



ANNIVERSARY
AWARD

SEMI-FINALISTS



Learn more about the Macquarie 50th Anniversary Award semi-finalists



From close to 1,000 applications received as part of the Macquarie 50th Anniversary Award, a rigorous multi-stage process was conducted to select 60 semi-finalists based on the Award objectives.

All applications were assessed by Macquarie Group Foundation team and in-depth due diligence was conducted by external consultants on these semi-finalists in March 2019.

These organisations are driving change in communities around the world. If you're a funder interested in learning more and potentially supporting one these projects, we encourage you to contact the organisations using the details below.

Organisation name	Bush Heritage Australia
Project name	Transforming Australian Agriculture – Regenerative Grazing, Revolving Loans
Project description	Bush Heritage will collaborate with the farming industry to promote regenerative farming through a long-term investment and conservation strategy.
Get in touch	bushheritage.org.au
Organisation name	Cape York Partnership
Project name	The Great Dreaming Track
Project description	First Nations Australians are set to reclaim economic agency via The Great Dreaming Track project which will unlock via tourism, the Cape York region, for meaningful economic development in a way that ensures the benefits flow directly back to remote Indigenous communities.
Get in touch	capeyorkpartnership.org.au
Organisation name	Cardano Development
Project name	Development Impact Bond Cook & Clean
Project description	Innovative financial instrument to crowd in private capital and scale up social enterprises in the household energy industry by monetizing health benefits for the switch of poor people to clean ways of cooking.
Get in touch	cardanodevelopment.com

Organisation name	Child In Need Institute (CINI)
Project name	APower – An Innovative Digital Solution for Adolescent Empowerment in India
Project description	The proposed project will be an innovative technology-based solution which will save lives of vulnerable adolescents from school drop-out, child labour, early marriage, early pregnancy, trafficking and other types of violations of rights of children, through real-time alarm and alert generation.
Get in touch	cini-india.org
Organisation name	Christian Medical College and Hospital, Ludhiana (CMC-L)
Project name	A Rural Centre of Excellence for Stroke & Neurological disorder treatment and research
Project description	Rural-oriented, community-empowering, scalable treatment centre for stroke and allied neurological disorders in low-resource settings.
Get in touch	cmcludhiana.in
Organisation name	CUNY Office of K-16 Initiatives
Project name	Next Stop College
Project description	The CUNY Next Stop College pilot aims to improve the success of participating high school students by providing 11th graders targeted, customized, and actionable information regarding college admission, affordability, and recommended actions to improve the odds of earning a college degree.
Get in touch	k16.cuny.edu
Organisation name	Draper
Project name	Managing Ocean Plastic Pollution to Zero
Project description	This project will create a new system capable of accelerating plastic pollution mitigation efforts, will demonstrate the effectiveness of that system in high profile pilot projects, and will disseminate real-time pollution index data to the public and policymakers.
Get in touch	draper.com/microplastics
Organisation name	East London Business Alliance
Project name	Everyone's Business
Project description	Tackling knife crime and serious youth violence in London will require every sector of society to play a part, including employers and businesses who have a powerful contribution to make.
Get in touch	elba-1.org.uk
Organisation name	EcoPeace Middle East
Project name	Rehabilitating the Jordan River
Project description	The project aims to rehabilitate the iconic Jordan River which has been severely degraded, working with stakeholders and local constituencies in Jordan, Palestine and Israel to improve wastewater management and build regional transboundary cooperation to ensure the sustainable development of the Jordan Valley.
Get in touch	ecopeaceme.org

Organisation name	edX (edX Inc)
Project name	MicroBachelors Programs™
Project description	edX seeks to transform higher education and the lives of millions of people world-wide through the development of revolutionary stacked and modular Bachelor's degrees, composed of high-quality, online, flexible, affordable, credit-backed MicroBachelors programs focused on in-demand, industry-endorsed and career-relevant skills for a 21st century workforce.
Get in touch	edx.org

Organisation name	Ellen MacArthur Foundation
Project name	New Plastics Economy (NPEC)
Project description	The New Plastics Economy is an initiative to build momentum towards a plastics system that works. Applying the principles of the circular economy, it brings together key stakeholders to rethink and redesign the future of plastics, starting with packaging.
Get in touch	newplasticseconomy.org

Organisation name	The Financial Clinic
Project name	Change Machine: The Catalyst of Financial Security
Project description	With an investment in Change Machine – The Financial Clinic's social enterprise and B2B2C software as a service (SaaS) financial coaching platform that has built financial security for more than 60,000 working poor Americans to date – The Financial Clinic can produce systemic change that drives economic mobility in low-income communities.
Get in touch	thefinancialclinic.org change-machine.org

Organisation name	Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN)
Project name	On-farm domestication of edible wild insects for food, feed and waste management
Project description	On-farm domestication of beneficial and culturally acceptable insects that have capacity of addressing current and future protein deficiencies, as well as contributing solutions to environmentally-friendly waste management systems, and employment creation.
Get in touch	fanrpan.org/farm-domestication-edible-wild-insects

