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Tell us about your organisation and the services you provide?*

RESPECT Communications Ltd runs a youth communications program in East Devonport using horsemanship skills to show the importance and impact that body language and energy projection has when communicating with others. We teach participants emotional regulation and communication skills in a fun and safe environment, which builds their confidence and social awareness. As a result of the program, many of the participants are then empowered to re-engage back into education, workforce, society, etc.

What are your usual sources of funding?*

We have embarked upon some fundraising in the past (eg Bunnings BBQ). Currently our main source of funding is from payments for the sessions we hold. These payments are made by either a referring agency or the client's family..

What is the name of your program?*

Respect Communications Ltd delivering the Horses helping Humans Youth Communication program

What are the goals of your program & what does your program aim to achieve?*1,000

The goal of our program is to use horses to assist mostly disengaged or at risk young people to re-connect with society.

Launched over 15 years ago in Qld, the Horses Helping Humans Youth Communications Program has been highly acclaimed for successfully assisting young people return to education, enter the workforce, and become connected with their families/society. These results have been echoed here in Tas since RESPECT Communications Ltd launched the program in March 2018.

Our aim is to train up more facilitators to run the program around Tasmania, and to also introduce a variant of the program in schools.

At this time the program is being greatly restricted by the cost of training and certifying facilitators & horses, & if we are successful with this grant, the additional funding would be used to pay for the certifying of another facilitator & horse. This would enable us to substantially increase the number of programs RESPECT Communications Ltd is able to run.

Tell us about your program, including its main activities?*750

We teach horsemanship skills to show the importance and impact that body language and energy projection has when communicating with others. We teach participants about the four main personality types, and teach them how their strongest one or two personality types predispose them to a certain body language and energy projection, particularly when under stress.

We then teach participants emotional regulation and communication skills in a fun and safe environment, which builds their confidence and social awareness. As a result of the program, many of the participants are then empowered to re-engage back into education, workforce, society, etc. thus transforming their lives, and the lives of others in their direct environment.

How will your program be managed?*250

RESPECT Communications Ltd employs a manager who has considerable experience in managing people, horses and programs within Tasmania, & reports to a board of 4 directors, (3 of whom are professionals within the health & education sectors).

How will your organisation ensure that performance targets are met?*250

Currently we are operating close to full capacity given our existing resources. The extra funding offered in this grant, will enable us to increase our resources & then further promote & expand the program thus increasing the number of participants.