

2020 Grant Guidelines

**Please read carefully to ensure you meet
eligibility criteria and guidelines**

The 2020 Women & Change grant round will provide one grant of up to \$50,000 to a registered Australian charity that supports those people in our Queensland community who are most disadvantaged. Our members are interested in projects that deliver sustainable change and are particularly interested in supporting new initiatives. This grant is not intended to replace current funding sources for existing projects or to provide general revenue for business as usual activities.

Eligibility

1. Applications are open to charitable organisations that:
 - a) have **BOTH** Deductible Gift Recipient 1 (DGR1) and Tax Concessional Charity status (TCC), from the Australian Taxation Office. (To confirm your DGR 1 status, enter your ABN at this link <http://www.abr.business.gov.au/>)
 - b) propose projects that are **Queensland-based**, with all grant funds going to help Queenslanders experiencing social disadvantage and in need of support.
 - c) are based anywhere in Australia (with all funds to be spent in Queensland).

N.B. Only charities that meet the above criteria are eligible to apply.
2. The project must be completed 12 months from when you receive the funding (30th November 2021).
3. The successful applicant must provide progress reports at six months and a final report at 12 months. Outcomes must be shared with the members of Women & Change, who have made this grant possible.
4. Applicants can apply for part funding of a larger project, so long as they have the balance of funds confirmed and the project is ready to start as soon as the grant is received.
5. Women & Change will consider applications for any demonstrable need, including operational, infrastructure or capacity-building support, where it is clear that philanthropic funding will make a tangible and measureable difference to the quality of life of the individuals and communities involved.



6. Eligible organisations are welcome to submit up to three applications for different projects. Please ensure that each project meets the guidelines. A separate application form must be submitted for each project.
7. Members are most interested in projects that address unmet needs and/or offer unique solutions to social challenges.

Preference

Preference will be given to applicants whose projects will produce positive social outcomes for Queenslanders living in disadvantage; are well defined and identify a specific community need. Applicants must provide concrete information about their organisation's strategies, budget, project outcomes and details of how they will evaluate the project's implementation and outcomes.

Exclusions

Grants will not be awarded to or for: individuals; political parties; government entities; commercial sponsorships; religious groups (except for projects that support a non-religious purpose); retrospective requests; debt retirement, budget deficits, endowments or bequest programs; or general fundraising appeals.

Grant-Making

Each year, Women & Change will call for applications in July. One grant will be awarded in November, according to a staged application and assessment process, with the final decision being made by a Women & Change membership vote.

Outcomes of the funded projects will be shared with the membership and will be celebrated at events throughout the year.

To submit an expression of interest please complete the form on the web-site (insert link) and email to grants@womenandchange.com.au by 5.00pm on 28 August, 2020. Please do not attach any additional documentation.



2020 Application process and timeline

1 July 2020	Expressions of Interest open. EOI form is available on the website
28 August 2020	Expressions of Interest close
30 September 2020	Applicants are notified of the outcome of their application
16 October 2020	Closing date for full applications from short-listed applicants
30 October 2020	Three finalists will be notified following a selection process undertaken by the Committee, according to applicants' responses to the assessment criteria. Each finalist meets with Women & Change to refine their pitch for Voting Night. Unsuccessful applicants will also be notified.
4 November 2020	Application summary from the final three will be emailed to all members of Women & Change and member voting will open. Each member is entitled to one vote.
mid-November 2020 (date tba)	Finalists will be invited to attend the Women & Change grant announcement and make a brief presentation to the members, summarising their application. This presents a great opportunity for finalists to present their charity to a group of Queensland women with strong philanthropic interests. Final voting will take place at this event and the winner will be announced.
31 May 2021	Six-month progress report (as per template provided) to be provided by grant recipient to Women & Change for member update purposes.
30 November 2021	Grant recipient's final report about grant impact is due.



Our History

Women and Change was founded in 2014 and was the first giving circle established in Queensland. The founders of Women and Change established their circle as a sub-fund of the McCullough Robertson Foundation. All donations are held within the Foundation until they are donated to grant recipients following the annual voting night in November each year. Since its inception Women and Change members have given more than \$300,000 to charities changing the lives of Queenslanders in need.

Our Vision

To create an empowering community for women to experience giving with impact.

Our Mission

Change lives by empowering women to give with impact.

Our Values

- We facilitate high impact giving that changes lives.
- We are a trusted and responsible custodian of member's funds.
- We are a responsible donor that commits funds and reports back to members.
- We are a respectful community where meaningful conversations occur.

