

With Vaccines Community Grants awarded to support vaccine education & uptake

Tuesday 30 August 2022: Sanofi Australia has today announced that eight not-for-profit organisations will receive grants of up to \$5,000 to support community understanding and uptake of vaccines among at-risk populations.

With Vaccines Community Grants were launched by Sanofi Australia earlier this year to support not-for-profit organisations who share the goal of improving vaccination coverage of all vaccines in underserved populations in Australia.

Dr Iris Depaz

Sanofi Australia Head of Medical and member of the *With Vaccines Community Grants* judging committee.

“It is a great honour to support creative, community-based initiatives that will help protect vulnerable people from infectious diseases.

“The successful submissions reflected the need for bespoke health education when it comes to communities with complex needs. These organisations play a critical role in their communities and we are proud to support them.”

The 2022 *With Vaccines Community Grants* judges selected projects most likely to deliver a community impact. These include:

Australian Pompe Association:

The provision of up-to-date information about immunisation for the organisation’s website, including content developed by Dr Collette Bromhead for use ahead of next year’s influenza season through digital and social media channels.

Diabetes Australia:

The implementation of the second phase of the ‘*Diabetes. Be Prepared*’ campaign to raise awareness of the year-round benefit of the influenza vaccine for people with diabetes, particularly those in regional and rural communities.

Diabetes Victoria:

Production of a *Frequently Asked Questions* video to raise awareness of vaccination recommendations for people living with diabetes in Victoria, with a focus on influenza and COVID-19.

Immunisation Foundation of Australia:

Support for the *Human Impact of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases* campaign that will feature the stories of ten people impacted by vaccine-preventable diseases for use across the Foundation’s website, social media channels and for display in community healthcare settings.

Indonesian Diaspora Network:

Design of a health education program to highlight the importance of vaccination within the Australian Indonesian community. This will include a collaboration with Indo-Media, an Australian Indonesian magazine and online platform.

Lung Foundation Australia:

An Australia wide immunisation campaign for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples encouraging vaccine protection against influenza, pneumonia and COVID-19.

The Water Well Project:

The delivery of free, interactive and inclusive health education sessions about vaccines for communities from migrant, refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds. Each session will be facilitated by a qualified healthcare professional to tackle myths and misinformation about immunisation.

City of Whittlesea:

The re-printing of the *A Yarn About Germs* storybook developed after working closely with the children and families from Bubup Wilam Aboriginal Child and Family Centre and originally supported by Sanofi in 2017. The book tells the story of a young girl who learns about germs and how vaccines can keep her safe.

Craig Lloyd

CEO of the City of Whittlesea in Victoria.

“Since it was first printed, A Yarn About Germs has been a hit with the kids, proving to be a creative way to help families learn about the importance of vaccination.

“We look forward to sharing this fantastic book with more families thanks to the With Vaccines Community Grants.”

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