



Community Grants Program - Document 1

Eligibility Criteria and Guidelines For Funding Applicants

Objectives:

The **Rotary Club of Brighton Community Grants Program** (RCB CGP) is aimed at humanitarian projects Internationally, Nationally and Locally, specifically for those in need who cannot, or may not, be in a position to otherwise achieve a reasonable standard of progress, living, or comfort, without the intervention of such community support groups.

The RCB is a “not for profit” organisation (as are all Rotary Clubs) whereas all services and/or fund raising events utilise voluntary members time and resources.

Each year the RCB allocates from funds received, or raises, a proportion of which are distributed via RCB CGP.

The **Rotary Club of Brighton** (RCB) has developed a set of protocols and criteria in order to fairly assess applicants and to be assured that any potential funding meets the criteria as set down in the RCB Community Grants Program.

In order to be considered, applicants must also abide by the **RCB CGP Terms and Conditions**.

The objectives of the RCB CGP are primarily to enable people in need, to help themselves wherever possible (“a hand up rather than a hand out”), but importantly, also those in our communities that cannot help themselves.

Note: In order to be fair and equitable to all groups, the RCB refrains from granting funding for individuals. The preference will be for well-planned and managed organisations that are specifically positioned to offer such support. (Unless by special dispensation and agreement by RCB Board)

Criteria:

The applicants projects will fall into one or more of the following categories:

Helping Themselves:

- Youths – particularly disadvantaged, underprivileged, distressed
- Threatened and/or distressed families
- Health and wellbeing
- Social enterprise and sustainability projects
- Local community support projects

Unable to Help Themselves:

- Assisted living elderly
- Assisted living disabled
- Incapacitated
- 3rd World (ie. Rotary International Initiatives – Interplast etc.)

Applications:

Preference will be given to those applicants that possess a number of the following attributes:

- Well organised legal entity with appropriate management, controls and systems.
- Proven ability to assist and support individuals and /groups in the categories as indicated above.
- Ability to ensure a fair and reasonable social return on our investment (Input vs. output analysis)
- Recognition within the community for the specific programs on offer
- In the case of a “social enterprise activity” (ie. assisting youth development) proof of expected outcome and the offer off ongoing support to each individual.
- Ability to partner with the RCB and generate community recognition
- Provision of agreed regular communication and final acquittal reports
- Able to abide with RCB CGP Terms and Conditions
- Where the grant amount will be utilised fully on the intended recipients of the program

A Grant is unlikely to be offered to the following:

- Individuals
- Profit making commercial enterprises
- Government Agencies (unless directly supporting a charitable organisation that meets criteria)
- Programs that are clearly the responsibility of Federal, State or Local Government
- Organisations that receive significant funding from others will not receive priority
- Philanthropic foundations
- An organisation that is insolvent

Not every applicant may receive a grant and the **Rotary Club of Brighton** at its sole discretion, will determine which applicants will be offered a grant and to what value.

A “RCB CGP Application Form” is available on the Rotary Club Web Site, www.rotarybrighton.com.au or by email to secretary@rotarybrighton.com.au