



Connect  
Australia  
Foundation

## Expression of Interest for Round of Grants in 2010

### Background

Settlement Services International (previously known as the Migrant Resource Centre Association Inc) was established by the Migrant Resources Centres of NSW as an important vehicle to provide direct services to refugee and special humanitarian entrants into NSW on a state wide basis.

As part of its ongoing program development and its commitment to meeting the needs of people and communities with refugee experiences, the SSI has established the Connect Australia Foundation (CAF). The statement of purpose for the CAF is as follows:

**The Connect Australia Foundation seeks to provide focus on the settlement of refugees\* into Australia with a view to increase the level of success for both on arrival settlement and longer-term community integration. The Connect Australia Foundation aims to help minimise the impact of structural poverty felt by those seeking refuge in Australia.**

\* The term 'refugee' includes migrants under the Humanitarian Entrants Scheme, Family Reunion, entrants under the Women at Risk Program and those with refugee experiences.

It is intended that The Connect Australia Foundation will set up program activities or priorities which may include one or more of the following:

- Fund pilot projects to facilitate on arrival settlement;
- Evaluate programs which deliver models of best practice and service delivery;
- Investigate and determine formative evaluations that can determine the specific settlement needs of demographic sub-groups such as women, youth or religious minorities;
- Develop a scholarship program targeting the educational and vocational enhancement of refugee youth;
- Promote and provide public discourse on refugee issues.

Further information on the Connect Australia Foundation can be found at [www.connectaustralia.org.au](http://www.connectaustralia.org.au)



### The Connect Australia Foundation Grants Program

The CAF is keen to have an application process which is as broad and open as possible. Rather than specify specific types of projects that will be funded, the CAF is keen to foster initiatives and projects coming from the community that are not currently being funded by other sources. The CAF would like to ensure that the application process is not onerous and so reserve the right to work with applicants to refine proposals or to seek proposals in its own right.

The CAF is keen to support **new and innovative projects** that draw inspiration from, document and benefit communities with refugee experiences. Through this, it is intended that projects will foster public discourse around refugee issues. **CAF encourages organisations with proposals targeting rural and regional areas to apply.**

The following information is provided to assist organisations and individuals working with organisations in identifying projects and initiatives for funding.

#### **Type of Project**

Projects will need to focus on the direct relief of poverty, sickness, destitution, suffering, helplessness or misfortune for refugees. The CAF is keen to support projects that can result in the following outcomes:

Creating a safe environment for the successful settlement and integration of refugee communities that allows for their meaningful participation in wider society, for example projects that foster health and safety information, safety skills, and emergency response knowledge.

Untapping the potential of individuals and communities with refugee experiences, with projects such as mentoring, skills transfer or development, or education.

#### **Outcome**

Projects should be able to demonstrate specific outcomes that assist refugee communities to settle in NSW.



- Mandatories**                      Proposals need to demonstrate compliance with the following mandatory requirements:
- Involvement of refugee communities in the development of the project
  - Some skills acquisition or transfer to participants
  - Identification of what the projects will do to optimise settlement outcomes
  - Direct service provision
- Applicants**                      While applications from larger NGOs and private bodies would not be excluded, the CAF encourages community organisations to apply.
- Level of Grants**                      For 2010 the CAF will be able to fund one project up to \$10,000 and a further six projects up to \$4,000..

The CAF may not fund the following:

- Capital works or building improvements
- Recurrent costs
- Retrospective requests
- General fundraising appeals
- Sponsorship requests

### Requirements for Successful Projects

Applicants are required to sign a *Memorandum of Understanding* that declares the recipient is undertaking direct service work as an appointed agent of the CAF and SSI.

Successful grantees recipients will be required to undertake the following:

- Provide a final project plan prior to the grant monies being provided
- Provide a final report on the project and its activities and outcomes
- Participate in activities organised by the CAF to showcase projects



### Application Lodgement

Projects would be expected to commence in **July 2010** and be completed by **December 2010**.

All applications must be lodged by **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010**. Please email or send applications to:

Email: [info@connectaustralia.org.au](mailto:info@connectaustralia.org.au)

Postal: Executive Officer  
Connect Australia Foundation  
Level 1, 93 Norton Street  
Leichhardt NSW 2040

Telephone: 02 8585 1399

Fax: 02 8585 1325





**5. How does the project intend to meet the objectives of the Connect Australia Foundation?**

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**6. What outcomes will the project deliver?**

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**7. How do you intend to measure these outcomes?**

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**Applicant Details:**

**8. Full name of the organisation**

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**9. Applicant contact details**

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**10. Contact details for the organisation's Manager/Coordinator:**

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16. **Outline your current activities in order of importance and note the % of time and resources spent on each activity.**

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17. **Outline your target clients in the context of each of the above activities, providing enough detail to show why their needs are benevolent and arouse compassion (i.e., poverty, domestic violence, refugee experiences)**

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18. **Is more than 60% of your time and resources engaged in benevolent activities which provide the relief of poverty, sickness, destitution, suffering, helplessness or misfortune?**

Yes

No

19. **Are your purposes, activities and beneficiaries in Australia?**

Yes

No

