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MLC Community Foundation

Introduction

The MLC Community Foundation supports Australian communities by investing in key areas of need and employee interest. Our approach is to build relationships with not for profit organisations (with deductible gift recipient status) across Australia and back community organisations to fulfill their aspirations.

Our grants program funds investments to selected communities within the **Mental Health and Wellbeing** cause area. We aim to encourage and support these communities and our employees through meaningful program contributions and assistance.

The MLC Community Foundation was established in 2008 and has relationships through its grant program with Lifeline Australia, our major grant partner, plus other one year grant recipients including, the Australian Foundation for Mental Health Research – Affirm, Sane Australia and StepUp Foundation. It also has a historical relationship with the Garvan Institute for Medical Research.

The MLC Community Foundation and previously MLC has supported many other non-profit organisations over the years and has an established People Program that supports employee volunteering, employee matching of fundraising and a matched workplace giving program.

Further information on the MLC Community Foundation and its current grant partners go to '[Grant Recipients – our partners](http://www.mlc.com.au/mlc/im_considering_mlc/personal/site_tools/about_mlc/community/mlc_community_foundation/grant_recipients_our_partners)'. Please copy and paste this link to your web browser to view:

Contact

MLC_Community_Foundation@mlc.com.au

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2009 Grants Program – Applications

The MLC Community Foundation is currently considering applications for programs with funding support for 1 years' duration.

We invite you to submit your application in accordance with the following process and within the following guidelines.

Timeline

Applications open:	6 April 2009
Applications Close:	5.00pm 15 May 2009
Submissions reviewed by the MLC Community Foundation Advisory committee:	During May 2009

Successful applicants advised in writing by:	19 June 2009
Payments of grants by:	30 July 2009

Planning your Application

When planning your application please consider the following points and ensure you understand and comply before submitting any application:

1. Grants are awarded for a duration of 1 year.
2. Non-profit organizations (NPO) can apply for grants with program values up to a maximum of \$50,000 for any one organization.
3. The MLC Community Foundation Advisory Committee, in consultation with its Trustee, will determine the number and values of grants (based on community benefit and program alignment to the goals and objectives of the Foundation)
4. An application does not guarantee payment, no matter how beneficial and the decision of the Advisory Committee will be final.
5. Applications must be for NPOs that operate programs that impact **Mental Health and Wellbeing**.
6. Priority is given to those programs that illustrate benefit and emphasis within the following themes:
 - Advice - to help individuals or groups navigate their lives and deliver a positive contribution to the community
 - Education - to help communities better understand issues that are preventing them from functioning in an effective or productive way
 - Investing to protect the future - to contribute capacity, resources and skills to groups that are helping to deliver sustainable solutions for the community, thereby helping Australians overcome adversity.
7. NPOs must comply with the 'Funding Criteria' and 'Exclusions and Funding limitations' as listed on our [website](http://www.mlc.com.au/mlc/im_considering_mlc/personal/site_tools/about_mlc/community/mlc_community_foundation/the_grants_program_and_application_guidelines) . Please copy and paste this link to your web browser to view: http://www.mlc.com.au/mlc/im_considering_mlc/personal/site_tools/about_mlc/community/mlc_community_foundation/the_grants_program_and_application_guidelines
8. NPOs must be willing to be associated with a wealth management company.
9. NPOs must be a registered non-profit organisation with current DGR status and be able to confirm this.
10. Successful applications must be able to provide meaningful employee engagement or volunteering opportunities in Australian capital cities.
11. Successful applications must be willing to sign a grant conditions document and be able to evaluate and measure programs for reporting results.
12. Applications must declare relationships with other wealth management companies or financial institutions
13. NPOs must complete the attached application

Applications

To apply, email your application to MLC_Community_Foundation@mlc.com.au before 5.00pm Friday 15 May, 2009.

Please title the subject line of the email '2009 Grant Application from *your organisations name*'

Acknowledgement of receipt of application will be issued after the closing date.