

Backing the Future Case Studies:

Title: Speak Up

Description: We are five young people who met through a local leadership program looking to set up an organisation in Bourke designed to connect young people with decision-makers to create change.

Focus area: Contributing to Society. Funding outcome: Young people are equipped and connected to shape better futures.

My name is Tessa and I have been working with my friends Subeta, Natalia, Mauricio and Kevin to ensure young people's voices are better heard by local decision-makers. This grant will enable us to advance our idea for a local engagement program between young people, local business and council to ensure young people's voices are heard on key issues from street lighting to local transport. Our application highlights local young people's sense of frustration at not being heard and provides a draft program outline.

Title: Youth Voice in Agriculture

Description: The development of an organisation that connects and equips young people in agriculture to build a better future for themselves and the country.

Focus area: Caring for the Environment. Funding outcome: Young people gain new environmental knowledge, skills and networks.

My name is Pearl and I am a 23-year-old young woman who has built a network providing support services to young people working in the agricultural industry. This network recognises that there is a lack of support for younger farmers, especially those pursuing new ways of working in agriculture. I am applying for funding to pay myself a salary for 12-months to spend time strengthening the Youth Voice in Agriculture network and obtaining charitable status. My Backing the Future grant submission includes a one-page strategic plan and letters of support from my network.

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Title: Connecting young people with the Christian faith

Description: Piloting a new digital platform bringing together different figures and stories to engage young people in the Christian faith.

Focus area: Exploring Christian Faith and Values. Funding outcome: Young people gain knowledge of and interest in Christian faith.

My name is Lewis and I am passionate about making the Christian story more accessible and engaging for young people. As a community leader with strong networks throughout the Christianity space in Australia, I want to utilise my skills and contacts to create an interesting and exciting digital platform for young people to engage with the Christian faith. I want to utilise this grant to kickstart video and social content for the platform. My application emphasises how consultation with young people has informed this idea and provides a detailed timeline of key milestones over the next 12 months.

Title: A new social enterprise for young people

Description: Research to advance the business model of a social enterprise for young people in the Southern Highlands.

Focus area: Decent Work. Funding outcome: Increased entry level jobs for young people.

My name is Yuki and I have been working with young people in the Southern Highlands for more than three decades. This idea is based on high rates of youth unemployment in the Southern Highlands and a consultation with local young people hungry for job opportunities. This grant will fund research into local opportunities for a social enterprise designed to build young people's skills and employment prospects. As part of my application, I have included a research plan and an overview of relevant local stakeholders.