



Highways and Byways

A Community of Service

In the spirit of the Missionary Sisters of Service and Fr John Wallis

Grants Guidelines Small Grants Program 2019

Highways and Byways is a new Public Benevolent Institution established by the Missionary Sisters of Service (MSS) to carry on the work of The John Wallis Foundation, and to further develop the reach and capacity to support disadvantaged communities, particularly in rural and remote areas of Australia.

Since 1944 the MSS have travelled vast distances to reach people in all kinds of places and situations, and support those on the margins: geographically, culturally, spiritually, socially and economically.

In 2019 the MSS are celebrating 75 years since they were founded in Tasmania by Fr John Wallis. To acknowledge this, the 2019 Grants program will seek applications from organisations in the areas where the MSS sisters have lived and worked over the last 75 years, especially rural and regional areas.

Highways and Byways 2019 Small Grants Program Focus

Background: The focus for the **2019 Small Grants program** is influenced by the findings of the recent Poverty in Australia 2018 report by the Australian Council of Social Service, and also by the teachings of Pope Francis in relation to inter-generational bonding and skill sharing.

Catholic Social Justice principles also inform the work and decisions of Highways and Byways. We are guided by principles of: the dignity of each person, the common good, the right of all people to participate in decisions that affect their lives, solidarity, preferential care for those who are poor and vulnerable, economic justice, stewardship of creation and promotion of peace.

“To walk toward the future, the past is needed”. Pope Francis

Focus: Women Addressing Disadvantage through the sharing of skills across generations

This year our focus is on initiatives which benefit women and girls. Over the last five years in reviewing our grants programs, we have seen time and again powerful demonstrations of women working together to build strong communities through capacity building and the sharing of skills **across generations**. We are excited to offer communities further support to build on this important work.

Highways and Byways welcomes applications that assist people and communities to address disadvantage and inequality particularly **in rural, regional and remote areas of Australia**. We are keen to support projects which address disadvantage through embracing the potential of local women to develop skills, confidence, capacities and leadership between generations and within their communities.

Please refer to the list of councils accompanying these guidelines. Any organisation applying MUST operate in at least one of the council areas listed on the next page.

Funding and Location Criteria

Highways and Byways does not fund individuals. We are able to fund community groups or organisations which can demonstrate that they are at minimum an Incorporated Association or similarly constituted entity.

Projects need to demonstrate that they are addressing the relief of social and economic distress, and geographical disadvantage, through locally led action.

Projects are to be completed within 12 months unless otherwise negotiated. Generally grants allocated are up to \$3,000.

How to Apply

Please address all the questions in the Application Form.

Applications to be lodged no later than 5.00pm on Thursday 14th February 2019.

Details below and on Application Form.



Highways and Byways welcomes grant applications from the following Local Government areas of Australia.

Tasmania:	All regions of Tasmania are eligible to apply.	
Queensland:	Blackall-Tambo Region Barcoo Shire Diamantina Shire Longreach Region Murweh Shire Western Downs Region	Balonne Shire Bulloo Shire Goondiwindi Region Maranoa Region Paroo Shire Western Plains Region
New South Wales:	Balranald Shire Bogan Shire Brewarinna Shire Carrathool Shire Cobar Shire Hay Shire Moree Plains Shire Narromine Shire Wakool Shire Warren Shire	Bland Shire Bourke Shire Broken Hill Region Central Darling Shire Forbes Shire Lachlan Shire Murray Shire Parkes Shire Walgett Shire Wentworth Shire
South Australia:	District Council Ceduna Coober Pedy Council District Council of Franklin Harbour Roxby Downs Council District Council of Streaky Bay Corporation of the City of Whyalla	District Council of Cleve District Council of Elliston District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula District Council of Kimba Pt. Augusta City Council District Council of Tumby Bay Wudinna District Council