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Subject nib foundation 2009 Community Grants funding offer

Community organisations will benefit by up to \$100,000 in funding with the nib foundation seeking applications for its Community Grant round.

The nib foundation will call for applications from Monday 23 March for the inaugural round of Community Grants, valued at \$50,000 to \$100,000 each.

Established in October 2008 through a \$25million donation from nib health funds, the nib foundation will provide one year grants to best practice organisations to fund innovative and unique approaches aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of local communities.

Citing concern at the health issues affecting many local communities and the increasing financial challenges to overcome them, nib foundation Chairman Mr Terry Lawler said the foundation was very pleased to offer support to organisations that had local solutions to local needs.

“In providing these Community Grants, the nib foundation acknowledges that local organisations are often best placed to identify and implement programs that are most relevant to make a difference in their communities,” Mr Lawler said.

“Given the overwhelming response during our National Grant funding round in late 2008, the foundation is anticipating the Community Grants will attract a high number of commendable applicants,” Mr Lawler added.

The 2009 Community Grant funding round will give preference to programs which focus on one of the following areas:

- **Wellbeing** - promoting the physical fitness, nutrition, mental and social wellbeing of the community
- **Access and Equity** – enabling those living in regional, rural and remote areas to participate in activities which enhance their quality of life
- **Education and Training** – providing resources and information to improve community awareness of health-related issues

Applicants are able to complete an online application form which can be found at nibfoundation.com.au.

The closing date for applications is 5.00pm, Friday 17 April 2009 and successful applicants will be notified in mid-July.

The first round of nib foundation National Grant recipients are also being finalised and will be announced by June 2009.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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