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CANBERRA FOUNDATIONS COLLABORATIVE ANNOUNCES 2024 GRANTS

The Canberra Foundations Collaborative is excited to announce the recipients of its latest grant round. The Collaborative's members, Hands Across Canberra, The Snow Foundation and the John James Foundation are supporting 63 projects across 60 organisations with a total of \$1.5 million.

The organisations selected support mental health and wellbeing, disadvantage, disability, healthcare, and strengthening engagement and belonging, and add to the 128 projects funded by the Collaborative in 2022 and 2023.

In addition to financial support, the Canberra Foundations Collaborative continues to build a stronger, more interconnected community sector through networking and capacity-building events. These initiatives empower organisations with the tools and resources needed to maximise their impact.

The Canberra Foundations Collaborative remains committed to fostering a resilient, inclusive, and vibrant Canberra, ensuring that community-led initiatives have the support they need to thrive.

Quotes attributable to Lucas Patchett, Co-Founder of Orange Sky, one of the recipient organisations who provide laundry services to vulnerable members of the Canberra community.

"We know Aussies are doing it really tough right now. With the rise in cost-of-living pressures, Orange Sky has never been busier – it's so important for our vans and team of incredible volunteers to be out in the community supporting the growing number of people in need."

"Orange Sky couldn't do what we do without the support of the incredible community and partners like The Snow Foundation and Hands Across Canberra. Through their generosity over the past six years, Orange Sky has been able to deliver our essential services of free laundry, showers and most importantly, community connection, supporting some of the most vulnerable people in the Canberra region."

Quotes attributable to Dea Delaney-Thiele, CEO of Yerrabi Yurwang – recipient organisation.

"Yerrabi Yurwang values the funding support from the 2024 Canberra Foundations Collaborative Grant Round toward our Yawarj Mara - Strong Pathways - Youth



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Program. This generosity provides an opportunity to bring young Aboriginal people together for learning and development during the September – Spring School Holiday Youth Program.”

“Our organisations work toward empowering generations of our children and young people. This is central to building resilience, engagement and pride in our local community.”

Quotes attributable to Emma Pollard, CEO of The Humour Foundation – recipient organisation.

“As a key partner in the ACT, the Canberra Foundations Collaborative enables our team of purpose-trained performers to bring insightful connection, creative play and joyful humour to children, their carers and staff at the Centenary Hospital for Women and Children.”

“We are particularly grateful to the John James Foundation and the Aspen Medical Foundation for providing multi-year funding on this occasion. This approach ensures program sustainability in the ACT, and that children with chronic illnesses – those who will require many, many hospital visits over the three years of our grant – will benefit from repeat interactions with the Clown Doctors, reducing their anxiety and building resilience in the face of significant adversity. Our team looks forward to bringing laughter where it is unexpected, yet most needed, to more than 30,000 beneficiaries over the period of the grant.”

Quotes attributed to Georgina Byron AM, CEO of The Snow Foundation.

“Over the past three years, the Collaborative has contributed over \$4 million to local organisations that are at the forefront of addressing community needs and the vulnerable. While most grants typically range from \$5,000 to \$50,000, this year The Snow Foundation also offered the opportunity for some larger grants and we are delighted to announce the inclusion of three substantial grants with EveryMan, Women’s Health Matters and Head Start Homes who each have initiatives in our key focus areas: housing, domestic violence intervention and health using a gender-lens.”

“By funding grassroots projects, sometimes with multiple year arrangements, we can help ensure support reaches the most at risk in our region while contributing to sustainable, long-term change.”



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Quotes attributable to Genevieve Jacobs AM, CEO of Hands Across Canberra.

"At Hands Across Canberra, we want to support the whole Canberra community. It's about giving where we live and ensuring Canberrans can support their neighbours in need."

"Thanks to generous locals, this year's grants will support innovative ideas with a significant impact – and by streamlining the grants writing process and working together as a collaborative, we're also reducing the drain on resources so charities can focus on the front line."

Quotes attributed to Joe Roff, CEO of the John James Foundation.

"We have been so pleased with the collective impact that we are seeing within the community, thanks to the Collaborative's grants. This ongoing support reflects our deep commitment to the community."

"Over the past three years, we've seen the incredible difference these grants make. We love working with these organisations, especially through the networking and mentoring programs, and watching them grow and thrive,"

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About the Canberra Foundations Collaborative:

Hands Across Canberra is an independent philanthropic community foundation, working with more than 300 local community organisations. Funds for this grant round are being provided by *the Chief Minister's Charitable Fund* which is delivered in partnership with Hands Across Canberra. The foundation is currently running the Canberra Day Appeal, all donations to Hands Across Canberra will go to support organisations through grants. www.handsacrosscanberra.org.au

The Snow Foundation was founded in Canberra by brothers George and Terry Snow AM in 1991, and since 2006 has been led by Terry's daughter, CEO Georgina Byron AM. Their giving falls under four pillars: Our Place (Canberra – their main place and key regions – NSW South Coast and Sydney), Our Country (nationally - social entrepreneurs and key social justice issues), Our Sector (growing capacity of for-purpose organisations and philanthropy) and Our Family. Being a respectful and useful ally to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is of great importance to the Foundation, as is giving via a gender-lens and prioritising giving to women.

www.snowfoundation.org.au



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John James Foundation is Canberra's largest medical philanthropic charity with a mission to strengthen health outcomes in our community by improving the patient and doctor experience. The Foundation was established in 2006 by a group of Canberra medical specialists and owners of the John James hospital. Following the sale of the hospital (2018) the Member-led Foundation now utilises a corpus of \$150 million to achieve its mission and support the community. www.jjf.org.au

The Collaborative also partners with the Chief Ministers Charitable Fund and the Aspen Medical Foundation.

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Full list of organisations supported:

Organisation Name
A Gender Agenda
ACT Children's Week Committee Inc
ACT Deafness Resource Centre
Asthma Australia
Barnardos Australia
Beryl Women Incorporated
Better Renting*
Bosom Buddies ACT Inc
Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation & Advocacy
Canberra Community Law
Canberra Qwire Association Incorporated
Canberra Refugee Support Inc*
Canberra Symphony Orchestra
Capital Region Community Services
Cerebral Palsy Alliance
Community First Development
Community Home Australia
Council on the Ageing ACT
Directions Health Services



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Doris Women's Refuge Inc.

Emerge Australia

Every Chance Incorporated

EveryMan

Fearless Women

First Steps Pregnancy Support

Galilee School Canberra

GetAboutAble Pty Ltd

GIVIT Listed Ltd

Good Omen Goodeze Ltd

HeadStart Homes

Hepatitis ACT Inc

HOME in Queanbeyan

I Got You Ltd

Lifeline Canberra Inc

Lions Youth Haven Inc

Lung Foundation Australia

MIEACT

Miracle Babies Foundation

Missionworx

Music for Canberra Incorporated

Orange Sky Australia

OzHarvest Canberra

Perinatal Wellbeing Centre

Project Independence Ltd.*

Raw Potential Canberra

Right to Work

Rotary Club Aurora Gungahlin

Rise Above

Roundabout Canberra

Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children

Scouts ACT

The Brite Notes

The Humour Foundation

University of Canberra

VolunteeringACT



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Yedding Mura (Good Pathways) Aboriginal Corporation

Yerrabi Yurwang Child and Family Aboriginal Corporation

ZamZam Foundation Inc

Zonta Club of Canberra Breakfast Incorporated

Women's Health Matters

*indicates two grants