

Special Community Youth Grants

The Special Community Youth grant is a special initiative funded through the Charitable and Social Welfare Fund in 2013 to tackle the serious social problem facing young people who are at risk of, or who have been in contact with the youth justice system. Programs support young people to stay safe in their families and communities.

Thirteen organisations will receive a share of \$5 million over 3 years. Of the 13 approved projects, seven are across the Adelaide metropolitan region, five of these reach specific target groups, and six are based in rural areas.

Services commenced in January 2014. All services will plan to operate over three years to December 2016. Funds are provisional and third year funding will be dependent on the results of the evaluations showing success in strengthening protective factors for young people and families engaged in the programs.



5 specialty programs

1. Step Out | Young people in contact with youth justice

Australian Red Cross Society will be granted \$460,000 over three years to expand the peer mentoring program to work with young people pre- and post-release to help them set goals, reconnect with community and pursue positive lifestyles that minimise the chances of reoffending. Ph 8100 4689

2. Youth Links | Culturally diverse youth @ risk

Migrant Resource Centre of SA will receive \$460,000 towards an early-intervention, crime prevention, and case management program using education, mentoring and workshops for young people from refugee and newly arrived backgrounds in SA. Ph 8217 9510

2 Adelaide metro programs

Nexus | Southern Adelaide

Junction Australia - Fund a \$449,500 project in Southern Adelaide to deliver an intensive case management program for children aged 6 to 10 and their families through home visits, school visits, supported referrals, group programs and follow up for children at risk of regular exclusion from school. Ph 8392 3000

Side-Track | Northern Adelaide

Northern Area Community and Youth Services - Provide \$259,000 to deliver an early intervention program based at Davoren Park providing home-based counselling, outreach interventions and support for 96 young people aged 10 to 14 and their families in the Northern suburbs of Adelaide. Ph 8252 2474





3. Launch Pad | Kids in State Care

Re-Engage Youth Services - Contribute \$450,000 to a Statewide program of life-skill development for young people who are not in mainstream education and who are in State care to transition into stable accommodation, community programs and further education opportunities. Ph 8326 6540

4. PK Family Care Team | Prisoners' kids and their families

Prison Fellowship Australia - Fund a \$490,000 statewide project to establish the Prisoner's Kids Family Care Team at Salisbury to provide home visits, family support, information, referral and counselling for vulnerable families where one parent is incarcerated. Ph 8272 0323

5. Step Up for SA | Adolescent and family violence

Woodcroft Morphett Vale Neighbourhood Centre - Fund a \$89,500 statewide project called Walking on Eggshells to deliver two 13-week programs each year to address adolescent violence in the home and train 20 program facilitators to deliver the program and evaluate it. Ph 0403 938 654

6 Rural / Remote programs

1. Bikes Palya | APY Lands

Bike SA – This \$300,000 project will expand the program, to eight of the APY Lands communities. The bike education and recreation mentoring program is designed to produce behaviour change and positively impact school attendance, community engagement and improvements in physical and mental health. Ph 8168 9904

2. Youth Support | Coober Pedy

Aboriginal Family Support Services won \$300,000 to employ a full-time Youth Worker to deliver support, engagement and mentoring in Coober Pedy for 50 Aboriginal young people per year to decrease boredom and provide a range of meaningful activities. Ph 8205 1504

3. Healing Together | Ceduna

Ceduna Koonibba Aboriginal Health Service will receive a \$500,000 project to employ a family counsellor, cultural consultant and Aboriginal mentors to provide holistic family support and build the skills and capacity of the community to develop effective strategies that reduce people's engagement with the youth justice system. Ph 0422 102 245



4. Youth Offending Prevention Program | Whyalla

Mission Australia was successful in their application for \$450,000 to deliver the Youth Offending Prevention Program in Whyalla, using mentoring, case management and practical or therapeutic activities to divert 36 young people each year from engaging with the justice system and promote an increase in protective factors including school and community connectedness. Ph 8645 6900

5. Kaingarni Piltenggi Walun | Murraylands

Anglican Community Care was successful in their bid for \$440,000 to establish the Kaingarni Piltenggi Walun (Youth Becoming Strong) program based in Murray Bridge, an early intervention and mentoring program for families using a restorative justice framework of cultural respect and obligation build stronger family relationships. Ph 8582 2344

6. Break Out | Port Lincoln

West Coast Youth and Community Support - A contribution of \$352,000 will employ a coordinator in the Eyre Peninsula to expand Youthoria, the existing cinema/café social enterprise and provide additional skill development and diversionary opportunities for young people through work placements and the support of a local Aboriginal mentor. Ph 8683 0072

All programs are trialling a Results Based Accountability™ framework to evaluate success.

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