



AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES  
REFUGEE TASKFORCE



National Council of  
Churches in Australia

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## NCCA REFUGEE SUPPORT GRANT FUND

### Statement of Purpose

The National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA) supports the lives of refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia through the advocacy of the Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce (ACRT). NCCA wishes to assist people seeking asylum and refugees to live in dignity in Australia as independent individuals living their lives to the fullest (John 10:10) and sharing their traditions, skills and talents with us all.

### Vision

The NCCA has a Christian vision of compassion, generosity and hospitality for people seeking asylum and refugees in Australia that guides the advocacy work of the ACRT and the establishment of the Refugee Support Grant Fund.

In response to limited resources available for community organisations working with people seeking asylum, waiting on refugee status determination and appeals and with refugees settling as new residents, the Refugee Support Fund will make available grants to enable assistance for these vulnerable groups that are unable to access Australian Government support and assistance or can only access limited government-funded programs and services that meet their needs.

A key principle is that every individual seeking protection and safety has an opportunity to live with dignity and be assisted to influence the decisions which shape their life in Australia.

### Guidelines

1. The application will be an application between a community/church organization/formal association and a group of individuals that is living in Australia seeking asylum or refugees being settled in Australia.
2. Settlement/living support identified in the application will fit into the following category/categories:
  - Employment;
  - Education & Training including financial/consumer literacy, driving;
  - Health & Wellbeing;
  - Housing;
  - Civic Participation including religious practice;
  - Language assistance.
3. The application from the organization will identify the needs to be addressed; how the funding support will enable the individuals to live with dignity in Australia and/or how the assistance is helping them to make decisions about their lives into the future.

4. The application will also assure NCCA Ltd that the funds will be managed well and transparently for the intended purpose and on the basis of the organisation's previous management of grants and funds. (Most recent audited annual financial statements/reports are to be included with the application.)

### **Annual Application Process**

Under the oversight of the NCCA Ltd Board a committee may be appointed from members of the ACRT to administer the annual grant allocation program from the Refugee Support Fund and advise on applications.

The NCCA Ltd Board will manage conflicts of interest in the appointment of a grant committee.

Applications will be assessed by the committee as to how well they reflect the vision and meet the guidelines and the committee will make funding recommendations to the NCCA Ltd Board.

There is a formal application form.

A report on outcomes and impact of the grant is expected at the end of the funding period along with an acquittal of funds. This is to be submitted to the NCCA Secretariat for review by the NCCA Ltd Board.

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