

# Fundraising and donations for OSHLSPs

## Sourcing fundraising and donations

Many Out-of-School-Hours Learning Support Programs (OSHLSPs) source funds from fundraising and donations, in addition to public and private grants. These funds might contribute to the everyday running costs of the club, or be used for regular or special events. The suitability of the ideas listed below will vary depending on the size, capacity, and profile of your club.

### Considerations for fundraising and sourcing donations

- ✦ How much time and effort will be required? Will the financial benefit outweigh this? Does your club have the capacity to undertake this work?
- ✦ Can you combine the fundraising initiative with any other benefits for your club? For example, raising the public profile of your club, recruiting volunteers, a fun activity for your students, a chance for older students to develop organizational and leadership skills, or a means of getting to know parents and guardians better?
- ✦ If you're planning on using photos or media coverage to promote your fundraising or donation efforts, do you have informed consent from students and families involved?
- ✦ If you're holding a public event, have you considered the health and safety aspects? Do you have adequate supervision?
- ✦ If you're partnering with a larger organisation for donations, are there any expectations for your homework club? Are these reasonable and possible?

### Sources and ideas for fundraising and donations

#### Activities

Hosting an event or activity is a great way to raise both money and the profile of your club, and can be a fun way to engage everyone in your club. Ideas include:

- ✦ Holding a bake sale in your local community or school. Allocate a budget for ingredients and put the remaining profit towards your club. This could also be a great way to celebrate the cultures of your homework club by showcasing different cuisines!

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- ❧ Hosting an active event such as a walk-a-thon, where participants will be sponsored for how far they walk. This could be a great way to bring families and volunteers together.
- ❧ Holding a trivia night in your local community or school, and charging for tickets. You could also consider asking local businesses to donate goods for a raffle, and selling raffle tickets on the night.
- ❧ If your club is based at a school, you could consider holding a school dress-up day and asking for a gold-coin donation.
- ❧ Auctioning off students' art or craft projects that they make during sessions.
- ❧ Running an online crowdfunding campaign using an online platform such as GoFundMe, Indiegogo, or Mightycause, and promoting it over social media.

## Partnering with other organisations or businesses

You might also consider approaching businesses or organisations for one-off donations or ongoing sponsorship. Ideas include:

- ❧ Holding a sausage sizzle at your local Bunnings store. Contact your local store to book a date.
- ❧ Placing a donation jar on front desks or at registers of local businesses and organisations.
- ❧ Looking for initiatives like the Grill'd Local Matters donations, where you can apply to receive donations for a month.
- ❧ Asking local businesses to match donations from the community. This could be combined with one of the activities mentioned above or could be an ongoing donation campaign.
- ❧ Asking local religious groups to fundraise for your club, through donations or events such as a fete.
- ❧ Approaching local businesses such as Baker's Delight or grocers, or services such as Foodbank, FareShare, OzHarvest, or SecondBite, to provide refreshments for sessions.
- ❧ Approaching large organisations such as Big W, Kmart, or Officeworks for donations such as stationery, books, or end-of-year hampers.