

Media release**26 May 2008****Future2 Foundation opens new round of grant applications**

Australian charities seeking funding for grassroots projects that assist disadvantaged young people or those with special needs have until 31 July to apply for the latest round of Future2's Make the Difference! Grants.

Future2, whose new website showcases the three inaugural grant recipients, is again calling on FPA Chapters to help identify local projects that may fit the guidelines.

"Future2 aims to contribute to projects and programs which give a second chance and hope for a better future to Australians trapped in difficult financial and social circumstances", said Corinna Dieters, trustee of Future2 and chair of its Grants & Projects Committee.

"Our Make the Difference! Grant program is designed to encourage the involvement of FPA members in community projects, requiring that each application is supported by the local FPA Chapter. Last year we received six strong applications – a really encouraging response – and this time around we are hoping for more", she added.

Future2 trustees will be looking for projects that focus on the needs of 18-25 year olds who may be at risk of custodial sentences, or who are alienated from their families and society, dependent on drugs or alcohol, outside mainstream education or unemployed.

The Foundation may make up to three grants of \$10,000 each, with a further \$20,000 at the discretion of trustees to the most outstanding of these.

"In assessing the initial applications, we'll be focusing on those which operate regionally or nationwide. Local projects that could be replicated more widely will also be contenders. All must be able to demonstrate the impact of additional funding on the success of the project. Projects may also wish to include the involvement of financial planning professionals as community volunteers or in a pro bono capacity", Ms Dieters explained.

Based on initial applications, Future2 will seek additional information from the strongest, in the form of a full proposal to be received by 15 October. The trustees' final decision will be notified by 15 November 2008.

Further details are available on the Future2 website, www.future2foundation.org.au under Projects or on request to info@future2foundation.org.au

-ends-

For further information:

- Susan Grice, FPA / Future2, 0418 391 934
- Dr Chris Westinghouse, FPA Interim Media Communications Manager (02) 9220 4506

Future2 exists to support the financially under-privileged and to enable the financial planning profession and associated stakeholders to give back to the community from which they draw their livelihoods. A key factor differentiating Future2 from other foundations is the strong link it seeks to establish with FPA members who will assist with project identification, fundraising and promoting the foundation's work in the community.