

**Date** 19 November 2009

**Subject** Time running out for nib foundation 2009/10 National Grants funding offer

nib foundation is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) for its 2009/10 National Grant round which will see a number of organisations benefit from the \$1.5million in funding on offer.

The nib foundation will aim to partner with up to three organisations to run large scale, nationally-focused programs that focus on carers and young people.

Eligible organisations have less than two weeks remaining to submit EOIs by Thursday 3 December, 2009.

nib foundation Chairman, Mr Terry Lawler, said that he was overwhelmed by the response from the inaugural National and Community Grant funding rounds earlier this year, which highlights the significant role that charitable organisations such as the foundation play in supporting this sector.

"It's evident from the response received that there is a significant need for charitable funding right across Australia. The nib foundation will continue to play a critical role in helping fund this void within the identified National Grant focal areas of carers and young people," Mr Lawler added.

"The nib foundation has been in operation for just over a year, so it's encouraging to see a strong level of awareness across Australia of the support the nib foundation has to offer," Mr Lawler said.

The 2009/10 National Grant funding round will give preference to programs which focus on:

- **Carers** - Carers represent about 2.6 million of Australia's population, cross all age groups, cultural backgrounds and geographical locations and are often invisible contributors to the health of the Australian community. Carers in Australia contributed an estimated 1.2billion hours of care in 2005 and yet they have the lowest level of wellbeing of any group in our society (Source: Deakin University, Australian Unity and Carers Australia, 2007).

#### AND

- **Young People, under 30 years** – Young people's health and wellbeing are influenced by a multitude of factors such as: behaviour, environment, family, community, genetic and socio-economic factors. There are more than 3.7million young people in Australia, representing 18% of the population (*Young Australians: Their health and wellbeing*, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, 2007), many of whom are facing significant health challenges.

Eligible organisations wishing to submit an EOI can visit [nibfoundation.com.au](http://nibfoundation.com.au) for more information or contact the nib foundation on (02) 4914 1773.

The closing date for submitting EOIs is 5.00pm, Thursday 3 December, 2009 and successful applicants will be notified in early 2010.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

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