

## **EASTERN STAR FOUNDATION**

### **2023 GRANT ROUND – GRANT GUIDELINES**

#### **About the Foundation**

The Eastern Star Foundation is a philanthropic foundation whose focus is helping to improve outcomes for the aged in Queensland. Their history of caring for the aged dates back to 1954, when a group of Order of the Eastern Star members established the organisation with a mission to provide a home for their aged members - which later became an aged and community care provider known as Star Aged Living based in Beaudesert in Queensland and sold in 2018.

The Foundation was established in 2018, whereby the organisation's activities are underpinned by its values of dignity, independence and hope.

#### **VISION**

The vision of Eastern Star Foundation is to empower those who enhance the quality of life for the ageing communities in Queensland.

#### **MISSION**

The Eastern Star Foundation is committed to providing financial assistance to help initiatives become a reality for charities who care for Queensland's ageing communities, support their independence, and who are committed to helping them live well.

#### **How do we help?**

The Eastern Star Foundation is proud to announce this year's grant round will have a total funding pool of \$300,000 with a focus on supporting Queensland's ageing communities, particularly those who suffer from mobility issues, sickness or disease to improve and enhance their quality of life.

Grant applications can be up to the value of \$100,000 a year for up to 3 years (if applicable).

#### **Funding considerations**

The Eastern Star Foundation aims to support programs and initiatives that support the ageing communities in Queensland (i.e. people aged over 65), in particular, those who suffer from mobility issues, sickness or disease to improve and enhance their quality of life.

The program / initiative must help older people to:

- remain independent;
- practise choice;
- participate in their community;
- have a support network;
- experience healthy ageing.

The Foundation targets and funds programs / initiatives which:

- there is limited access to other funding; or
- has a funding gap that needs to be filled for the program / initiative to proceed; or
- for an essential service to continue

Where possible, the Foundation encourages and prioritises programs and initiatives that support women over 65.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the Foundation's theory of change which has been detailed and outlined [here](#).

### **Grant eligibility**

Applicants must be an organisation operating in Queensland for the benefit of Queensland and Queenslanders. Additionally, the organisation must be:

- a registered charity with Charity Tax Concession status; and
- be a Deductible Gift Recipient - Item 1 (DGR 1).

### **Funding exclusions and limitations**

#### **All projects must:**

- be based in Queensland and be for the benefit of Queensland and Queenslanders. There may also be a broader benefit to Australians arising from the program or initiative.
- be an evidence-based program / initiative that helps older people to remain independent, practise choice, participate in their community, have a support network and experience healthy ageing.

#### **The Foundation will not fund:**

- projects outside of Queensland;
- retrospective or deficit funding;
- general fundraising appeals;
- promotion of religion;
- political organisations;
- direct grants to individuals, including travel expenses, personal study or attendance at conferences;
- charities who directly support animals unless the animals provide assistance for older people with a disability within the aged community (e.g. registered assistance dogs);

### **Application Process**

Applications:

**Open** on 9am Monday, 2 October 2023

**Close** at 5pm AEDT on Friday, 1 December 2023.

All applications must be submitted via the online form on Australian Communities Foundation's website.

**Please note:** All applications must be submitted in full including any supporting documentation by 5pm on the closing date. Any incomplete applications or applications received after 5pm will be treated as ineligible.

### **Contact details**

If you have any questions in relation to the grant guidelines or if you need technical assistance with the grant application lodgment, please contact Charlene Yum (Grants Manager) at [grants@communityfoundation.org.au](mailto:grants@communityfoundation.org.au) or 03 9412 0412.

Australian Communities Foundation's office hours are Monday to Thursday 9am-5pm.