Organisation name	Foodbank NSW & ACT
Project name	Foodbank Charity Herd
Project description	Building a sustainable “virtual” charity herd of cattle to provide a reliable supply of affordable protein for hungry Aussies.
Get in touch	foodbanknsw.org.au

Organisation name	Frontline AIDs (formally International HIV/AIDS Alliance)
Project name	READY Teens
Project description	The bold and innovative project will reach the adolescents most other HIV programs can't; preventing new HIV infections and reducing the number of deaths from AIDS-related illnesses among the most marginalized adolescents in Ethiopia and Uganda.
Get in touch	frontlineaids.org

Organisation name	Generation – You Employed Inc
Project name	Training and employment for disadvantaged youth
Project description	Generation is a youth employment non-profit with a dual mission: to empower young people to build thriving, sustainable careers and to provide employers the highly skilled, motivated talent they need. To date, over 31,000 young adults have graduated from the Generation program, over 80% of whom have been placed into careers in 101 cities across thirteen countries.
Get in touch	generation.org
Organisation name	GiveDirectly
Project name	From Subsistence to Rebuilding: Large Cash Transfers for Long-Term Refugees
Project description	The program provides relatively large (\$1000 USD), lump-sum, unconditional cash transfers to protracted refugees in Uganda to empower them to jump start a better life, allowing them to graduate from subsistence-level humanitarian aid.
Get in touch	givedirectly.org
Organisation name	Guide Dogs Victoria
Project name	Accessible public spaces for people with low vision or blindness
Project description	The project aims to implement BlindSquare assistive navigational technologies across 1,500 transport and public sites in Australia, New Zealand and Asia Pacific, which will be available to the 600,000 people living with low vision or blindness.
Get in touch	guidedogsvictoria.com.au
Organisation name	Holdsworth Community Ltd
Project name	Holdsworth HomeShare
Project description	Holdsworth HomeShare matches older people who are living alone with a room to spare, with a caring person who is happy to provide companionship in return for affordable accommodation.
Get in touch	holdsworth.org.au/homeshare/
Organisation name	The HOPE Program (Hope Program Inc)
Project name	Building Sustainable Futures
Project description	HOPE will leverage the 1) existing career pathways in the affordable housing sector and 2) emerging opportunities in kelp farming and related careers to empower New Yorkers to thrive in job markets not currently available to them. This approach helps to lift our neighbors out of poverty while retaining critical affordable housing and addressing sustainability issues for our City.
Get in touch	thehopeprogram.org
Organisation name	International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (icddr,b)
Project name	Addressing urban slum health challenges: Can an innovative low-cost slum upgrading package make an impact in Dhaka and beyond?
Project description	icddr,b will pilot an innovative low-cost slum upgrading package in Dhaka slums in order to address this emerging global health crisis.
Get in touch	icddr.org

Organisation name	Macquarie University
Project name	Overcoming Adversity in Education: Five Innovations in Five Years
Project description	Macquarie University's experts in child development, emotional health and education propose five integrated, innovative solutions to radically improve Australian children's access to the help they need to overcome adversity in education and place them back on the road to success.
Get in touch	Macquarie University's Faculty of Human Sciences Macquarie University's Vision to Help Every Child, in Every School, Across Australia

Organisation name	Meningitis Research Foundation
Project name	Defeating meningitis by 2030
Project description	Meningitis Research Foundation is working with the World Health Organization and partners to develop and implement a Global Roadmap to defeat meningitis by 2030.
Get in touch	Defeating meningitis by 2030

Organisation name	Museum of London and Culture Mile
Project name	FutureProof
Project description	Heritage, arts and specialist support organisations working together to promote the social mobility and life chances of London's most disadvantaged young people through cultural experiences.
Get in touch	culturemile.london

Organisation name	myAgro
Project name	Alleviating poverty for farmers through financial inclusion
Project description	myAgro has pioneered a mobile layaway payments model that enables farmers to invest their own funds in high-quality seed, fertilizer, tools and training to significantly increase their harvests and income.
Get in touch	myagro.org

Organisation name	Noora Health
Project name	Care Companion Program
Project description	Training family members with health skills in hospitals to improve patient outcomes and save lives.
Get in touch	noorahealth.org

Organisation name	OneSky for all children
Project name	Pioneering Quality Early Childhood Care and Education in Marginalized Communities of Asia
Project description	OneSky trains communities to provide high quality ECD interventions that help vulnerable young children thrive.
Get in touch	onesky.org

