

Category 1 (ID:3206)

Amount Requested: \$5,600.00

Autism Community Network

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Summary

Q 1. Project Name

Southside Social for Autism

Q 2. Brief Project Description (100 word maximum)

An opportunity for adults affected by autism to come together for fellowship and support

Project Details

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

The Southside Social is an initiative to create a place for adults with autism, to come together for social opportunities and to escape the isolation of autism. People who are sitting alone at home because they don't know places they can go to where they fit in, and who don't have any friends, are at high risk of depression and other mental health issues. This program aims to give them the same opportunities as others in their community, at a place where they can be themselves and connect at their own pace. We provide recreational activities at a venue where they are able to join together for a meal before or after each gathering. They can then engage as a group or in small groups for different activities, such as playing board games, cards games, computer games, or just having a conversation on subjects of interest. For some, just sitting in a room where no one will make them feel tense or expect them to behave in a typical social manner is a great attraction.

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?

There is next to nothing available for adults on the autism spectrum to meet socially with others who understand them. Over the last 12 months we have received many enquiries from autistic adults searching for social networks where they could escape the loneliness they experience. We are now endeavouring to do something to bring that opportunity to fruition. There are numerous reports on the higher rate of suicide among autistic individuals than the general population, and this is in part a result of the isolation they experience from the world. We have provided two sessions this year of this program at a low key level and we have seen the instant popularity for it despite minimal promotion. It is our hope to build the foundations for a growing social support network for adults all across the community. We can also invite guest speakers or provide information on available services and they themselves share ideas for mutual support.

Q 6. Who will your program benefit?

People with disabilities

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

we have 62 autistic adults registered in Georges River LGA, this will increase when promoted

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?

We will continue to provide the program but may need to reduce the type of activities which require special events such as guest speakers or autism month celebration

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?

Club Rivers provide us with the room each month at a value of \$1000 across the 10 sessions

Q 14. Project budget

Income Description	Amount	Expenditure Description	Amount
Georges River Clubs Grants	\$5,600.00	10 sessions x 1 facilitator @ \$30/hr x 2hrs	\$600.00
ACN In-kind volunteer	\$500.00	Recreational equipment	\$1,000.00
Venue In-kind donation	\$1,000.00	Resources (books, DVDs, Guest speakers)	\$1,000.00
		supervision / administration/promotion 10 sessions x \$50	\$500.00
		Special Event during Autism month	\$500.00
		10 sessions x 1 volunteer @ \$25/hr x 2hrs	\$500.00
		10 sessions x Venue hire @ 100	\$1,000.00
		subsidised dining \$200 x 10 sessions	\$2,000.00
	\$7,100.00		\$7,100.00

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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