

Our first-quarter saw 61 clients supported. Thank you.

In this financial year's first-quarter Bridge has distributed **\$105,785** on living and rental allowances for **61 people** including 13 children

However, this spend is already much reduced from last fiscal year and doesn't match the demand.

In a year of huge competition for grants we submitted 21 applications, with only six being successful.

Maintaining, at minimum, the first quarter's spend (an average \$8137 per week) over the remaining three quarters of the financial year will require a further \$317,355. This is substantially more than our current forecast, even if successful with newly-submitted grant applications.

This shortfall will greatly impact our financial support for the 61 people above—and certainly any others needing us.



Just \$17 million for asylum seeker support has been allocated in the federal 2024-25 budget. It continues the drastic cuts to this vital program where spending has been slashed by 95% since 2015-16 when it was \$300 million.

300m 2015-16 **17m** 2024-25



On behalf of those who have received our financial support, Bridge would like to warmly thank those of you who have donated or plan to.

Please pass the word (or this newsletter) on to friends and family and ask them to make Bridge for Asylum Seekers their end-of-calendar year appeal of choice.

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New country but no home

Sarah[†] knew no-one when she arrived in Australia. Fleeing from her home country, she left behind her family and her partner.

Once here in Australia, she found people to stay with by calling cultural and religious groups but it was only ever temporary: a bed for a week, a granny flat for a month. It kept her from living on the streets but it didn't allow her to make plans or look for work.

Sarah's significant mental and physical health issues were being impacted by having no regular income or place to call home.



Made aware of her plight, Bridge provided a living allowance and rent support, which allowed her to get a room in a shared house.

Sarah then enrolled in a course with a social enterprise, hoping for subsequent work opportunities. Along the way, she has been engaging with the community around her, moving from 'survival to thriving' in her new life in Australia.



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† Name changed to protect the anonymity of the Bridge client