**LETTER OF SUPPORT**

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# Re:Support for the XXXX application for partnership project with XXXX

The **XXXX** is pleased to support the application by the **XXXX** for funding for a pilot project designed to provide multi-disciplinary support to victims/survivors of family violence and their children in the City of **XXXX**. **XXXX** is a not-for-profit organisation established in **XXXX**, in (insert suburb). A suburb where some of Melbourne’s wealthiest live amongst some of Melbourne’s most disadvantaged. Today **XXXX** is a place where refugees, asylum seekers and those living on the public housing estates of inner Melbourne find support, encouragement and a place where they can learn and connect.

Overall, **XXXX** strives to build bridges within our community to reduce the level of segregation and disharmony and to create and foster social cohesion. **XXXX** offers services and programs which promote the principles of community participation and empowerment and that give people increased opportunity for self-determination. Our clients, students and program participants are primarily members of newly arrived, refugee and asylum seeker communities. **XXXX** has worked in partnership with **XXXX** for a number of years, providing services to Melbourne’s inner city communities.

This partnership has allowed both organisations to develop and provide innovative education, community and legal support that facilitates referrals to the wider service system. The current family **XXXX** outreach service provided by **XXXX** is highly valued by our clients and community and has provided access to professional services for clients who are often unable to receive support for complex and distressing issues. This new initiative has the potential to be of major benefit for the culturally and linguistically diverse families in the City of **XXXX** who have complex needs and often struggle to access relevant and appropriate information and advice.

We believe that the proposed pilot project is a good model of collaboration between a legal assistance service and a child-centred service. **XXXX** remains committed to continuing to work together with **XXXX** and whole heartedly support their funding application to the Legal Services Board.

Yours Faithfully