Funding Application Guidelines

The Illawarra Turf Club Ltd

Purpose

The Race Against Suicide Community Program has been established by The Illawarra Turf Club Ltd (ITC) to distribute funds raised through the annual The Race Against Suicide Raceday.

The program exists to support organisations delivering meaningful initiatives that prevent suicide, strengthen mental health, and improve community wellbeing throughout the Illawarra.

The ITC is committed to ensuring that every dollar raised by the local community remains within the Illawarra and directly benefits people living in our region. Funding will only be awarded to organisations and projects that demonstrate a clear and measurable contribution to suicide prevention within the Illawarra.

The objective of the program is to invest in evidence-based initiatives that increase awareness, provide early intervention, improve access to support services, reduce suicide risk, and build a more connected and resilient community.

Funding Principles

All applications will be assessed against the following principles:

- Funds must be used solely for initiatives that contribute to the prevention of suicide.
- All funded activities must directly benefit residents of the Illawarra.
- Funding must remain within the Illawarra and cannot be redirected to projects outside the region.
- Preference will be given to initiatives that demonstrate measurable outcomes, collaboration with other local organisations, innovation, sustainability, and long-term community benefit.
- Funding must not be used for political activities, religious promotion, or purposes unrelated to suicide prevention.

- Applicants must demonstrate strong governance, financial accountability, and the capacity to successfully deliver the proposed initiative.

Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a registered Australian charity, incorporated association, not-for-profit organisation, public health organisation, or other eligible entity with an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Deliver services or programs within the Illawarra region.
- Apply for funding for a project that directly contributes to the prevention of suicide.
- Demonstrate that all funding awarded will be expended within the Illawarra.
- Hold appropriate public liability insurance.
- Be financially solvent and able to manage public funds responsibly.
- Agree to comply with all reporting and acquittal requirements.

Applications from partnerships between multiple organisations are encouraged where they can demonstrate greater community impact.

Ineligible Applications

Funding will not be provided for:

- Projects delivered primarily outside the Illawarra.
- General operating expenses not directly related to the proposed initiative.
- Retrospective funding for projects already completed.
- Political campaigns or lobbying activities.
- Religious activities where the primary purpose is the promotion of a particular faith.
- Activities that do not have a clear suicide prevention objective.
- Projects that primarily benefit individuals outside the Illawarra.

Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed on their ability to demonstrate:

Assessment Criterion	Weighing
Demonstrated contribution to suicide prevention	35%
Benefit to the Illawarra community	25%
Evidence of community need	15%
Organisational capability and governance	10%
Value for money	10%
Sustainability and ongoing impact	5%

Applicants should clearly explain:

- the issue or need their project addresses;
- how the project contributes to preventing suicide;
- who will benefit;
- how many people are expected to benefit;
- how outcomes will be measured; and
- how the project will continue to create positive impacts beyond the funding period where applicable.

Funding Conditions

Successful applicants must agree to:

- Use all funding solely for the approved initiative.
- Spend all funding within the Illawarra.
- Notify The Illawarra Turf Club of any significant changes to the project.
- Maintain accurate financial records.
- Submit an acquittal report within three months of project completion.
- Provide evidence of how the funding contributed to suicide prevention outcomes.

- Participate in reasonable promotional activities acknowledging support from the Race Against Suicide Community Grant Program where appropriate.

Failure to comply with these conditions may result in repayment of funding and may affect eligibility for future funding rounds.

Our Commitment

The Illawarra Turf Club acknowledges the generosity of every individual, business and community member who contributes to The Race Against Suicide Raceday.

The Community Program has been established to ensure these funds are distributed fairly, transparently and responsibly, supporting initiatives that make a genuine difference in preventing suicide across the Illawarra.

Our commitment is simple:

Every dollar raised by the Illawarra community will stay in the Illawarra community, supporting initiatives that save lives through suicide prevention.