

2022-23 Volunteer Grants

DATE: 30/08/2022

ATTENTION: Minister and Wardens

CONTACT US: Please refer to the SDS contacts list on the last page.

Key points:

1. Calls for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the Federal Government Department of Social Services (DSS) 2022-23 Volunteer Grants (VG) have been announced and are open for submission during September 2022.
2. The Expression of Interest dates are approximate and it is necessary to confirm exact dates for your electorate with your local MPs office.

Action items:

3. The ACPT encourages all parishes to apply to your local federal member of parliament (MP) for the EOI by the earlier of the deadline imposed by your MP which ranges from early to late September 2022.

Background:

4. The VG grant guidelines can be accessed at –
<https://www.grants.gov.au/Fo/Show?FoUuid=191e7b94-226a-40ec-a6ee-896a99bbd175>
5. The 2022-23 Volunteer Grants represent a great opportunity for your parish to apply for a grant to assist fund volunteers participating in your parish activities.
6. Every dollar that is raised by a VG will supplement your parish offertories to support volunteering work at your parish.

Key aspects:

7. In accordance with the VG guidelines, as Unincorporated Associations, parishes within the Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney are eligible to apply for this grant directly. There is no requirement for ACPT involvement in the 2022 VG.
8. To be eligible to apply, your parish must approach and be nominated by your Federal MP, receive an invitation to submit an EOI which will be assessed by a local committee. Successful EOI applicants will then be invited to submit a formal application to the DSS on the online portal grant connect.
9. The primary contact on your parish application is to enter into an agreement on behalf of the parish as an Unincorporated Association. This means that if your grant application is approved, the **primary contact will assume all legal liability and become personally liable** for the delivery of the funded activity, expenditure of funds and any other associated obligations arising from the grant agreement validly executed. Contact details of 2 members who can provide verbal assurance if required, that the individual applying will be the responsible person for the legal liability. The grant agreement will be entered into with the individual on behalf of an Unincorporated Association. The bank account provided must be in the name of the organisation not the individual
10. Key aspects of this grant round are as follows:
 - \$10 million is available in 2022-23. Funding of up to \$66,225 is allocated to each federal electorate. This represents a 50% reduction in available funding from previous years. We anticipate there will be significant demand for VG.
 - The minimum grant amount is \$1,000.
 - The maximum grant amount is \$5,000.
 - The objectives of Volunteer Grants are to:
 - help community organisations to support the efforts of Australia's volunteers
 - help community organisations to support the inclusion of vulnerable people through volunteering
 - encourage, support and increase participation in volunteering.
 - Small equipment for parish volunteer activities that would meet the criteria include small equipment used for social welfare programs, activities with a focus on children, young people or older people.
 - Funding is to be used for items and activities that support volunteers including:
 - background screening checks of volunteers
 - cleaning items
 - computer and office equipment
 - electronic / audio / video
 - first aid/health and safety
 - fuel costs
 - food preparation equipment/ consumables
 - furniture and equipment
 - heating/cooling – portable, includes delivery and set-up costs
 - landscaping/gardening
 - leisure and sporting
 - storage / power tools
 - tools
 - transport costs for volunteers with a disability

- volunteer engagement/recruitment opportunities
- whitegoods and major appliances
- reimbursement of training costs:
 - Cost of hiring trainer
 - cost of volunteer's travel to and from training
 - contribution to volunteers training costs

Grants cannot be used for buildings, renovations and permanent fixtures.

11. The DSS will assess your application on its own merits and consider the following criteria:
 - The extent to which the project meets the objectives of the program
 - Whether the project demonstrates value for money
12. Your local MP may call for Expressions of Interest, using a community committee to develop a list of organisations to nominate. The timing and way in which each MP's office determines to nominate this list of organisations will vary.
13. Following the Expression of Interest process, the MPs will nominate organisations from their lists and will also indicate the level of funding each organisation has been endorsed for.
14. Only organisations nominated by their MP will receive an invitation to apply for 2022-23 VG.
15. Key dates are as follows (indicative only):
 - MP Expression of Interest opens – August 2022
 - Parishes to approach MP and submit EOI – September 2022
 - Complete MP nomination period due – 7 October 2022
 - Invitation to apply – 15 November 2022
 - Applications close – 5 December 2022
 - Assessment of applications – 6 December 2022 to early April 2023
 - Approval of outcome of assessment process – May 2023
 - Award of grant agreements – June 2023
 - Earliest start date of project – June 2023
 - End date of grant commitment – 30 June 2024
16. You will need to nominate the cost of the proposed equipment items, training or travel expenses in your application.
17. Completing the expressions of interest application form (recommended answers in **bold**):
 - Organisation details: **Parish details**
 - Primary and secondary contacts: **Parish contacts (This must be parish office bearers: wardens, treasurer or rector.)**
 - What type of entity are you? **Unincorporated not-for-profit organisation**
 - Do volunteers make up 40% or more of your organisation's staff? **Yes**
 - What is the funding being sought for? **(Please refer to Appendix A of the guidelines for eligible items/activities)**
18. Given the tight timeframes involved, we recommend that a parish representative contact your Federal Member as soon as possible.
19. We will provide parishes with an updated circular when the grant application form is released to nominated organisations (from 15 November 2022).

20. This circular evidences ACPT's authorisation for the parish to make a grant submission.

Kind regards



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