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**Subject** nib foundation announces \$1.5million funding offer

The nib foundation will contribute up to \$1.5million this year to support national health and wellbeing initiatives.

The nib foundation has launched a national campaign seeking expressions of interest (EOI) from eligible health and community organisations for the first round of National Grant funding.

Established through a \$25 million donation from nib health funds, the Newcastle-based foundation aims to promote and support community health initiatives around Australia.

According to nib foundation Chairman, Mr Terry Lawler, the foundation is committed to partnering with best practice organisations to develop programs that address national health issues.

"The development and launch of the nib foundation has been 12 months in the making and we are very excited about the prospect of funding a range of programs that will help build a better and healthier future for all Australians," Mr Lawler said.

"Expressions of interest for the inaugural National Grant funding are now open and given the response to the foundation since its launch in October this year, we are expecting to receive a broad range of applications from right around Australia."

Mr Lawler said the nib foundation's National Grants program will provide up to \$1.5million in funding for the successful organisations to maintain or pioneer essential, nationally-focused projects over a three year period.

"The funded programs will help make a real difference and we are very pleased to be able to provide this level of financial support for communities across Australia."

The National Grant funding focal areas for 2009 include:

- Addressing health issues which have been identified as having either a significant regional and/or national prevalence and impact;
- Issues related to lack of equitable and quality access to healthcare;
- Issues associated with higher hospital admission rates and the development of proactive strategies to address the incidence.

Applicants are required to submit an EOI which can be found on the nib foundation website at [www.nibfoundation.com.au](http://www.nibfoundation.com.au).

The closing date for EOI submissions is **Friday 5 December 2008**.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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