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icare foundation INVESTING \$4M TO IMPROVE LIFE FOR INJURED PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES

Applications are open for a share in \$4 million of funding from the icare foundation, available to anyone with an innovative idea to improve quality of life for people living with a serious injury.

“Every year people suffer serious injuries at work and on NSW roads. These people’s lives change in an instant. Navigating the immediate after effects and then adjusting to injury takes time, persistence and a lot of support,” said Barney Smith, Interim General Manager icare foundation.

“People with serious injuries face trials that most of us don’t have to deal with – there can be a loss of meaning and purpose in their lives, and they often have to deal with chronic pain. We know that, for example 50% of people in our Lifetime Care scheme with a brain injury suffer from ongoing depression and anxiety. With serious psychological injuries such as PTSD, there can be an ongoing sense of stigma and shame to deal with.”

“We’re looking for ideas that could make a tangible difference to the lives of people who are seriously injured in NSW and the people that care for them. Together, we’ll co-create new solutions to ensure that these people and their families get the support and services they need,” Smith added.

Through the Quality of Life Fund, icare foundation is looking to fund initiatives that support the seriously injured in the following ways:

- provide practical and/or emotional support for carers and families to better support the seriously injured person;
- enrich life and provide a renewed sense of value and purpose for people living with serious injury;
- assist people (and their families) to adapt to life post-injury;
- help people to manage chronic pain effectively; or
- foster social connection and inclusiveness.

“By targeting five fields, we believe we can spread impact across the key areas where people are struggling the most to create real, practical and effective solutions now and into the future,” Smith said.

“Whether you’re a community organisation, a not-for-profit, a social enterprise, or simply someone whose got a great idea to make a real difference in this space, we want to hear from you,” Smith said.

Applications are open for four weeks from the Monday 21 January until Friday 15 Feb 2019.

Interested parties can register to attend an Information Session on 6 February at the Start Up Hub on York Street, Sydney. For more information, visit

<https://www.icare.nsw.gov.au/icare-foundation>

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