



2026 Grant Guidelines

Please read these guidelines carefully to ensure your organisation meets all eligibility requirements before applying.

Women & Change provide \$50,000 grants to registered charities supporting vulnerable Queenslanders. Our members are interested in projects that deliver **sustainable, long-term 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.

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 measurable difference to the quality of life of individuals and communities in Queensland.

Eligibility Criteria

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 DGR1 and TCC status, enter your ABN or organisation name here <https://abr.business.gov.au>)
- b) have been operating for two years as at 1 June, 2026 with **at least one set of financial records publicly available** on the ACNC Charity register here <https://acnc.gov.au/charity/charities>
- c) propose projects that are **Queensland based**, with grant funds primarily helping Queenslanders experiencing disadvantage and in need of support or,
- d) are based in Australia (with majority of funds to be spent in Queensland).



Exclusions

Grants will **not** be awarded to or for:

- Individuals
- Political parties
- Government entities
- Commercial sponsorships
- Religious activity (unless for a non-religious purpose)
- Retrospective funding requests
- Debt retirement or deficit funding
- Endowments or bequest programs
- General fundraising appeals

Project Requirements

Preference is given to charities that:

- Deliver a clearly defined project with measurable outcomes
- Demonstrate a specific community need
- Complete the project in the required timeframe

Part-funding of larger projects is permitted, provided:

- Remaining funds are confirmed
- The project is ready to commence and must be completed in the calendar year following Voting Night

Eligible organisations may submit up to three Expressions of Interest (EOIs) with one EOI allowed per project. Our grant assessment team values clear, project-specific responses rather than broad or general statements.



Reporting & Accountability

Women & Change is dedicated to supporting its grant recipients and keeping members informed about the impact of their contributions. To ensure this, grant recipients are required to submit progress reports at 6- and 12-month intervals. Reporting templates and guidance are provided.

Grantmaking Process

Each year, Women & Change invites applications for funding. One or more grants are awarded through a staged application and assessment process, with the final decision made by a vote of Women & Change members at our annual voting night in November.

Women & Change distributes all member donations received each year. If total donations exceed the \$50,000 grant amount, the additional funds may be allocated and shared equally among the remaining finalists. If donations exceed \$100,000, two grants of \$50,000 will be awarded, and any remaining funds may again be distributed equally among the other finalists.

To submit an expression of interest, please download and complete the form on our website and email it to grants@womenandchange.com.au by 5.00pm on 17 July 2026.

All funds are held in a dedicated sub-fund within the People First Bank Foundation ([People First Bank Foundation | Australian Charitable Foundation](#)) and are distributed promptly following Voting Night.



2026 Application Process and Timeline

1 June 2026	Expressions of Interest (EOIs) open. Guidelines and EOI form will be available on the website.
17 July 2026	Expressions of Interest close.
19 August 2026	Applicants are notified of the outcome of their EOI application (successfully making it through to a short list or not successful). Shortlisted applicants will be invited to submit a full application.
11 September 2026	Closing date for full applications from shortlisted applicants.
9 October 2026	Finalists and unsuccessful applicants will be notified. Finalists will meet with Women & Change to refine pitch and prepare video for Voting Night.
29 October 2026	Application summary and video from each finalist will be distributed to all members of Women & Change and member voting will open. Each member is entitled to one vote.
5 November 2026	Finalists are invited to attend the Women & Change Voting Night, where they will deliver a brief presentation to members, summarising their application. This event offers an excellent opportunity for finalists to showcase their charity to a group of Queensland women with a strong commitment to philanthropy. Final voting will take place during the evening and the winner(s) will be announced at the event.
December 2026	Grant monies distributed.
30 June 2027	Six-month progress report and video to be provided to Women & Change for distribution to members.
November 2027	Major grant recipients to present funding outcomes at Voting Night for 2027.
December 2027	Final acquittal report is due.