

Organisation Details

Name: Autism Community Network

ABN: 64103662535

Non-Profit: Yes

Application Details

Category: Category 1

Application To: LGA: Sutherland Shire Council

Submitted: Yes

Created: 05/04/2019

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Description

Sutherland School Holidays Autism Kids Program

Application Type

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Amount Requested \$

\$1,440.00

Submitted

Yes

Files

ACN ANNUAL REPORT 2018_5.pdf

Summary

Q1 Project Name

Sutherland School Holidays Autism Kids Program

Q2 Brief Project Description (250 words max)

Children with autism typically struggle to find activities suitable for them to participate in mainstream environments. When the routine of the school term is broken it can cause more anxiety and isolation for them. By introducing suitable social activities during each school holiday period they have a place to go to, meet other children who are like them and participate in low impact fun and social activities.

Q3 Please provide an outline of your project (500 words max)

Each school break, we provide simple family activities for children on the autism spectrum to participate. we include their parents and their siblings in these. the activities range from watching a DVD together or a crafts day or a family BBQ. The objective is to get the kids out of the house and give them the type of social experience which will not cause further anxiety, and make them more confident to want to be more social. playing with other children who will not judge them or place higher expectations on their limited ability to cope helps develop their social skills. it also enables their siblings to meet others who understand their lives as a sibling of a disabled brother or sister. Parents meet through such events and form their own social and support circles with people who understand them.

Q4 Which of the following local community priorities below does your project address?

A4 - Aged, Disability or Youth Services

Q5 Please outline your desired project outcomes

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Q6 How will you assess whether or not your project outcomes have been achieved?

We want to see an increased number of children on the autism spectrum attending social and support events. We want to have more kids participating, trying new things and developing their social skills. We want to see genuine friendships form among children who may never had had a friend before. We structure our activities so that families brought together are encouraged to share information and experiences so that they realise they are not alone and that there is strength in working together to help their children overcome some of their challenges.

Q7 Who will your program benefit?

People with disabilities

Q8 Any other beneficiaries?

Their parents, their siblings and their community. As noted above, the benefit of autistic children with less anxiety and greater social skills will improve their own family's ability to be a healthier, more active member of that community.

Q9 Approximately how many local resident recipients will your project benefit?

2016 ABS indicates approx 1,130 people on Autism Spectrum with this LGA

Q10 Approximately how many local resident volunteers will be involved?

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Q11 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?

Q12 What is the proposed commencement date and completion date for the project? Commencement date:

01/07/2019

Completion Date

30/06/2020

Q13 Is this project a one-off initiative or will it required funding in future years?

We would like to have this as a regular community event so ideally \$1000 each year would enable us to achieve that. Alternatively we can look at providing it in a neighbouring community.

Q14 What are you plans to ensure that the benefits of the project will be sustained?

We at ACN provide and promote many activities in the Sutherland Shire. This program in its current format has proven successful and regular checking and reviewing ensures this group viability and sustainability in our community. If we can help these children adapt to social clubs we will see them accessing more opportunities. The key is to help the parents through this project to connect and form their own social and support networks.

Q15 Are you working with other partners in this project, or have you asked for support from anyone else?

No

Q16 Can your project be broken down for part-funding? If so, how?

Most of the funding we are seeking is to provide snacks and refreshments for the children who attend, we could reduce the costs of those. If Sutherland Council waives the hire fee for the hall at Illawong Community Centre that would also reduced the costs.

Q17 Will your project still be viable if you receive less than the requested amount?

Yes

Q18 Has your organisation received funding from another club in the past 12 months?

Name of Club	How much was received?	When was the funding recieved?	Purpose of Funding
Petersham RSL	10,800	2018/19	Marrickville Yoga and Taekwondo
Club Central Menai	5,200	2018/19	Menai Kids Club
Engadine Bowling Club	1,400	2018/19	Sutherland School Holiday Kids
Magpies Waitara	1,400	2018/19	Autism Social Families Hornsby
Hornsby RSL	3,025	2018/19	Hornsby Autism Kids Bowling
Club Rivers	7,500	2018/19	Oatley Kids Cooking Club
Penshurst RSL	1,400	2018/19	Autism Social Families Georges

Dooleys Club Lidcombe	4,060	2018/19	River
Club Condell Park	1,400	2018/19	Cumberland Active Kids
			Canterbury School Holidays
			Kids
Blacktown Workers Club	1,040	2018/19	Blacktown School Holidays Kids

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

No

Q19 Project budget

Income Description	Income Amount	Expenditure Description	Expenditure Amount
Sutherland Shire Club Grants	1,440	Venue 4 Sessions for 2 Hrs @ \$30	240
ACN In Kind Volunteer	560	Facilitator 4 Sessions for 2 Hrs @ \$35	280
		Aide 4 Sessions for 2 Hrs @ \$35	280
		Resources for 4 sessions @ \$250	1000
		Admin - 4 hrs @\$50	200

Q20 Please provide your organisations banking details. (If you have an auspice, please provide that organisation's details)

Autism Community Network

Account Name

Autism Community Network

Account Number

10417253

BSB No:

062234

Q21 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)
2018/19	10,800	Marrickville Yoga & Taekwondo	Y
2018/19	5,200	Menai Kids Club	Y
2018/19	1,400	Sutherland Kids Holiday	Y
2018/19	1,400	Autism Social Families Hornsby	Y
2018/19	3,025	Hornsby Autism Kids Bowling	Y
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2018/19	1,400	Canterbury School Holidays Kids	Y
2018/19	1,040	Blacktown School Holiday Kids	Y