Expression of Interest – Online Form

Opening Statement

Thank you for your interest in the Strong and Resilient Communities – Community Support – Small Grants for Volunteer Involving Organisations Activity.

The Community Support Small Grants application is a two-step process:

- 1. Submit an expression of interest. The expression of interest will be reviewed against the eligibility criteria. If it meets all criteria, you will be invited to the second step-submitting a funding application.
- 2. Submit the funding application. This will be either online through a portal, on an editable document or in hard-copy. The funding application form will be available once you are invited to apply.

To maximise your chance of being invited to apply, please ensure you have read the <u>Grant</u> <u>Opportunity Guidelines</u> before completing this form.

This expression of interest must be endorsed by an authorised signatory for the organisation (e.g. Chief Executive Officer, President, Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary).

Privacy

In submitting a grant application under this opportunity, you agree to Volunteering Victoria collecting your personal information, including your name, contact details and role in your organisation, in order to assess your application and for the purpose of grants administration.

If you do not provide this information, we cannot assess your grant application.

We may share the information you give us in your application, including personal information, with nominated personnel including the selection panel and the authorized representatives in the Department of Social Services.

As part of your application, you also declare your ability to comply with the <u>Privacy Act</u> <u>1988</u> and the <u>Australian Privacy Principles</u> and impose the same privacy obligations on officers, employees, agents and subcontractors that you engage to assist with the activity, in respect of personal information you collect, use, store, or disclose in connection with the activity.

Identifying Information

- Organisation name
- Organisation address (where project would be delivered)
- Contact name & pronouns
- Contact phone number
- Email address

Eligibility Criteria

- What is your organisation's annual income?
- Number of paid employees in the organisation (headcount)
- Number of volunteers in the organisation (headcount)
- Are you a not-for-profit organisation?
- Are the funds required for the proposed project between \$10,000 and \$20,000
- When are the proposed dates for the project?
- Do your volunteer programs support: (please select all that apply)
 - young people 12 to 18 years who are disengaged, or at risk of disengaging, from education to reconnect with their community, school, training and/or employment
 - people with disabilities and/or mental health conditions to participate in the community, and work towards becoming or remaining independent and engaged in the economy and/or society
 - women who experience, or are at risk of experiencing isolation or discrimination to participate in the community and/or economy and increase their self-agency
 - people who are unemployed to increase participation in their community and/or increase their capacity to engage in employment, training, or existing employment services.

- Do you have an Australian Business Number (ABN)?
 - o Yes
 - **No**

Please provide a <u>Statement by Supplier Form</u> - refer to the <u>Australian Tax Office website</u> for more information or call Volunteering Victoria for further assistance.

- Do you have an bank account with an Australian financial institution?
 - o Yes
 - o No
- If your proposed activity for this grant opportunity involves interaction with children, are you able to comply with the Australian Government's <u>Child Safety obligations</u>?
 - o Yes
 - o No
 - o The proposed activity does not involve interaction with children

Expression of Interest

You meet the eligibility criteria for this Grant Opportunity. Please express your interest in the Grant Opportunity by briefly describing the program/activities you plan to deliver. You can do this in writing, or with a video or audio recording.

This is an important step that will help assess your project against the eligibility of the activities that can be funded through this grant. Please provide your answer using between 150 and 500 words.

OR

Unfortunately, you do not meet the eligibility criteria for this Grant Opportunity. If you believe a mistake has been made, please contact Volunteering Victoria.

Submission Note

Thank you for submitting your Expression of Interest in the Strong and Resilient Communities – Community Support – Small Grants for Volunteer Involving Organisations activity. You will receive an email to confirm the receipt of your expression of interest. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please contact Volunteering Victoria.

Your expression of interest will be reviewed against the eligibility criteria and, if eligible, you will be invited to submit a formal application by 14 October 2024.