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Aurizon's Community Giving Fund creates brighter futures for kids with autism

Australia's largest rail freight operator Aurizon is kicking off another round of community grants on 15 September 2014.

The Community Giving Fund program has supported 149 worthy charities across Australia since its inception in 2011.

One of the worthy recipients was AEIOU who were awarded a grant for their Townsville interactive program.

AEIOU Director of Fundraising, Jenni Heenan says Aurizon's Community Giving Fund grant will allow them to purchase an interactive electronic whiteboard for the Townsville AEIOU Centre.

"AEIOU Foundation Townsville serves the wider Townsville region as there is a lack of specific early intervention programs for children with autism. In some instances families travel in excess of 100kms per day to attend our school.

"With 1 in 100 children within Australia being diagnosed with autism every year, the generosity of the Aurizon Community Giving Fund will assist hundreds of children within the Townsville region for many years to come.

"We thank Aurizon for supporting AEIOU Foundation to create brighter futures for children with autism."

Aurizon Managing Director and CEO Lance Hockridge is calling on the community to encourage local charities to apply.

"The Community Giving Fund can genuinely make a world of difference to those in need.

"We are calling on all charities and not for profit organisations who have projects based on environment, community safety, education or health and wellbeing to apply for a grant of up to \$20,000."

"Apply and let us help you to help those who need it."

The Community Giving Fund opens on 15 September 2014 and closes at 5pm AEDST 24 October 2014.
To apply visit www.aurizon.com.au/community.

