

CASE EXAMPLES

Pathfinder – Refugee Settlement



Multicultural Community Water Safety Program

Illustrative examples showing how a Tier 3 Pathfinder refugee settlement stream could test practical local models that embed swimming and water safety into trusted settlement pathways.

1. No refugee misses out on Swim and Survive — two large diverse LGAs

Cohort

Refugee-background children, young people and parents, including newly arrived families in early settlement and school-aged children who have missed out on structured swimming and water safety learning.

Communities

Refugee and humanitarian entrant families across two large, diverse LGAs facing cost, transport, language and confidence barriers to local Swim and Survive opportunities.

Partners

A water safety organisation as lead; two LGAs; one or several migrant or refugee settlement agencies; aquatic providers or swim schools across two large, diverse LGAs; schools; local government partners; bilingual community leaders; family support services.

Illustrative fundable actions

- **WE CONNECT:** Referral pathways from settlement caseworkers, schools and family support services into local Swim and Survive participation
- **WE WELCOME:** Family-centred pool familiarisation, bilingual orientation and culturally responsive scheduling that helps first-time participants feel safe and included
- **WE PROMOTE:** Multilingual communication for parents and carers on local hazards, why lessons matter, and how to join with confidence
- **WE LEARN:** Fully or heavily subsidised Swim and Survive lesson blocks, with transport help, swimwear assistance and simple progression planning

2. Settlement service provider partnering pools across large diverse LGA

Cohort

Refugee and recently arrived migrant children, young people and parents linked to settlement and community pathways across Liverpool.

Communities

Newly arrived and refugee-background families in an LGA needing trusted, coordinated pathways from settlement support into local aquatic participation across more than one pool setting.

Partners

A water safety organisation as lead partner; an LGA; a large settlement service provider; pools and aquatic centres across an LGA; schools; local council partners; bilingual community workers; multicultural family support organisations.

Illustrative fundable actions

- **WE CONNECT:** Settlement-linked referral systems connecting families from casework and community programs into a network of participating local pools
- **WE WELCOME:** Shared orientation processes across multiple venues so families experience a consistent, culturally safe and welcoming entry point
- **WE PROMOTE:** Trusted-voice and multilingual communication through settlement staff, community workers and family channels on participation and water safety
- **WE LEARN:** Coordinated subsidised lesson places across Liverpool pools, supported by family-centred scheduling, introductory sessions and practical access supports

NOTES FOR USE

These examples are deliberately brief and combine the four WE SWIM pillars in a way that matches a Pathfinder settlement model. In practice, a strong Pathfinder pilot would also place greater emphasis on testing feasibility, documenting learning, refining referral systems and identifying what would be required to sustain or scale the model beyond the pilot period.

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