RALLY FOR A CAUSE RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY and FUNDS DISTRIBUTION POLICY

Rally for a Cause was established to provide short term, immediate support to individuals and 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 that includes a minimum of 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, Rally for a Cause has established the following policy and guidelines that are used by the selection committee to assess who will receive our support.

NOMINATION INFORMATION

1. Applications will be accepted from either individuals or organisations; however, support will only be offered to individuals and/or families deemed suitable under the eligibility criteria.

2. The aim of Rally for a Cause support is to provide relief and/or enhance quality of life of individuals and/or families when they are affected by life-limiting medical conditions or have had their lives disrupted by detrimental circumstances beyond their control.

3. At the committee's discretion, support may be in the way of donation of vouchers; provision of goods/services; 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 approved recipient. Applicants are asked to provide information and supporting evidence (if available) on what support would be most beneficial.

4. All personal and medical information provided will be kept confidential and handled in accordance with Australian Privacy Principles*. Information will only be shared with Board and Committee members for nomination assessment purposes.

5. The definition of “the recipient” is the person who has the life-limiting medical condition, or in the case of the Tragic Circumstances criteria, “the recipient” is the family member (partner/parent/next of kin) grieving the unexpected loss of a family member. Recipients must be aged under sixty (60) years (any variation is at the discretion of the Rally for a Cause Directors).

6. 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). Proof of the recipient's regular residential address must be supplied before they are able to access approved funds.

7. Applications must be received using the designated Recipient Nomination 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.

8. 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.

9. If the nomination is approved, financial support is available for 12 months from the date of approval. Funds are only available for payment of invoices or reimbursement of receipts dated within the approval period.

10. Funds must be regularly accessed 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 approved funds will be relinquished.

11. In the event of the death of a recipient during the time they are receiving financial support from Rally for a Cause, then the funds may be used by the recipient's immediate family members (spouse/de facto partner, parents or children) for the same purpose for which they were approved. In the case where there is no immediate family, the recipient account will be closed and the balance of any approved funds will be relinquished.

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.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA & 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, the proposed recipient must be an individual (aged under 21-years, or who provides care and support to a dependent under 21-years of age), who has received a new diagnosis (within the last 12 months) or who has had a significant change in social/functional circumstances for a pre-existing diagnosis (within the last 3 months).

The chronic/long term illness must be one that carries a high risk of mortality or one that is considered a rare illness (i.e. affecting less than 5 in 10,000 people) that is affecting the quality of life of the individual and is NOT a mental or psychiatric illness or mood disorder.

Approved recipients under this criteria may receive short term, once only support 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

To be eligible under this criteria, the proposed recipient must be an individual that is currently undergoing medical treatment for a life-threatening illness. The illness must have been diagnosed within 12 months of the nomination date and the illness and/or treatment regime is affecting family circumstances and/or quality of life of the proposed recipient.

Approved recipients under this criteria may receive short term support 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

To be eligible under this criteria, the proposed recipient must be an individual with a terminal illness that has a limited life-expectancy or has reached palliative stage and care of the recipient is affecting family circumstances.

Approved recipients under this criteria may receive immediate, short term support 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
- Reimbursement of out-of-pocket medical expenses
- Facilitation of and/or funds for support services
- Purchase of equipment to enhance comfort or quality of life

4. ACCIDENT/INJURY

To be eligible under this criteria, the proposed recipient must be an individual involved in a recent accident or received a critical or severe injury requiring hospitalisation or on-going treatment and/or rehabilitation.

The accident or injury must have resulted in a temporary disability or a treatment/rehabilitation regime that is affecting family circumstances and/or the proposed recipient's quality of life.

Approved recipients under this criteria may receive immediate, short term support for: -

- Reimbursement of out-of-pocket medical treatment expenses related to the disability or treatment/rehabilitation
- 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 finances
- Facilitation of and/or funds for support services

NOTE: 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, need 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

To be eligible under this criteria, the proposed recipient would be the Family member (partner/parent/next of kin) grieving the unexpected loss of a family member who was aged under 60 years old.

Approved recipients under this criteria may receive immediate, short term support 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 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 the nature of assistance requested.

***The Australian Privacy Principles** (or APP's) are the cornerstone of the privacy protection framework in the Privacy Act 1988. They apply to any organisation or agency the privacy Act covers.*

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 to 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:

Whilst every circumstance/eventuality cannot be captured in this document, the criteria 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 to provide 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 only at the discretion of the Rally for a Cause Directors.

Recommendations on the level of assistance are provided by the Recipient Committee to the Rally for a Cause Board Directors 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 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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