

NSW Family & Community Services and Warren Shire Council
*** Building Stronger Communities Grant 2015-16 ***

Guidelines and Information Sheet

1. What is the Warren Shire Council and Warren Support Services Interagency Building Stronger Communities Grant?

Warren Shire Council and Warren Support Services Interagency are working together to offer the Warren Shire Local Government Area access to funding for programs which promote social inclusion and builds links between community members. The aim of the project is to assist members of the community to participate in community life and activities, build resilience and access to community resources.

2. Applying for the Building Stronger Communities Grant?

Applications **MUST** meet the following criteria:-

- Networks are within the Warren Shire Local Government Area
- Working with Young people and their families

Application for an “Event” OR “Social Inclusion Program”, MUST achieve the following targets:-

- Socially and financially disadvantaged – 70% target group
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander – 50% target group
- Youth aged between 12-18 years – 40% target group

Note:

- **If your application is for an “Event”** eg a family fun day, NADIOC Celebrations or Community Luncheon. You **MUST** under the grant funding agreement, distribute surveys to each participant to capture data about the event.
- **If your application is for a “Social Inclusion Program”** eg Triple “P”, Mothers Group or Community Workshops. Your program **MUST** run for a minimum of 6 sessions and include 8 participants per program. This can be held over the full financial year 2015/2016.

Working with Children Checks

A legislative requirement is to provide copies of working with children checks of any personnel that is involved with the program or event.

3. What do Building Stronger Communities Grants cover?

Each application is eligible to apply for up to \$5,000.00

Funds need to be used to support initiatives within key activities of:

1. Social Inclusion Programs which build links between community members and assists disadvantaged members of community participate in community life and activities.
2. Coordinate Events involving specific community workshops
3. Community/Agency networking activities or projects

Initiatives should be collaborative within a local child and family network or within a group of agencies servicing families with young children where local child and family networks are not established.

Initiatives need to address the above priorities by focussing on **one or more** of the following:

1. Social networking between disadvantaged youth and mentors;
2. Building self confidence/belief and respect;
3. Team involvement in providing programs to encourage transition from school to work

Initiatives need to occur between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016

4. What is not covered

Funding will not be approved for initiatives for any activity which creates duplication within the network or a organisations general operating expenses.

Funding will not be approved for programs already in progress.

5. How to Apply

In order to apply for **Building Stronger Communities Grant**, a representative of the local network group must complete and sign the attached application form.

A Tax Invoice is required to be submitted to Council, including the organisations ABN.

Network groups that have previously received Community Builders Grants must also provide details of the outcomes and lodge an acquittal of the funding.

Networks that identify unspent funds will not be eligible for further funds unless the application requests consideration for additional funds.

Applications will be accepted up to 12 June 2016 or until **Building Stronger Communities Grants** are exhausted.

Please provide Council with all EFT details to receive payment.

6. Where to Submit an Application

Applications should be sent to:

Warren Support Services Interagency
PO Box 6
WARREN NSW 2824

7. Reporting and Acquittal

Each network group that is successful in gaining **Building Stronger Communities Grant** will be required to provide an outcome and signed acquittal report within 4 weeks of completion of event (attached is the acquittal form).

8. Additional Information

Unexpended funds remaining from allocations of the grant are returned to Warren Shire Council.

Should a funded program be cancelled for any reason, grant money will be returned to Warren Shire Council with an explanation.

Any publications and/or materials must acknowledge that the funds have been made available from NSW Family & Community Services