Muscular
Dystrophy WA

About MDWA

We are a small and nimble team of 6.6 FTE, allowing us to adapt quickly to our environment and deliver huge impacts, both in condition awareness and direct support for our community.

MDWA encourages greater socialisation within our community to help prevent isolation – improving physical and mental health outcomes.

Our collaborative model and desire to remain in physical contact with our community continue to be impacted by the COVID-19 crisis because a large percentage of people with MD who we support are immune compromised and have respiratory issues. Altering our approach and remaining agile in the face of a shifting landscape is critical to providing our community with access to our services and support, but this adaptability comes at a considerable cost.

We are determined to stay the course and support our community to thrive and continue living their best life, while seeking sustainable revenue sources to deliver on our promise to our community – to provide *Support for Life*.

We have several key initiatives where funding can be applied relevant to your focus areas, and we can provide specific information sheets accordingly.

About MD & neuromuscular conditions

Muscular dystrophies are rare genetic neuromuscular conditions where muscles slowly degenerate and weaken. They affect more than 20,000 Australians and we support around 800 families in WA.

HOW DOES IT AFFECT?

Where muscles would normally rebuild and continue to grow, with MD, once the muscles are damaged they have limited ability to repair, often due to a defective gene that would ordinarily produce protein to protect the muscles.

The impact varies according to the type of neuromuscular condition and can include difficulty walking, lifting, speaking and breathing. In some types it impacts life expectancy.

WHO DOES IT AFFECT?

People of all ages, race and gender, which makes finding a cure difficult and supporting a diverse community challenging.

THERE IS NO CURE...

And treatments are very limited however corticosteroids help maintain muscle mass and mobility whilst physiotherapy can maintain range of movement and prevent contractures.

What we do

Our mission is to be a leader in the support of those living with MD and neuromuscular conditions and to be part of a national voice in achieving and maximising quality of life for them.

WE...

- UNDERSTAND PEOPLE BEYOND THEIR CONDITION
- SUPPORT THROUGH THE GOOD & THE BAD
- EDUCATE & INFORM
- BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER
- ARE A VOICE WHEN IT'S NEEDED
- OFFER ADVICE & HELP WITH PLANNING
- INVEST IN DREAMS & AMBITIONS

THROUGH...

- ADVOCACY
- RESOURCES
- COUNSELLING
- EQUIPMENT
- SOCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS
- EMPOWER GRANTS
- PEER MENTORING
- RESEARCH

Financial info

$87,540
is invested into research projects, scholarships & initiatives

$557,500
is invested into our community programs & services to support them

$11,040
provides one community member with a CoughAssist™ Machine, plus maintenance, insurance & education

$1,623
allows a child with MD to attend camp, providing freedom & much needed respite to families

$560
provides a suite of 8 counselling services to a newly diagnosed family

*Figures quoted reflect 2019 financials

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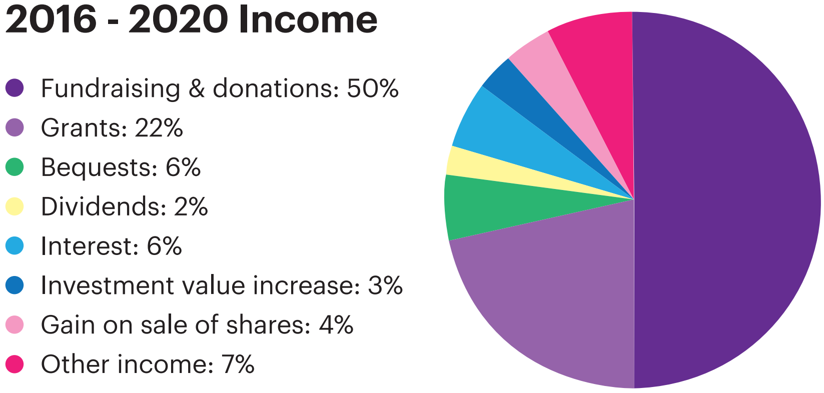
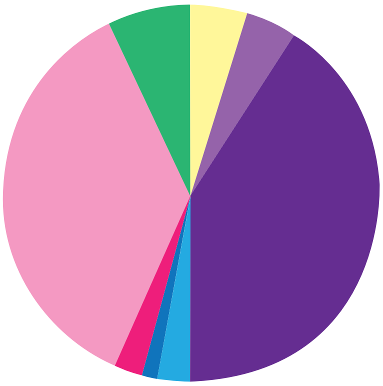
2016 - 2020 Income



2016 - 2020 Expenditure



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