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Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund Round 2

Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand

A key reason that women stay in abusive relationships is financial dependence on their partner.

Firmer Foundations

As part of the Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand is developing the *Firmer Foundations* program to build financial well-being of women and increase the capacity of women to leave domestic and family violence situations. This three year program will disrupt the cycle of violence by empowering women to leave violence without the fear of financial consequences.

What is this project?

Firmer Foundations staff trained in financial capability coaching techniques will provide services tailored to women experiencing or at risk of violence. Services will include workshops and forums, initial assessment and individual coaching and group work to help women set and maintain personal and financial goals. This project will be delivered in Burwood, Inner West, and Sydney local government areas.

Firmer Foundations will support the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint for Reform 2016-2021 by intervening early and preventing domestic and family violence in communities across NSW.

Further information

For further information regarding *Firmer Foundations*, please contact Women NSW at DFVInnovation@facs.nsw.gov.au or (02) 9248 0800.