



Individual & Family Support Information

Community Before Commission provides financial assistance to individuals and their families living in Illawarra regions to those who are experiencing and/or suffering hardship*.

To be eligible for assistance from Community Before Commission, you must meet the following criteria;

- Be personally effected by, or, have an immediate family member who is effected or experiencing hardship
- Hardship* is defined as illness, injury or event that has caused physical, financial, mental suffering or disadvantage.
- Diagnosis of illness/condition and/or limitations confirmed by a doctor/specialist or independent body/organisation.
- Currently live within the Illawarra regions

NOTE: Funding may be granted in other exceptional circumstances, where misfortune has caused severe hardship at the discretion of the Community Committee Members.

NOTE: Private fundraising If there has been any private fundraising done on behalf of the applicant (whether online or offline) we will require full disclosure of funds raised before we are able to provide financial assistance to the applicant.

Requests for assistance will be reviewed and awarded by the Board of independent Community Committee members (see website for more details).

FUNDING MAY BE AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS

- Food and/or petrol gift cards
- Holiday/accommodation gift cards
- Medical equipment required as part of treatment paid directly to supplier of equipment. (Invoice/quotation required with application)
- Other, at the discretion of the Board of Community Committee members

GUIDELINES FOR ASSISTANCE

- Community Before Commission will not pay cash amounts to applicants. Funding received will be in the form of vouchers or direct payment to suppliers.
- The assistance is available for a period of (up to) 12 months.
- The assistance is for the financial benefit of the applicant and their immediate family.

- If there is any private fundraising done by or for the benefit of the applicant, Community Before Commission MUST be immediately informed.

All applications will be considered and awarded by the independent Board of Community Committee members

PRIVACY

- Community Before Commission will retain all information about the applicant in a secure and private location. This information is only for the use of Community Before Commission to enable us to provide assistance to present and future applicants.
- No information about the applicant or their situation will be discussed or passed on to any other person or organization without the prior approval of the applicant or their representative.
- As part of our reporting responsibilities, we will use non-specific information regarding all our applicants to create our reports. This will only include the number of applicants registered with us, their generic location and other demographic information.

MEDIA GUIDELINES

To be able to raise awareness and help more people, Community Before Commission would appreciate if you would consider giving us the following assistance.

- Any testimonials or endorsements that you give us both in writing and verbally are able to be used in our advertising. This includes advertising in print, online and in social media. No personal information will be shared in this advertising without your permission.
- At times, we may require an applicant to speak on our behalf. This may be at one of our fundraising events or through media campaigns (print, TV, online and social media). Please indicate if you are willing to consider doing this on our behalf.
- Spread the word! The more people who know about us and the opportunities that we may provide, the more applicants we are able to help. Please do let people know that we are providing assistance to you and how much help it is at this time.

For further enquiries please call 4267 5377 or email community@dignam.com.au

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL APPLICATIONS + SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO
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