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Tanika Davis receives Hireup Grant

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Hireup, Australia's largest NDIS-registered disability support worker platform announced the nine successful recipients of its inaugural Impact Grants Program, which will bring people with disability closer to living their good life.

The Hireup Impact Grants program is designed to fund activities not covered by an NDIS plan. The theme for this grant round was "community connection", with individuals, project groups, community groups and organisations across the disability sector Australia-wide all encouraged to apply – not just those who use the Hireup platform.

Hireup co-CEO Laura O'Reilly says, "We are thrilled to be providing funding to two community focused projects and seven individuals. These grants will see the recipients develop individual skills, purchase equipment that will improve their quality of life, and engage in enriching and valuable experiences so they can better connect with, and immerse themselves within, their communities."

One of the successful applicants is Tanika Davis from New South Wales.

Tanika is the founder of The I Am, Movement, an organisation focused on providing Indigenous families and children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other disabilities with culturally safe resources and tools that provide support and empowerment.

Tanika will use the funding to create a sensory space at cultural event The Koori Knockout so children with sensory overload or disabilities can still attend and participate. "

We will create a space that's not only culturally safe and inclusive, but also a safe 'Time Out' space for our jarjums, with numerous supports for parents, carers, aunties and uncles," says Tanika.