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Our vision:

Full gender equality = a world where women & girls take up all of life's opportunities with respect, safety and dignity.

The Victorian Women's Trust was established in 1985 in recognition of the role of women in shaping Victoria. We conduct research, advocate for women, and every year, we give out grants to projects that help women and girls thrive. Over the past 33 years, we have seen community projects take shape, grow and change lives – all through the power of targeted grantmaking.

We are one of Australia's few grant-makers dedicated solely to women. Each year, we give to high impact initiatives through our Community Grants Program, reaching women and girls across Victoria. We also proudly honour the life and contribution of women through our Sub-Funds.

In our decades of progressive grantmaking, we have given nearly over \$7 million in grants for nearly 600 projects that support women and girls in a range of ways. In 2018, we are building on this proud history, honouring the dedication of our donors, and continuing to support women and girls across Victoria. Be part of this history and help create a bright future for women and girls.

Applications for the 2018 Small Grants open on Wednesday 24th January and close on Monday 5th March 2018.

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Small Grants Focus

The Victorian Women's Benevolent Trust supports innovative projects that help create an equal future for women and girls in Victoria. In 2018, VWBT welcomes applications for projects benefiting women and girls, in particular we seek applications that strengthen women's economic security.

Economic security is the ability for individuals to live with dignity and cover their essential needs sustainably.

For women in Australia, this covers issues such as the gender pay gap; women's workforce participation; the superannuation pay gap; the cost and availability of childcare; homelessness; financial capability; and unpaid work and care. We invite applications that address one or more of these issues.

To learn more about women's economic security in Australia, please refer to the following resources:

<https://www.vwt.org.au/the-mother-load/>

<https://www.vwt.org.au/small-grants-big-vision/>

<https://www.wgea.gov.au/sites/default/files/2016-17-gender-equality-scorecard.pdf>

https://www.goodshep.org.au/media/1421/financial-security-for-survivors-of-domestic-and-family-violence_march2016.pdf

<https://www.icrc.org/en/document/introduction-economic-security>

Grant Amount

For 2018 we will be conducting a Small Grants Program. Grant of up to \$10,000 may be sought for a one year period.

We are also interested in applications for smaller grants, especially those that offer grass roots support for women and girls. We suggest a time frame of one year generally works well.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss proposals with VWBT prior to submission.

Application Timelines

Wednesday 24th January 2018 – Applications Open

Monday 5th March 2018 – Applications Close

Decisions about successful applications are made by Trustees in July/August 2018.

Eligibility and Exclusions

The Victorian Women's Benevolent Trust cannot fund individuals.

Grant applicants must be endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office for Item 1, Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) and either Tax Concession Charity (TCC) or can prove that they would be charitable but for their connection with government (usually established by a letter from the ATO). Applicants must provide a copy of these endorsements, or letter from the ATO, at the time of application.

Eligibility is strictly limited to groups *which operate for charitable purposes and either provide relief of poverty, sickness, suffering, distress, misfortune, destitution or helplessness amongst Victorian women or operate for purposes beneficial to Victorian women*.

Projects must address the needs of women and girls living in Victoria.

VWBT is open to funding the project of an eligible organisation in partnership with another organisation.

VWBT does not provide matching or shortfall funding for government funded projects, infrastructure or operational costs.

If Successful – Reporting and Expectations

Effective reporting benefits all parties - VWBT by better informing donors and future grant-making decisions, the grant recipient by clarifying the links between objectives and outcomes and the wider community through exposure to the knowledge and experience gained from the project.

Successful grant recipients are expected to:

- provide a final report on project outcomes and as appropriate, progress reports
- complete a financial acquittal
- co-operate with VWBT for our promotional materials and publications such as photos for our annual report and newsletters
- accommodate site visits when requested
- acknowledge VWBT in any promotional material or media resulting from the grant
- work with VWBT, where appropriate, in exploring possible policy implications of the project

How to Apply

Complete the Small Grants application form here: <https://www.vwt.org.au/applying-for-a-grant/>

Applications must address all questions in the application form.

Applications to be lodged no later than 11:59pm Monday, 5th March 2018.

Note: Please do not convert application to pdf

For queries or to discuss your potential application, please email grants@vwt.org.au and someone will get back to you.

For a full list of previous grants go to Annual Reports at www.vwt.org.au