



Sexual Health Awareness Week 2011

Your Life.Your Contraception.Your Choice

Community Grants Program Information

Empowering communities through access to funding, resources and sexual health information.

We are pleased to announce that community grants of up to \$400 are available to community groups and agencies for activities that promote awareness of the choices in contraception during Sexual Health Awareness Week 2011 (14–21 February). This theme celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Contraceptive Pill in Australia.

Closing date for applications is 12 November 2010.

What is Sexual Health Awareness Week?

Sexual Health Awareness Week (SHAW) is targeted at young adults between 18 and 30 years. It aims to increase awareness of sexual health issues and encourage South Australian communities to start talking openly about relationships and sexuality.

What is the Community Grants Program?

SHine SA recognises that communities need the flexibility to develop their own sexual health promotion strategies and activities that meet the needs of their community, taking into consideration differing social, cultural and values sensitivities.

The Community Grants Program has been developed to empower individuals, groups and communities to take greater responsibility for their sexual health.

Choices in contraception is the focus of Sexual Health Awareness Week 2011, with the theme of ***Your Life. Your Contraception. Your Choice.***

Successful grant applications must increase awareness and knowledge of the **choices in contraception** available.

What has happened in previous years?

Sexual Health Awareness Week supports agencies and community groups to create a comfortable space to raise awareness and knowledge around choices in contraception.

Examples of previous events include:

- hosting a workshop or forum and inviting a guest speaker
- devoting a regular drop in/ program time to the theme of SHAW
- running arts focused workshops revolving around or creating space to increase awareness around the theme of SHAW
- organising a competition with a SHAW theme
- hosting a movie night and using the opportunity before or after to increase awareness of the theme of SHAW
- organising an excursion and creating a safe and relaxed space to increase awareness of the theme of SHAW.

We encourage you to think outside the square and plan events that use a creative approach to health promotion.

More information about SHAW is available on SHine SA's website at www.shinesa.org.au

Who can apply for a Community Grant?

Anyone with an ABN number (South Australia only) can apply for a grant. Of course this does not mean that everyone will be successful, as the number of grants is limited.

Priority will be given to community agencies planning an event or activity during February 2011 that:

- targets **18–30 year olds**
- broadens understanding of **choices in contraception**
- empowers young adults to participate

We will also give particular consideration to applicants working with young adults who are vulnerable, at risk or marginalised, either socially, culturally, economically or physically.

How can you apply for a Community Grant?

1. Please refer to 'Process for Grant Applicants' flowchart.
2. Send the application form to SHine SA by **12 November 2010:**
Fax: 8300 5399
Email: jo.brown@health.sa.gov.au
Post:
SHine SA
SHAW Community Grants
PO Box 76
Woodville SA 5011

All forms are also available to download from SHine SA's website at www.shinesa.org.au

Help me!

If you have any queries please contact Jo Brown at SHine SA on 8300 5300 or email jo.brown@health.sa.gov.au

SHine SA can support your planned activity by providing resources and teaching tools. You can also request a guest speaker. Please contact the region nearest you if you require any assistance:

- East/West region (Woodville): 8300 5300
- Northern region (Davoren Park): 8256 0700
- Southern region (Christies Beach): 8186 8600
- Rural: 1800 188 171 (Toll free)

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