Bank Staff Community Fund Community Grants program? | Friend/family |
| Other website |  |
| Please enter further details for the 'other' item you entered above. |  |
| Their name |  |
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| Briefly outline what your organisation does  | Providing support and information for families raising children with autism spectrum disorders. We began in 2010 as a small community service for a few local families with autistic children, and such as the need been for this type of support that we quickly grew to now over 250 families. In late 2012, the ATO granted us charity status. We support families throughout Sydney via support groups for parents, social skills groups for children, (a art group, a play group and planned drama club and coolking skills groups to come), a regular newsletter, and a constantly updated website with events and information designed to help families cope. All this has been done by volunteers, and our founder and President has twice been nominated for a community award.\*Please note - only our founder works full time for us, and he does so as a volunteer - there are 8 other parent volunteers who make up the management team, all involved part time. |
| Issues addressed by your organisation | Childhood illness or disability |
| Please enter further details for the 'other' item you entered above.  |  |
| State the title of the nominated organisation's proposed community activity/initiative  | Breaking the isolation |
| What is the street address where your project will occur? | 68 Melvin Street Beverly Hills |
| What suburb will your project occur in?  | Sydney Wide support |
| What is the postcode?\* | 2,209 |
| What is the State? | NSW |
| Provide a summary of the proposed community activity/initiative  | Since 2010, we have been supporting Sydney families raising children with autism as volunteers maintaining a website, producing a newsletter, and facilitating support groups. The demand is such that this grew into a fulltime role, and we have now become a charity, supporting over 250 families. To enable us to continue building this support service and meeting the needs of our community we require funding to cover some of the costs of running this charity. |
| Outline the details of the timeline for implementation of the community program. The program must be implemented within a one year period. | Over the next twelve months we expect the network to double. We need to:Grow the website and train other volunteers to maintain itProduce a fortnightly newsletter going out to 250 families and many educatorsDevelop ongoing support groups within areas where needs are identified |
| Provide an itemised budget (income and expenditure) for the project or activity.  | 5 hrs/wk x 50 weeks p.a. @ $40/hr = $10,000Over 40hrs/wk of work allow this network to function. If some of this is covered financially, it will allow us to continue to grow with less financial pressures. The 5 hours are towards time spent planning support groups, updating site and newsletter |
| What is the amount of funding sought? (maximum $10,000) | $10,000 |
| Is this a new program? | No |
| If not, how long has the program been running?  | since 2010, but network has grown so fast that we need financial support to continue. In late 2011, we became a charity. |
| Describe the children or youth who will benefit from this program.  | the children of over 250 families, living with autism spectrum disorders. The support network coorinates social skills groups for the children and support groups for their parents to learn how to help them. The newsletter and the website inform families of events for their kids, funding available and any other news that can help them. We have seen friendships develop betweed kids with ASDs through providing inclusive, supportive environments. Our work includes support for siblings, to ensure they have the opportunity to connect with other kids who understand what it is like to be them. |
| How many children or youth will the program positively impact over the course of a year?  | If we consider an average of 2 children for each family, we are helping over 500 children. |
| What are the community benefits of this project?  | Escaping isolation, connecting with their community, increased mental health, education, access to local services, allowing migrant families to find support, understanding how t0o better support their children, more social options for children with ASDs and their siblings. |
| Describe how the proposed program will be measured and/or evaluated to determine whether it has been successful in achieving the proposed outcomes?  | Formal assessment of services and support providedFeedback from families being supportedTrack attendanceGrowth of membershipIncreased programs for children in each area. website hitsParticipant evaluation survey |

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| **Declarations and acknowledgements** |
| I declare that the information given on this form is complete and correct, and I have authority to submit this application on behalf of the above named organisation. If successful, funds will be only used for the community program/purpose outlined in this application. By submitting this request I understand and accept on behalf of the above named organisation, the [Grant Guidelines](https://cba.dipolarhosting.net/documents/2012_GrantGuidelines.pdf) of the Commonwealth Bank Staff Community Fund Community Grants program.Commonwealth Bank (in respect of the Commonwealth Bank Staff Community Fund) may collect personal information so that it may administer the 2012 Commonwealth Bank Staff Community Fund Community Grants. If the information requested is not provided, the application for a grant may not be considered. Commonwealth Bank (in respect of the Commonwealth Bank Staff Community Fund) may disclose personal information to its related bodies corporate, agents or external service providers only for the purpose of administering the grants. |

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| I have read and accept the declarations and acknowledgements above and the [guidelines](https://cba.dipolarhosting.net/documents/2012_GrantGuidelines.pdf) for the 2012 Community Grants program.\* |  | Yes |

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| **Before submitting your application, we highly recommend printing a copy of this page for your own records.To do this, click** [**here**](https://cba.dipolarhosting.net/CommunityGrant.asp) **. Alternatively, you may use the print option from your web browser.** |

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**Thank you for submitting your 2012 Community Grants application**

We have received your application for our 2012 Community Grants program, made possible through the Commonwealth Bank Staff Community Fund.

Recipients will be announced on Tuesday, 28 August 2012. Applicants will be contacted via email with the outcome of their application.

If you have any questions about the application process, please email communitygrants@cba.com.au

Thank you again for applying.