

Charity Building Projects

An initiative of the Property Industry Foundation



Girls & Boys Brigade, *Surry Hills* est. 1882

Girls & Boys Brigade (GBB) is committed to promoting the welfare of disadvantaged school aged children from the South Sydney Local Government area by providing recreation and social education programs that result in a good start in life.

How do they help youth homelessness and young people at risk?

The Brigade employ staff trained in Childcare, Youth Work, and Fitness to teach children from challenging social, economic and educational backgrounds and who are exposed to crisis. Issues affecting them and their families are drug abuse, alcohol dependence, domestic violence, and living in over crowded public housing estates.

GBB provide a stimulating and safe environment for disadvantaged young people to enjoy healthy recreational activities and educational assistance. The services the centre offers include: skill development workshops such as the Resourceful Adolescent Program, assistance with homework, camps, leadership opportunities, and sports which help enhance the lives of the needy children under their care.

What is the current project that PIF is funding?

PIF's Funding provided financial assistance to the Brigade as the building is Heritage Listed and was required to meet City Of Sydney Council's Occupational Health and Safety and Childcare regulations to maintain a safe standard of building. The scope of works for this project included; fire hydrant installation & minor works, general structural reinforcement such as; arch bar replacement, electrical work, repointing, cracked brick repairs and external re-rendering.

Why did PIF believe that the project needed funding assistance?

The services GBB offer, provide stability and guidance for over 445 disadvantaged children between home and school who need to develop self esteem and independence.

Meeting the Heritage Listing guidelines set by the Local Environment Plan on the building was a priority in sustaining the high quality of care for the children in GBB's programs. PIF recognized refurbishments were necessary to introduce new resources for programs such as the "Youth Program of Enrichment" which allow children to continue learning the life skills taught at the centre.

What is the total cost of this project?

1st Project: \$30,000
2nd Project: \$100,000
3rd Project: \$40,000
4th Project: \$45,824

How much did the PIF Board approve for this project?

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The Project Team who have provided in-kind professional services to PIF.

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