

2015 Community Grants

Grant Recipient	Region	Program's aims and objectives	Grant amount
Catholic Care	NSW	The 'Garden Sprouts' program will promote healthier eating habits tailored to individual living situations for families with young children who are exposed to stress, relationship breakdowns, financial difficulties or who have little or no support. The program will provide education on how to plan, create and maintain edible gardens.	\$14,650
The Hub Community Pantry	NSW	A planned community garden will address the issue of Food Security in the Macarthur area and the increasing demand for the Hub Community Pantry's emergency relief food hampers. The garden will provide employment and a sense of purpose for the community.	\$15,000
Foodswell	NSW	Foodswell Ltd will use their funding to develop five community based gardening and food workshops that help to inspire local schools, health, disability and grass roots organisations to run engaging, fun healthy eating events to bridge the divide between disadvantaged remote, rural and urban communities.	\$37,000
Beautiful Minds	NSW	A renovation of an outdoor area to include a vegetable garden and exercise equipment at Birunji – an acute mental health unit, will provide hospitalised adolescent patients who have poor skills and knowledge of healthy living due to the impact of their illness, with vital recreation during their mental health recovery.	\$33,350

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Nakara Preschool	NT	The grant will enable the preschool to plant garden beds to grow a variety of foods and implement natural structures to encourage students, parents and the wider community to eat well and live healthy, active lives.	\$10,000
Power Community	SA	Funding will enable the 'Empowering Youth' program to continue to encourage secondary school students to make positive decisions in relation to their health, lifestyle, finances and career path. The program is run by community staff and elite athletes from various sports, to provide the students with support and inspiration.	\$28,00
Hutt Street	SA	'EAT:PLAY:LAUGH' brings positive experiences to the homeless to evoke feelings of joy, fun and self-worth. Through cooking classes, meal preparation, music tuition, walking groups and outings to sporting, music and comedy events 'EAT:PLAY:LAUGH' empowers participants to lead independent and fulfilled lives.	\$25,000
Life. Be In It	SA	Life.Be in it will implement the 'Community Team Challenge Series' – an eight week run or walk program for adults and kids that encourages and motivates teams to make weekly improvements. The program will be supported by newsletters with healthy eating ideas and motivational tips.	\$20,000
Pathways	TAS	The grant will enable Pathways Tasmania Inc to implement 'Bridging the Gap – Inspiring Hope', a youth focused program which aims to reduce drug experimentation and build awareness of services and help curb substance abuse at all levels through a supported environment.	\$17,000

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Happy Health KIDZ	QLD	Funding will be used to support the delivery of the 'Eat Smart B Active Healthiest School Awards'. As part of the program students are encouraged to make healthier choices to increase their classroom's/school's chance to win the Healthiest Classroom Awards™/Healthiest School Awards® title in their region.	\$10,750
Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation	QLD	The right information is essential in developing inclusive opportunities for older Australians. The development of an online toolkit and other resources for individuals, clubs and local groups will get older Australians back into nature and actively participating in outdoor activities.	\$48,00
The Migrant Centre Organization	QLD	The Migrant Centre Organisation will produce a booklet to promote social participation and community connectedness with information on health programs and activities available to seniors on the Gold Coast, providing a 'one stop shop' for seniors looking for health and wellbeing information.	\$11,250
Buderim Men's Shed	QLD	The Buderim Men's Shed helps male retirees by connecting them with men of similar interests and age, to build supportive relationships. Funds will introduce in-house cooking classes for home meals, snacks for grandchildren and weekly meal programs, utilising the excellent produce grown in the Shed garden.	\$30,000

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The Malpa Project	VIC	Based on the traditional Aboriginal way of teaching health, the 'Young Doctors' program involves leaders teaching 8-9 year olds the benefits of healthy living and looking after their siblings, as well as environmental health and hygiene. Funding will extend to program to remote areas.	\$20,650
Macedonian Community Welfare Association	VIC	The project will teach marginalised, socially isolated and disabled members of the CALD community how to eat healthily through supermarket shopping lessons, information sessions from Diabetes Australia and cooking workshops what will demonstrate how to cook traditional cultural food in a healthier way.	\$37,250
Uniting Care Ballarat Parish Mission	VIC	'Café Meals Ballarat', a program designed to provide subsidised, nutritious meals in cafes around Ballarat for young people who are homeless or vulnerable. The program addresses research that shows a healthy diet improves the physical and mental wellbeing of homeless youth.	\$22,100
The Huddle	VIC	The Huddle's 'Hop On' program aims to develop connections between young migrant families and the community through sport. The structured sports program is run in local housing estates by trained staff, volunteers, state sporting associations and Victoria Police for primary school aged migrants in the North West.	\$20,000

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Foodbank	WA	The 'Fuel Your Future' program consists of an innovative series of cooking and nutrition workshops that aim to tackle the growing issues of obesity and chronic disease amongst disadvantaged young people from low socio-economic families and improve their quality of life.	\$33,218
United Way	WA	Through a 10 week program, parents will be encouraged to cook new, healthy foods for their family. The program hopes to address the negative impacts that inadequate nutrition has on the educational development of young children. The program provides practical strategies and information on health, nutrition, budgeting and exercise.	\$16,800
Ocean Road Primary School	WA	The Nature Play Environmental Program will develop vegetable gardens to maximise opportunities to introduce students who are from impoverished families and under the care of the DCP to fresh produce. By direct involvement in harvesting and cooking, students will be able to transfer skills to home.	\$49,982

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Community Unity Project Aoteroa	NZ	The Common Unity Project Aoteroa will support the construction of a purpose-built community cooking school for Epuni Primary School's 90 students. The facility will increase the amount of fruit and vegetables grown in the school's existing garden and orchard. The produce will feed the students daily as well as host other community activities.	\$35,000
Garden to Table Trust	NZ	Through a practical and engaging food literacy program for primary school children, Garden to Table Trust will provide students with skills and an understanding of healthy eating, so they can make informed choices and positive lifestyle choices in the future.	\$25,800
Project Esther Trust	NZ	Funding will enable Project Esther Trust to continue music and movement classes which support women and their families in the South West Christchurch area. The classes give mothers and children opportunities to bond together and build community relationships in a safe, positive and supportive environment.	\$12,000
Skylight	NZ	Skylight has developed 'Getting Strong', a board game that helps children, young people and their families cope with grief, loss, trauma and change while encouraging openness and resilience. Funding will enable Skylight to bring the game to areas in Auckland that otherwise would not be able to afford it.	\$13,532
City Menzshed	NZ	Funding will enable City MenzShed to provide healthy living sessions for older and often isolated men in Wellington. With most participants suffering from some form of heart disease or other afflictions affecting the elderly that require healthier eating habits, the sessions encourage men to support each other to stay on track.	\$13,500