

## Grant Focus: Social Inclusion and Participation

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<b>Grant Focus</b>	
To improve the overall quality of life of our community by supporting programs or activities that promote health and wellbeing and are accessible. We support programs and initiatives that work to remove barriers to participation, increase participation and support social connection within the community. These can focus on specific groups of people, a gap in your service, or address a particular need in your community/group. Programs and initiatives may be both formal and informal and examples may include education and training, sport and recreation, the arts, cultural and intercultural opportunities, volunteering and social connection opportunities.	
<b>Priorities/Criteria</b>	
Applications must identify a need for the project in the community and must be supported by evidence	
Programs that support:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LGBTIQ+</li> <li>• Interfaith</li> <li>• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander</li> <li>• Mental health</li> <li>• People with a disability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intergenerational</li> <li>• Multicultural</li> <li>• Gender inclusion / women / girls</li> <li>• Men’s mental health</li> <li>• Seniors</li> </ul>
Focus on health and wellbeing initiatives, including:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing participation</li> <li>• Removing barriers to participation</li> <li>• Reaching out to new populations</li> </ul>	
<b>Example applications/proposals</b>	
Translations – and demonstrating how the programs would work to include people with little or no English (e.g. interpreters attending programs, specific programs or workshops).	Sports participation – club equipment for juniors so they can try a sport without having to buy all of the equipment or all abilities sessions
Encouraging diverse volunteer participation – younger, people with a disability - Training, projects, partnerships with local agencies	Identifying and removing barriers to participation – e.g., making initiatives culturally appropriate, affordable, accessible (cost, location, travel)
Increase women, girls, and gender diverse participation	Actions that involve active partnerships and conversations across groups that may otherwise not work together
Local event by / with and for priority cohorts	
<b>Items/proposals that are ineligible</b>	
Capital works	Normal business operations
NB - the process of engaging people and experts to broaden participation and remove barriers is a valid and welcome grant application. However, physical capital works improvements such as ramps cannot be applied for and would need alternative sources of funding.	