Cystic Fibrosis Australia

Cystic Fibrosis Australia (CFA) is the national not-for-profit organisation for people with cystic fibrosis (CF). CFA’s mission is to deliver research, advocacy and quality improvement outcomes for the CF community in Australia and be the peak body supporting our State/Territory members with their goal of enhancing the quality of life of people affected by CF.

CFA secures funds for the Australian Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust (ACFRT). The ACFRT uses the funds to support research in Australia that will benefit the CF community.

Further information can be obtained from www.cysticfibrosis.org.au

McCusker Charitable Foundation

The McCusker Charitable Foundation will consider applications for research funding in the areas of Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, Crohn’s disease, Colitis, Tourette syndrome, Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue.

Further information can be obtained from www.mccuskercharitable.com.au
NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION RESEARCH FUND

The National Suicide Prevention Research Fund (NSPRF) was established by the Australian Government in 2017. It is managed by national peak body Suicide Prevention Australia (SPA) in partnership with leading experts from research, service delivery and the lived experience community.

The investment made in the NSPRF totals $12 million over three years and it supports knowledge development in relation to suicide prevention with an emphasis on the rapid translation of research outcomes into real world improvements.

In 2019 the fund will draw upon the NHMRC peer review process to assess the scientific excellence of applications submitted for funding in the category of Ideas Grants.

Researchers seeking funding should submit applications to the NHMRC Ideas Grant Scheme. In the privacy section of their application they should give consent for NHMRC to provide the application and assessment information to other funding organisations (ie Suicide Prevention Australia).

Please see the Ideas Grant webpage: https://nhmrc.gov.au/funding/find-funding/ideas-grants

SPA will consider funding Ideas Grant applications that address the following priority areas:

1. What works to prevent suicide and suicidal behaviour? For whom? Why?
   Studies of indicated, selective and universal interventions will be considered, with particular emphasis being given to studies of indicated interventions. Studies employing any type of research design will be considered providing they can yield meaningful data on effectiveness and, where possible, cost-effectiveness.

2. What factors are protective against suicide? What are the mechanisms by which these protective factors operate? How might we bolster these protective factors for individuals in different communities and/or from different target groups and/or social and cultural backgrounds?
   Again, studies employing any type of research design will be considered, providing they can yield meaningful data on protective factors and their promotion.

The Ideas Grant Research Proposal should include a knowledge translation plan and where possible include descriptions of the inclusion of lived experience expertise and outcomes from a consumer and carer perspective.

This investment into research will enhance development of new and more effective programs, improve existing programs and provide appropriate services for those at risk. Following the NHMRC process, fundable applications will be considered for funding by SPA’s Research Advisory Committee, Chaired by Professor Don Nutbeam with final approval for funding by the Board of SPA.

For more information visit: www.suicidepreventionaust.org