



**MYSTATE FINANCIAL FOUNDATION - \$100,000 GRANTS
29 April 2010**

MyState Financial Foundation today announced more than \$100,000 of grants to assist 22 youth organisations Statewide.

MyState Financial Foundation chairman Tim Gourlay said the Foundation was extremely proud of its contribution to Tasmanian youth.

“In the past 10 years, the MyState Financial Foundation has provided \$730,000 to 90 organisations Statewide,” Mr Gourlay said.

“Tasmania is an exceptional State with wonderful opportunities for our young people. “But not everyone enjoys those opportunities and MyState Financial Foundation aims to assist young people who need help.

“Our goal is to enable ‘Young Tasmanians To Reach Their Full Potential’.”

This year, Foundation grants include:

- \$7778 - Hobart Women’s Shelter - “Music Moves Kids”: 2x10-week music therapy program to increase involvement between mother and child, improve communication and family relationships.
- \$5000 – Bridgewater PCYC - ‘Youth Futures’ Program: providing a part-time youth worker to assist with the operation of a drop-in-service and support services for “at risk” young people.
- \$5000 - Colony 47. – “My Life My Future”: a holistic life-skills project for young homeless women.
- \$4000 - Special Olympics Tasmania – “Ribbon Days”: a Community Sports-Link Tasmania Schools Program for people with intellectual disabilities.



NAME OF ORGANISATION	GRANT \$	PROJECTS
Appin Hall Children's Foundation	6,039	Improve facilities at Appin Hall children's respite centre.
Beacon Foundation	5,000	'Lunch with the girls' self-development workshops targeted at 15-16 year old female students at risk of disengaging from school.
Bridgewater Police & Citizens Youth Club	5,000	'Youth Futures' Program - provide a part-time youth worker to assist with the operation of a drop-in-service and support services for 'at risk' young people.
Centacare Tasmania	1,600	'Let's Talk' program involving 3 group workshops to benefit young people who are experiencing difficulty with, communication and stress.
Clarence Police & Citizens Youth Club	4,050	'Active Rural Kids' an early intervention program targeting at-risk youth in their school environment promoting confidence and self esteem.
Christian Youth Centre	5,000	Assist with the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) 2010 leadership camp.
Colony 47	5,000	'My Life My Future' a holistic life-skills project for young homeless women.
Devonfield Enterprises	4,755	'A Chance for Change' program - to assist young Tasmanians with disability and at-risk, currently under court supervision, to gain life skills training to maintain healthy independent living.
Down Syndrome Tasmania	4,200	'Bright Stars' dance group project to enhance team co-ordination, communication and personal skills.
Girl Guides Association of Tasmania	1,660	'Taking on Challenges in the Outdoors' project of camp programs developing confidence and team work skills.
Hobart Police & Community Youth Club	5,030	'Youthlinx' a 40-week activities project addressing social issues in Kingston and Claremont high schools.
Hobart Women's Shelter	7,778	'Music Moves Kids' 2 x 10 weeks music therapy program to increase involvement between mother and child, improve communication and family relationships.
Mission Australia	4,560	Parenting Mentor Program - training parents to develop their skills as peer supporters for the 'Parents Staying Connected' program.
Oakdale Services Tasmania	4,150	Purchase materials and equipment for the Accessible Vegetable Garden Project involving gardening activities for residents.
The Salvation Army	7,450	Provide resource material for the 'Financial Fitness for Kids' program - to

		encourage children to manage money, budget, save and plan for the future.
Sexual Assault Support Services.	2,300	Purchase of personal transitional therapy tools for children and adolescents aged 15 years and above.
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Special Olympics Tasmania	4,000	'Ribbon Days' a Community Sports-Link Tasmania Schools Program for people with intellectual disabilities.
Tasmanian Association of Disabled Persons Abilities Centre	5,000	Purchase an address printer to increase skill levels, confidence and provide a stimulating environment for young adults 18-25 with disabilities.
Tasmanian Theatre Company	5,000	Commission playwright Finegan Krukemeyer to write a play 'Bully for You' to be performed in schools around Tasmania.
UnitingCare Tasmania	5,000	Expansion of the 'Music Together' project encouraging positive relationships between children and their parents.
Youth & Family Focus Inc.	5,000	lparty2 Interactive Workshop program addressing binge drinking and high risk behaviours in young people.
Youth Suicide Action Group	5,000	Upgrade 'The Time Out House' with natural gas and the purchase of appliances.
TOTAL FUNDING	104,272	

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