



Uniting Church in Australia
SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA



Share Grants 2023

Application Guidelines

Applications close: Friday 8th September 2023
Apply via website: unitingvictas.org.au/congregations/

About the 2023 Share Grants Program

Since 1980, the Share grants program has existed to provide financial assistance that will enhance the quality and scope of UnitingCare and Uniting Church services to the community in Victoria and Tasmania.

With Share now part of Uniting, this year's Share Grants are once again for parish missions, congregations and others who would have historically applied.

To finance its grants, Share had run a number of direct mail and congregation based appeals and campaigns. Uniting continues to run Share appeals (at Winter and Christmas) and the amount distributed continues to be completely dependent on the generosity of donors to these appeals.

The funding priorities remain to be for projects that meet at least one of the following purposes:

- Directly address urgent human need
- Are preventative in nature
- Tackle underlying structural causes of disadvantage
- Improve the quality of community services.

General and Emergency Relief Grants

These grants are intended to support small general projects conforming to the purposes as listed above.

Projects may include:

- Care and support of disadvantaged groups or groups with significant support needs e.g. asylum seekers
- Education (including life skills)
- Counselling and advocacy
- Family strengthening and early intervention programs
- Social outreach initiatives e.g. drop-in centres, men's sheds
- Coordination of volunteers who deliver programs
- Emergency relief services e.g. material and food aid.

How to Apply

Applications can **only** be submitted through the online application form available on our website - www.unitingvictas.org.au/congregations/

Requirements

Uniting Church Organisations:

Applicants must be agencies of the Uniting Church or organisations with strong links to the Uniting Church i.e. ecumenical programs in which the UCA is a significant partner.

Mandatory Tax Deductibility:

Please note that grants are only available to those organisations with deductible gift recipient (DGR) status.

No Auspicing:

Grants will not be made to auspicing agencies for the benefit of third party agencies who do not have tax deductibility.

Previous acquittals required:

Grant funds will not be paid to organisations that are in breach of reporting requirements from previous Share grants.

Note: there is no pro forma or formal template for acquittals. Please provide copies of any reports, financial statements and invoices pertaining to the project which show how the funds were used and any supporting documents which provide commentary around whether the objectives set out in your application were achieved (e.g. annual report).

Key dates

Grant application registrations open	Monday, 14 August 2023
Grant application registrations close	Friday, 8 September 2023
The deadline for all applications	5.00pm, Friday 8 September 2023
Successful and unsuccessful applicants notified *	Early October 2023
Successful applicants receive official letter of offer and funding agreement	Late October 2023
Grants paid	One week following signed agreement has been received with bank account details.

**Successful applicants are notified of provisional funding amounts. The final amount may vary depending on the funds available.*

Helpful hints

- Ensure you do a spelling, grammar & punctuation check and the application is proof read by someone who didn't help write it
- Ensure that the objectives of the general grant applications are clearly aligned with the stated outcomes. A mismatch indicates to us a lack of clarity in the application or the project itself
- Clearly articulate how the outcomes of the project will be measured.
- If you are developing a new service, explain in the rationale section how and why it is necessary
- Provide a clear budget outlining all line items
- Outline how the project will be funded outside of the Share grant
- As you cannot save progress when completing the online application, we suggest you draft your application in word and copy your responses into the form once finalised.

How we will assess applications

Historically Share received more grant applications for worthy projects than were able to be funded. There will continue to be a comprehensive assessment process consisting of a selection panel to identify the projects that represent the greatest need and will achieve the most impact in addressing the funding criteria. To be successful your application must address a well-defined need, and have an ongoing, positive impact in the target community. It is also important that the project is sustainable in the long-term without relying on receiving an ongoing Share grant.

If you apply for part funding of a project, please be clear on the component of the project that the Share grant will be funding (and where you will be sourcing your additional funding from) to ensure we can assess your application properly.

If you are successful

We will email successful applicants in early October with provisional funding advice. In mid-September we will send you a confirmation email with the final amount and post you an official letter of offer and funding agreement. We will transfer the funds by electronic funds transfer once we have received the signed funding agreement.

If you are not successful

We will notify you by email in early-October. We will do our best to provide feedback but this may not always be possible.

For further information

Phone 1800 668 426
Email fundraising@unitingvictas.org.au
Contact Dale Barker-Harrington, Church and Community Relations Lead

Uniting Vic.Tas is coordinating the application process on behalf of the Share Grant Committee.