

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 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 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 to 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-fifty-five and any variation is at the discretion of the directors only.
5. Recipients must 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.

(This is a requirement because funds have been raised on the basis they are expressly for Fraser Coast and Sunshine Coast local families – country families may be eligible for once off fundraising/donation if the Dunga Derby is visiting this community).

6. Applications must be received using the designated form. Supporting documentation may only be included to provide specific information that will enhance the committees understanding of the circumstances faced by the proposed recipient.

7. All applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of the submission; however, the decision of the committee is final, and no further discussions will be entered into regarding the outcome of the application.

8. If the applicant is approved financial support is available for 12 months from the date of approval. Variations at the discretion of the Directors,

9. Funds must be regularly needed by approved recipients. If a recipient (or their next of kin in the event of death) does not require financial support for more than 6 months (and within the 12 month period in paragraph 8), their account will be closed, and the balance of any otherwise approved funds will be forfeited to Rally for a Cause.

Once a successful application/ nomination is approved 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 – RARE, LONG TERM OR CHRONIC.

To be eligible under this criteria, there needs be a new diagnosis (within the last twelve months) or a change in social/functional circumstances for pre -existing diagnosis.

If the chronic illness carries a high risk of mortality or a rare illness (i.e.affecting less than 5 in 10,000 people) or long-term condition that is affecting quality of life of an individual (under 21 or an individual who is providing care and support for a dependent under 21 years of age) and is not a mental or psychiatric illness or mood disorder; and

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 enhanced quality of life.

2. ILLNESS – LIFE THREATENING.

(The recipient is currently undergoing medical treatment for a life-threatening condition, and diagnosis was within 12 months of nomination date)

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 add a pocket medical treatment expenses.
- Reinvestment 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 necessary or essential family living expenses by purchase of vouchers or payment of household bills to ease the strain on family finances- see household bills policy as a guide for what may or may not be covered.
- Reimbursement of out-of-pocket medical expenses
- Facilitation and/ funds for support services
- Purchase of equipment to enhance comfort and/or quality of life.

4. ACCIDENT/INJURY.

(Recent tragic accident or critical or severe injury, currently in hospital or 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 assist with the 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 the strain on family finds finances.
- Facilitation of and/or funds for support services

Tragic accident/critical injury may include (without limitation), actual or likely paralysis, serious spinal injuries, vertebral fractures, loss of limb or part of limb, loss of sight, loss of hearing, brain injury, severe injury, vertebral fractures, needs for life support, recent birth injury or defect or other severe injury that cannot reasonably be managed with pain relief or reduced workload/activity without affecting quality of life and short term limitation from recent accident greater than 5% where full prognosis is not known; but excluding (without another concurrent severe injury or tragic circumstances) disorders like herniated discs and degeneration, sciatica, pinched or compressed nerves, disease-related or inflammation related pain like osteoarthritis /osteoporosis, degenerative disc disorders, curvature of the spine, whiplash because of an accident, lifestyle issues, unclassified back pain or chronic pain conditions or general degeneration due to age.

5. 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 the strain on family finances.
- Facilitation of and/or funds for support services

Other tragic circumstances may be considered at the discretion of the committee having regard to past nominations received or approved and nature of assistance requested.

Human Rights statement

Rally for a Cause's commitment to Human Rights is demonstrated by creating mechanisms that provide support to individuals and/or families now, and into the future for our local community. We seek to remove financial and other barriers that prevent or limit people experiencing the above events from participating, fully, equally, and independently in society, regardless of ethnicity, religion, political persuasion, sexual orientation. In endorsing this criteria, the directors have had due regard to Human Rights as well as their fiduciary duties to the charity, duties to responsibly distribute funds raised through fundraising expressly for Fraser Coast and Sunshine Coast local families and availability of

the National Disability Insurance Scheme, aged care, other support services/specialist charities for certain circumstances or individual needs.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Most every eventuality cannot be captured in this document, the assistance outlined above are provided as 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 recipient's individual family circumstances
- consideration of other funding avenues that may be available to the recipient.
- advice provided by a medical practitioner.

Monetary amounts of assistance that may be provided will be in consideration of the proposed recipient's current circumstances and short-term requirements, with the aim of the assistance providing short - term, immediate support.

In general, the level of support will have an upper level capped at a maximum of \$10,000.

Any request for assistance above \$10,000 or additional nominations within a 3 -year period of initial assistance may be considered at the discretion of the committee.

Approved applicants will receive financial support for 12 months from the date of approval with variations at the discretion of the directors.

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 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 Rally for a Cause committee may undertake other SPECIAL PROJECTS and/or EXTRA FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES to further assist individuals or families within the Fraser Coast and Sunshine Coast Regions. 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 kind support such as trade services or products etc) will be put towards the assistance provided in the special project.

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