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PEF (Perth Eye Foundation) Program Proposal Fact Sheet

Perth Eye Foundation (PEF) is an independent charity dedicated to the prevention of blindness through the promotion of skills and knowledge. Our vision is a future where no one is suffering from a preventable eye disease. Our focus is on unmet need. Our strategic approach is to work collaboratively.

PEF has a capital investment held in trust with net returns available to support programmes intended to alleviate vision loss from common ophthalmic diseases. We seek to support projects conducted by suitably qualified organisations and individuals who are focused on furthering ophthalmic education, research, training, capacity building, or sustainable service delivery.

We are keen to engage with organisations with a sound track record engaged in projects with clear and achievable goals aligned with our vision and focus. Projects that are likely to produce a widespread benefit in people's lives or a sustainable improvement in ophthalmic services are especially attractive to us. Skills transfer, education, research, sustainable service delivery, workforce diversity, and capacity building, are goals we would support in preference to infrastructure provision.

Our main focus is on domestic (Australian) projects but we are also interested in worthwhile international projects and have partnered with the Royal Australian College of Surgeons international projects office, the East Timor Eye Program, the St. Johns Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem, and the John Fawcett Foundation in the past. Nevertheless, our intention is that the majority of our future support will be directed towards projects that provide a direct benefit to Australian citizens or to projects under majority management of Australian based collaborators.

We envisage working collaboratively with partner organisations to leverage our resources and enable larger projects than would otherwise be possible if either partner acted alone. We are also willing to act independently to support smaller projects. There is one program approval round annually. Applications must be received no later than 28th February each year for projects beginning July 1st.

Organisations or individuals are invited to propose a project to us or make further enquires about our program support policies by contacting our Programs Liaison Officer, Ms. Anne Russell-Brown at:

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