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Synergy Grants to help Ministry Impact

One million dollars in grants is available to help churches and ministries get to the “next level” of health & mission

Churches of Christ in NSW understand that the local church is the ‘God-designed’ faith community where effective ministry and mission takes place. As we move further into this new millennium, the form of a local church will, by definition change, as each community seeks to be relevant and connected in its context. This means that **while some churches may continue to grow in their present format, others will commence new initiatives.** These could be house-based, work-place related, or even focused around an ethnic group, sub-



Pictured: The ministry team from Rivergum Community Church in Rouse Hill, Sydney. Just one of the many vibrant groups striving to make an impact on their corner of the world. Synergy grants exist to help our churches across NSW to engage the community, empower leaders, energise churches, and evangelise neighbourhoods

culture or specific community meeting in a variety of formats, locations and times.

In these exciting times, the role of NSW Conference through its staff is primarily to assist and add value to these churches and situations. One

way to make this contribution is through **The Synergy Project.** There are three forms of financial grants designed to assist worthy projects:

Partnership Grants – up to \$30,000: An intentional process of collaboration and

leadership partnership over a two year period, where senior conference staff work in synergy with the local church and its leaders. This is designed to diagnose their current situation and enable the church to advance beyond maintenance to more effective mission.

Catalyst Grants

– **up to \$10,000:** Grant money provided to serve as a catalyst to get something worthwhile off the ground. Especially for innovative new projects, to secure new equipment or add a part-time staff member.

Leadership Grants

– **up to \$5,000:** A people-focused grant which stimulates opportunities for enhanced development, study, research or travel where the applicant is exposed to learning environments which contribute to maximizing their potential.

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for more information about the grant application process please visit our website:

www.synergyproject.org.au