

Community Grant 2017 - Application

How did you hear about our Community Grants?

Westpac Group employee

Organisation Details

Organisation Name

Autism Community Network Inc

Street

273 Fowler Rd, Illawong

ABN

64103662535

City

Illawong

Website address

www.autismcommunity.org.au

State

NSW

Postcode

2234

Contact person for application

First Name

Sharon

Position

Treasurer

Last Name

Fraser

Email Address

treasurer@autismcommunity.org.au

Phone Number

0429229896

Annual Revenue

What was your organisation's annual gross revenue last financial year? Please use the figure from your annual financial statements lodged with Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) (<http://www.acnc.gov.au/>) or another relevant regulatory body for the financial year ended 30/06/2016 or 31/12/2016.

AUS \$

25898.00

Bank Account Details

Bank Account Name

Autism Community Network Inc.

BSB

062-234

Bank Account Number

10417253

Auspicing

Are you applying under the auspices of another organisation?

No

Your Focus

Organisation's primary target group

People living with a disability (including carers)

In which State or Territory are your programs or services primarily delivered?

NSW

Does your organisation operate in other States or Territories?

No

Main postcode for where your organisation is providing programs or services to your primary target group (or will provide if you receive the grant)

2210

Elevator Pitch

What your organisation is achieving, who it supports and what programs and services it provides

Our organisation exists to ensure families dealing with autism issues can escape the isolation of autism. We use our combined strength and experiences as parents and carers of children on the spectrum to help each other. We have grown to now support over 1,100 families throughout Sydney metropolitan. We provide support groups for carers, social clubs for children with autism and their families where the children can develop their skills to interact. We also connect individuals through our social media pages where they can share information for mutual support. We build capacity across each community by largely using volunteers to help each area support each other. We have achieved a lot over 7 years with no recurrent funding, relying on community support, donations and fundraising activities. Our physical support groups cover St. George, Sutherland, Ryde, Inner west, Parramatta, Blacktown, Northern Beaches, Hornsby, Richmond and more. Our children's groups include Art group, Cooking Club, Fitness program, Play groups, Youth clubs, Drama, school holiday activities, and soon a computer club. We never charge a cent to help anyone.

Need for Grant

Ways the grant will support people in your primary target group

Improvement in their quality of life

Why your organisation needs a grant

Our organisation needs the funds to help us continue to identify needs across the community and continue to introduce support groups and social groups for parents and children impacted by autism. We are growing fast and the need for families (conservatively 1 in 100 children are being diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder) to be able to access support for their children is great. We would like to be able to consult with each of the community areas we are in and bring to them more groups as described above. The more the children can engage the more likely to develop their skills and confidence to participate in the general community.

How many individuals in the target group you nominated in Section 3 does your organisation currently support (annually)?

2638

How many new individuals in that target group will your organisation support as a result of this grant?

500

Has your organisation received a grant from Westpac Foundation before?

No

Westpac Support

Is your application supported by a Westpac Group employee?

Yes

First Name

Lucy

Surname

Wilson

Email address

lucywilson@live.com.au

What is the nature of their relationship with your organisation?

Supporter

Anything else you'd like us to know about their support?

Lucy has joined our efforts to fundraise in her local area and she will be taking an active role with us. We are very grateful to have quality people like her helping us in our efforts.

Declaration

- I/We agree that the information given in this application is true and correct and I have the authority to submit the application on behalf of the above named organisation.
- I/We agree that if successful, grant funds will only be used in accordance with the request in this application and to create a community benefit.
- I/We agree that Westpac Foundation and Westpac Banking Corporation may collect personal information to enable it to administer the Community Grants program. If the information requested is not provided the application may not be considered.
- I/We give permission for Westpac Foundation and Westpac Banking Corporation to verify all information provided in the application form.
- I/We give permission for Westpac Foundation and Westpac Banking Corporation to use our organisation name, photo(s), video(s) and description of our grant request in any communications and promotional activity undertaken by Westpac Foundation and Westpac Banking Corporation.
- I/We have obtained permission from the participants described in our application, and/or included in the photo(s)/video(s) supplied, and agree to their use in any communications and promotional activity undertaken by Westpac Foundation and Westpac Banking Corporation.
- I/We agree that if our organisation is successful in receiving a grant, we will complete a funding acquittal in September 2018 confirming how the grant funds were used, the impact that was achieved from the grant funds, and return any unused grant funds.



I have read the above declaration and accept the Terms and Conditions