

Grant-Application Writing Examples

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St Joseph's Family Centre

What does your organisation do?



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<p>For over 60 years, St Joseph's has developed its position in Australia as a trusted organisation that offers a holistic approach to meeting the human need wherever it is required. Our mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and meet human needs in His name without discrimination. We believe in the power of community and to be community builders, not just service providers. We work with people over the long-term, helping them to find long-term solutions. We help over 10,000 people in Australia each year.</p>	<p>St Joseph's Family Shelter provides practical and emotional support to more than ten thousand men, women and children each year through its diverse range of services at five sites across Greater XXX. Established in 1962, St Joseph's still works in accordance with its original mission: to respond to and support those in times of need, without discrimination.</p> <p>St Joseph's network of services is backed by a committed team of staff and volunteers and includes housing and homelessness services, family services, financial counselling and emergency relief.</p>

Why does this work need to be done?



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<p>Three years ago St Joseph's identified a need to build a refuge which combines an addiction recovery facility and transitional accommodation in South XXX. This facility will provide services for men and women adversely affected by alcohol, drugs and gambling, and offer temporary housing for those whose lives have been affected by addiction and who do not have access to permanent housing.</p>	<p>XXX City Council's 2006 Census found a total of 7,996 people are homeless in XXX. More than 2,000 of these were identified within Inner City XXX. Despite these numbers, there is currently NO facility in South XXX which offers both onsite addiction recovery support services and temporary accommodation. Reports show that people with mental health or substance abuse issues have particular difficulty in maintaining housing (www.lmct.org.au/homelessness-facts).</p> <p>To this end, St Joseph's will join forces with ABC Health Services to establish a new addiction recovery centre, where homeless men and women can receive both help to recover from substance addiction and a temporary roof over their heads. Counselling staff will also work together with residents to assist with employment and accommodation options.</p>

What will you do?



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<p>Work to support the future prospects of men and women with addiction problems by providing temporary accommodation, wellness programs and client behavioural counselling.</p>	<p>With funding support from Funder XYZ, St Joseph's will furnish 8 accommodation units within its new addiction recovery centre.</p>

Who will benefit?



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Up to 8 clients at any time.	These units will serve as temporary accommodation for those clients who are without permanent accommodation or not currently living in their own homes.

What are the expected outcomes?



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<p>St Joseph's anticipates that the most important outcomes for this project will be vastly improved outcomes for men and women battling to recover from addiction.</p> <p>With support from our case workers, far greater numbers of former addicts will recover and move on with their lives.</p>	<p>With funding support from Funder XYZ, this project will achieve a number of positive outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of XXX's first addiction recovery centre which offers both interim accommodation and wellbeing/health support services for up to 200 clients per year • Significantly expanded and enhanced recovery options for men and women facing the challenge of addiction in the XXX district • Improved potential for clients and residents to seek and maintain meaningful employment through case worker support • Better health outcomes for clients and residents with appointment of clinical nurse care coordinator via ABC Health Services partnership.

How will you know if these outcomes have been achieved?



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<p>On completion of the first 12 months of operation, St Joseph's will complete and make available a comprehensive evaluation report, detailing the outcomes and impact of its first year of service. We will use this report to determine the recovery centre's overall success in making a positive difference in the lives of its clients.</p>	<p>St Joseph's will evaluate the impact of its proposed addiction recovery centre using our own project evaluation framework. This model employs both quantitative and qualitative indicators to gauge the project effectiveness for all key stakeholders. Evaluation will be conducted by the Project Co-ordinator, who is responsible for measuring outcomes and reporting within set timeframes.</p> <p>In this instance, KPIs will include:</p> <p>Quantitative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of referrals from local health/community service providers • Number of clients treated in 12 month period • Number of clients choosing to use accommodation facilities and length of stay • Number of clients who have proceeded to permanent accommodation with support of St Joseph's case worker <p>Qualitative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anecdotal feedback from St Joseph's staff and case workers • Types and source of referrals (i.e. indicating awareness of the service) • Pre and post-admission client surveys • Review of client type e.g. reason for admission, access to housing.