

UNITINGCARE NSW.ACT - 2% FOR DEVELOPMENT FUND PARTNER PROGRAM GUIDELINES

At the 2% For Development Fund Committee Meeting held in July 2008, it was resolved that a Partner Program be established to provide three organisations, with an established relationship with the Fund, annual funding of \$10,000 for a 3 year period.

Partner Program funding can be used to meet operational costs. However, normally, funding will not be extended beyond 3 years.

1. PARTNER PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- To provide the organisation with funding security for a three year period to enable the implementation of successive phases of an agreed program.
- To enable the organisation the time to establish alternate funding sources where programs are ongoing.

2. PARTNER PROGRAM PROCESS

- a) Three Partner Program organisations will be granted \$10,000 per annum for 3 years. A total overall funding of \$30,000.
- b) Applications for Partner Program funding will be accepted annually in March.
- c) Successful applicants will not be eligible to apply for additional funding, from the 2% For Development Fund, during the Partner Program period.
- d) At the completion of the Partner Program funding period, the organisation will not be eligible to apply to the Partner Program for 3 years.
- e) Reporting. Partner organisations will be required to provide annual reports or as determined by the 2% For Development Fund Committee.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicant organisations must have an established relationship with the 2% For Development Fund ie: must have received funding in the past and successfully achieved all funding obligations.
- The application must meet the established eligibility criteria for the 2% For Development Fund, **Small Grants Program** (refer website for details) and; clearly demonstrate how the Partner Program funding of \$30,000 will be utilised over the 3 year period.

4. APPLICATION PROCESS

- The Partner Program will operate in a three year rolling cycle with one organisation selected each year.

- Applications will be open to organisations that meet the Eligibility Criteria. Applications will close on 30th March each year.
- For the 2009 inaugural funding round the Committee will invite applications from a limited number of organisations that meet the eligibility criteria.
- Applicants must provide all the information requested in the application form.
- Applications will be assessed by the 2% For Development Fund Committee. Normally a decision will be reached within 4 weeks of the application closing date.
- One Partner Program grant will be awarded annually.

5. SELECTION / ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed in accordance with the following criteria:

5.1 Essential Criteria:

It is essential that the applicant meets the Partner Program *Eligibility Criteria*. Refer Section 3 of this document.

5.2 Desirable / Other Criteria

- a) Interesting and/or innovative project.
- b) The stated project objectives for the 3 year funding period and beyond.
- c) The project that is likely to affect the most people.
- d) Demonstrated willingness / ability to actively participate with the wider Uniting Church. (Please note that this is not essential).
- e) Demonstrated opportunities for Uniting Church involvement in the project. (Please note that this is not essential).

6. EXTRA INFORMATION

- Groups whose Partner Program applications are not successful are able to apply to the Small Grants Program for project funding.
- Completed Application Forms will be accepted by email or post.
- Application forms, instructions & further information can be found on the 2% for Development Fund website:
http://www.unitingcarenswact.org.au/advocacy/2_for_development_fund