



RALLY FOR A CAUSE RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY and FUNDS DISTRIBUTION POLICY

Rally for a Cause was established to provide short term, immediate support to families affected by life-limiting medical conditions, personal tragedy or detrimental circumstances beyond their control.

Funds raised through the Fraser Coast Dunga Derby event will be available to eligible and approved recipients who reside within the Fraser Coast region. Funds raised through the Sunshine Coast Dunga Derby event will be available to eligible and approved recipients who reside within the Sunshine Coast region.

Applications and/or nominations are assessed by a selection committee and two members of our local community (including one with medical knowledge), who are independent of the charity.

To ensure we are consistent and fair in the distribution of funds we have established the following policy and guidelines that are used by the selection committee to assess who will receive our support.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. Applications will be accepted from either individuals or organisations; however donations will only be issued to individuals deemed suitable under the criteria.
2. At the committee's discretion, donations may be in the form of vouchers; provision of goods/ services; or the direct payment of invoices made out either the recipient or to Rally for a Cause for the supply of goods/services to the nominated recipient. Applicants are asked to provide information and supporting evidence (if available) on what support would be most beneficial.
3. The aim of the donation is to support individuals and/or families to provide relief and/or enhance their quality of life when affected by life-limiting medical conditions and/or disrupted by detrimental circumstances beyond their control.
4. Recipients must be aged under 65 years and reside within the geographic boundaries of either: -
 - the Fraser Coast Regional Council or the
 - Sunshine Coast Regional Council & Shire of Noosa.In situations where the individual or family is currently residing outside of this area, in order to obtain necessary medical treatments, they must intend to return to the region.
5. Applications must be received using the designated form and supporting documentation may only be included to provide specific information that will enhance the committee's understanding of the circumstances faced by the proposed recipient.
6. All applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of the submission; however the decision of the committee is final and no further discussion will be entered into regarding the outcome of the application.

Once a successful application/nomination is passed and the level of support that can be provided is determined, Rally for a Cause will work with the selected individual or family to determine the most appropriate way we can assist them.

CATEGORIES OF SUPPORT FOR FUNDS DISTRIBUTION

Levels of support are determined in alignment with the criteria in the following categories:

1. ILLNESS - Long Term or Chronic

If the chronic illness is affecting the individual's quality of life; short term, once only assistance may be provided for:

- Reimbursement of out-of-pocket medical treatment expenses
- Reimbursement of out-of-pocket travel and accommodation expenses for medical appointments or treatments
- Equipment purchases to aid/or enhance quality of life

2. ILLNESS - Life Threatening

(The recipient is currently undergoing medical treatment for a life-threatening condition)

If the illness and/or treatment regime is affecting family circumstances and/or quality of life; short term assistance may be provided for:

- Reimbursement of out-of-pocket medical treatment expenses
- Reimbursement of out-of-pocket travel and accommodation expenses for medical appointments or treatments
- Assistance with family living expenses by purchase of vouchers or payment of household bills to ease strain on family finances while undergoing treatment
- Facilitation of and/or funds for support services

3. ILLNESS – Terminal

If the proposed recipient with a terminal illness has a limited life expectancy; immediate, short-term assistance may be provided for:

- Assistance with family living expenses by purchase of vouchers or payment of household bills to ease strain on family finances
- Reimbursement of out-of-pocket medical expenses
- Facilitation and/or funds for support services
- Purchase of equipment to enhance comfort and/or quality of life
- Travel vouchers for holiday to spend quality family time together *(In some circumstances only at the discretion of recipient committee).*

4. DISABILITY – Permanent

If the proposed recipient has a permanent disability and is requesting assistance for funds to:

- *aid in the care of the recipient at home*
- *facilitate physical or mental development of the recipient*
- *purchase equipment to aid in the care, comfort, development or quality of life of the recipient;*

once off assistance may be provided for:

- Assistance with out-of-pocket expenses for the purchase of equipment that assists with physical or mental development
- Facilitation of and/or funds for home modifications or equipment to aid with care at home
- Facilitation of an/or funds for equipment that enhance quality of life
- Facilitation of and/or funds for vehicle modifications or equipment to aid with safe mobility or transportation

5. DISABILITY – Temporary

(Disability caused by accident or injury, currently under treatment or rehabilitation)

If the proposed recipient has a temporary disability or a treatment regime that is affecting circumstances and/or quality of life; short term assistance may be provided for:

- Reimbursement of out-of-pocket medical treatment expenses related to the disability
- Assistance with out-of-pocket expenses for the purchase of equipment that assists with physical development or rehabilitation
- Reimbursement of out-of-pocket travel and accommodation expenses for medical appointments or treatments
- Assistance with family living expenses by purchase of vouchers or payment of household bills to ease strain on family finances
- Facilitation of and/or funds for support services

6. TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES

If the proposed recipient's circumstances involve the unexpected loss of a family member; short term assistance may be provided for:

- Reimbursement of out-of-pocket funeral expenses (if not covered by funeral/insurance policy)
- Short term assistance with family living expenses by purchase of vouchers or payment of household bills to ease strain on family finances
- Facilitation of and/or funds for support services

Other tragic circumstances may be considered at the discretion of the committee in alignment with nominations received and assistance requested.



ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Whilst every eventuality can not be captured in this document, the assistance outlined above are provided as a guide only and the amount of assistance provided in each nomination will be determined by the Recipient Committee in alignment with:

- the details provided with the nomination
- the assistance requested in the nomination and
- the recipients' individual family circumstances
- consideration of other funding avenues that may be available to the recipient
- advice provided by our medical practitioner

Monetary amounts of assistance that may be provided will be on consideration the proposed recipients' *current* circumstances and short-term requirements, with the aim of the assistance to provide short term, immediate support. In general, the level of support will have an upper level capped at a maximum of \$10,000. Assistance above \$10,000 or additional nominations within a 3-year period of initial assistance may be considered at the discretion of the committee.

Recommendations on the level of assistance are provided by the Recipient Committee to the Rally for A Cause Executive Committee who will be required to approve the nomination for the recommended assistance to be provided to the nominated individual or family.

In the instance that a nomination is deemed ineligible under the Rally for a Cause criteria, the Recipient Committee will try to determine as best they can if there are other organisations that may be contacted by the nominator for assistance.

Rally for a Cause is unable to assist with funds for vehicle purchases.

From time to time the Rally for a Cause committee may undertake other SPECIAL PROJECTS and/or EXTRA FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES to further assist individuals or families in the Fraser Coast. The level of support provided in these circumstances may at times, exceed the levels of support as outlined in this policy document. In this instance, usual fundraising funds (from the Dunga Derby) or donations made directly to the charity will not be used in excess of the guidelines outlined in this policy. Only additional funds raised during the special project or additional donations (including in in-kind support such as trade services or products etc.) will be put towards the assistance provided in the special project.