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Dear Colleague,

### NSW Mental Health NGO Infrastructure Grants Program

Thank you for your interest in applying for funding under NSW Mental Health NGO Infrastructure Grants Program. The IGP is a NSW Health initiative to assist NGOs providing mental health programs in NSW to improve service delivery by enhancing organisational infrastructure and encouraging NGOs to work towards service quality review and/or accreditation.

The current available funding under the NSW Mental Health NGO IGP consists of three streams of project funding:

**Round 3 - General** is open to NGOs providing mental health programs with a focus on promoting social inclusion, supporting community participation and preventing homelessness.

**Stage 2 of the No NGO left behind** is targeting organisations who have not previously received IGP funding.

**Smoking Reduction** a one off grant for NGOs to support mental health consumers in their efforts to stop smoking.

Applicants may apply for more than one stream.

Applications for Round 3 and the No NGO Left Behind streams will be assessed according to the nationally recognised Quality Improvement Council Health and Community Services Standards (see attached Information for Applicants document for details). Applicants should identify which Standard/s aligns with the proposed infrastructure project. Applications may refer to one or more of the Standards.

The selection committee will give priority to the following:

- Projects that build the infrastructure of the organisation with the aim of improving delivery of mental health services and/or social and emotional well-being services.
- Projects that assist the organisation to progress towards review of service quality and/ or accreditation.

To be eligible for funding for the Smoking Reduction stream, NGOs will need to submit projects that build NGO capacity to address tobacco use amongst people with mental health problems.

The attached information pack provides further details about the program, eligibility criteria, the selection process and application forms.

A broad range of proposals will be considered for funding. Please note that requests to meet shortfalls in service delivery or recurrent expenditure are ineligible, as they are outside the scope of the IGP program.

**All projects submitted for all streams will need to be completed by December 2011.**

Applications will be assessed by a selection committee, which will make funding allocation recommendations to the Director, Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol Programs for approval. The Minister for Health will make final decisions about grant allocation.

Grant applications must be lodged by **10am on Monday 9 August 2010** to Ms Jenna Bateman at MHCC PO Box 668 Rozelle NSW 2039. If you have any questions about the Infrastructure Grants Program or the application process, please contact Erika Hewitt on (02) 9555 8388 extn 119 or [erika@mhcc.org.au](mailto:erika@mhcc.org.au)

Yours sincerely



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