Organisation name	Opportunity International Australia Limited
Project name	Education Finance
Project description	Opportunity's Education Finance program provides access to quality education so the next generation has the chance to break free from the cycle of poverty.
Get in touch	opportunity.org.au/our-work/education
Organisation name	Practical Action
Project name	The Global Distributors Collective
Project description	A growing collective of more than 120 last mile distribution companies across 40 countries dedicated to reaching unserved customers with life-changing products, such as solar lanterns, water filters and nutrition products.
Get in touch	globaldistributorscollective.org
Organisation name	Rocky Mountain Institute
Project name	Global Cooling Prize
Project description	The Global Cooling Prize is an innovation competition to develop a climate-friendly room air conditioner that can provide cooling to people around the world without warming the planet, allowing for increased productivity, positive health outcomes, and accelerated economic development.
Get in touch	globalcoolingprize.org
Organisation name	The School for Social Entrepreneurs (SSE)
Project name	Global Social Entrepreneurship – creating inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities.
Project description	A global programme of capacity building and financial investment in the citizens creating a sustainable future in their communities to trigger a global shift towards achieving the UN's goal of Sustainable Cities and Communities by 2030 (SDG 11).
Get in touch	the-sse.org
Organisation name	SecondBite
Project name	Transforming Food Relief: Solving hunger, ending waste
Project description	This project will revolutionise food relief in Australia, significantly reduce waste, feed many more Australians in need and offer a model with the potential for international adoption.
Get in touch	secondbite.org
Organisation name	Susan G. Komen®
Project name	Saving Lives through Accelerated Breast Cancer Control in Sub-Saharan Africa
Project description	The goal is to reduce the percentage of cases of breast cancer that are diagnosed at advanced stages by 25% in five years throughout five sites in Sub-Saharan Africa using a collaborative impact model.
Get in touch	ww5.komen.org

Organisation name	Taproot Foundation
Project name	Taproot Plus 2024 Initiative
Project description	Taproot Foundation seeks support to increase the impact of our online platform, Taproot Plus – an online skilled volunteering matching platform that creates a more engaged and responsible society by connecting non-profits battling our toughest challenges with the business expertise they need to run strong and effective organizations.
Get in touch	taprootfoundation.org
Organisation name	The Fred Hollows Foundation
Project name	Taking Action to Eliminate a Painful Blinding Eye Disease
Project description	The goal of this project is to eliminate trachoma from the Oromia region of Ethiopia, consigning this ancient disease to the history books and saving the eyesight of hundreds of thousands of people.
Get in touch	hollows.org
Organisation name	The George Institute For Global Health
Project name	SMARThealth – providing better access to high quality primary care
Project description	Chronic diseases, such as heart disease and diabetes contribute to over 70% of preventable deaths each year, SMARThealth aims to provide consistent high-quality and tailored primary healthcare to communities globally through mobile technology-supported programmes.
Organisation name	Rainforest Foundation UK
Project name	Community Forests in the Democratic Republic of Congo
Project description	The project aims to establish community forests in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) as a means of conserving the environment, securing land tenure and improving community's livelihoods.
Get in touch	rainforestfoundationuk.org/communityforests
Organisation name	Queensland Brain Institute at The University of Queensland
Project name	Portable Ultrasound Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease
Project description	Development of a treatment for neurodegenerative conditions including Alzheimer's disease through an affordable, portable and non-invasive Scanning Ultrasound device.
Get in touch	qbi.uq.edu.au/
Organisation name	University of New South Wales
Project name	FoodSwitch: better food for a billion people
Project description	FoodSwitch aims to transform the world's food system to feed ten billion people a healthy diet, change government policies and drive industry action towards creating healthy food for everyone and empower consumer choices.
Get in touch	georgeinstitute.org/projects/foodswitch

Organisation name	VSO International (Voluntary Service Overseas)
Project name	Combating climate change through a youth-led social enterprise model
Project description	VSO, the independent global leader in volunteering for development, will build brighter futures for young people in Pakistan and the Philippines by giving them the skills and knowledge to act as community catalysts in tackling climate change through innovative, locally relevant social enterprises.
Get in touch	vsoint.org
Organisation name	The One Foundation
Project name	Water Unite
Project description	Raising up to \$5 billion a year through micro-levies on bottled water sales to help to end water poverty, sanitation and plastics waste and recycling issues.
Get in touch	waterunite.org
Organisation name	Western Sydney University
Project name	Healthy Brain Hubs: A better future for people with dementia
Project description	This project will revolutionise dementia care for people in Greater Western Sydney (GWS) and provide a new gold standard of sustainable, affordable, and dignified care for people with memory related illness that can be rolled out across Australia and beyond.
Get in touch	westernsydney.edu.au
Organisation name	World Vision Australia
Project name	Social finance – unlocking new capital to transform impact and scalability for development programming worldwide
Project description	World Vision intends to be an early adopter of innovative social finance mechanisms to scale development programs and social enterprises, in line with UN’s Sustainable Development Goals, to achieve social and financial returns.
Get in touch	worldvision.com.au/seed
Organisation name	Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF-Australia)
Project name	Transforming Pacific/global tuna fisheries with blockchain solution for people & planet
Project description	The objective of this project is to implement a fully functional blockchain-enabled supply chain traceability and transparency system that covers the majority of longline fisheries in the Pacific, in order to drive sustainable development in the region.
Get in touch	wwf.org.au/about-us/partners

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