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Subject **\$50,000 in Community Grants funding up for grabs from nib foundation**

nib foundation is searching for innovative local health and wellbeing initiatives to support during its 2012 Community Grant funding round.

Applications open today for the fourth annual round of Community Grants, which are valued at up to \$50,000 each.

nib foundation Executive Officer, Amy Tribe said the foundation is looking to establish partnerships with local organisations that address the needs of young people and carers in a practical and engaging way.

"We recognise that often the best community health programs are run by locals, for locals. That's why our Community Grant program supports initiatives that foster community engagement and improved health outcomes in their own backyards," Mrs Tribe said.

The foundation celebrated a significant milestone this year, marking more than \$10 million in funding support since its inception in 2008.

"We have established partnerships with 43 organisations from across Australia, many of which are already delivering outstanding improvements to the health and wellbeing of the communities they serve," Mrs Tribe said.

OzHarvest Newcastle is just one of the charities who have flourished thanks to the support of nib foundation.

OzHarvest Co-ordinator, Monique Maguire said that nib foundation's funding has been an important factor in the rapid growth of the food rescue program.

"Our dedicated staff and volunteers now rescue on average 3,000 kilograms of surplus food from local restaurants and food outlets each week and donate it to more than 50 Hunter refuges and charities," Ms Maguire said.

"Without nib foundation's support we would not be able to sustain this vital service which has delivered the equivalent of 700,000 free meals since February 2010," she added.

The 2012 Community Grant funding round will be open from **2 July to 27 July 2012**. For more information and to apply visit nibfoundation.com.au

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