

Community Initiatives Scheme

Working to reduce smoking related harm amongst the most disadvantaged groups in NSW.

The Cancer Council NSW is seeking grant applications for the Community Initiatives Scheme (CIS). Closing date for applications: **Friday, April 20, 2007**

What is the Community Initiatives Scheme?

The CIS is part of the *Tobacco Control and Social Equity Strategy*, a five-year initiative of The Cancer Council NSW. Smoking is the leading cause of preventable death and disease amongst disadvantaged groups in NSW and the Strategy aims to work with community service organisations to reduce smoking-related harm for these groups including:

- Vulnerable young people
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
- People with a mental illness
- Low-income single parents
- People in custodial settings
- People with substance abuse problems
- Boarding house residents

The purpose of the CIS is to encourage community service organisations to develop and implement their own initiatives to address tobacco use and support people to quit smoking.

Who can apply and how much funding is available?

Applications are sought from not-for-profit organisations incorporated in NSW. We strongly encourage those applying to develop partnerships with organisations or individuals with professional expertise in tobacco control or smoking cessation. The Cancer Council can provide assistance in developing such partnerships.

A total of \$100,000 is available to support projects this financial year. Organisations may apply for grants of up to \$30,000 per project.

Priority will be given to applications that address the following areas:

- Development of organisational policy to address tobacco
- Training for staff/volunteers to assist service users quit smoking
- Development of case work tools and resources
- Production of tailored information about tobacco and smoking
- Interventions to assist service users and/or staff and volunteers to stop smoking

Organisations are encouraged to discuss their ideas before putting in an application.

How can I find out more?

For more information or to obtain the CIS guidelines and application form contact: Jon O'Brien on (02) 9334 1848 or e-mail jonb@nswcc.org.au. Alternatively you can download the forms from:

www.cancercouncil.com.au/equitystrategy

