**2015 Grassroots Grants guidelines**

**Grassroots Grants**

**Funding categories**

* Ageing
* Disability
* Mental health and emotional wellbeing

**Funding amount**

* Grants up to $10,000

**Timeframes**

* Open 1 Sept 2015
* Close 25 Sept 2015

**Outcomes**

* Mid Dec 2015

**Eligibility**

* Item 1 DGR organisations which are charitable at law

**Our Fee Structure**

0.495% Administration Fee

1.10% Management Fee

**State Trustees Australia Foundation**

Established in 1994, the Foundation is a public charitable trust administered by State Trustees. The Foundation is funded through bequests and donations.

**Grassroots Grants program**

There are three funding categories under the program:

1. Ageing Well
2. Disability
3. Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing

The programaims to promote social inclusion, and provide support for individuals to live independently and build and maintain physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing and resilience, as well as reduce the incidence of adverse health issues that can limit their ability to live well.

**What we’d like to fund**

We have a **preference** for projects that are focused on:

* Recent legislative reforms, such as the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
* Elder abuse prevention and response
* Victorians or are Victoria based
* Supporting carers to look after themselves and those they care for
* Community awareness, education and engagement to promote social inclusion
* Financial literacy, income security
* Addressing direct and indirect discrimination
* Supporting people to live independently

**Examples of projects we’ve funded**

Take a look at what we funded last year: [2014 Grassroots Grants](https://www.statetrustees.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/2014-STAF-Grassroot-Grants-.pdf)

**How much funding is available?**

The program provides individual grants up to $10,000. The total funding for the 2015 program is approximately $200,000.

**Who is eligible?**

Australian eligible entities providing direct community support or activities are eligible to apply. Note an eligible entity is endorsed as Item 1 Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) and is charitable at law.

**What are the timeframes?**

You can preview the application via SmartyGrants now. Applications are open on 1 September 2015 and close on 25 September 2015.

We expect to notify all applicants of the outcomes by mid-December 2015. Funding will be available by 1 January 2016.

**How do I apply?**

We use SmartyGrants – an online application form. Remember to save each page when entering information. We recommend reading these tips on how to use SmartyGrants:

[Help Guide for Applicants](http://help.smartygrants.com.au/display/help/Help+Guide+for+Applicants).

Already familiar with SmartyGrants? Then login to our application form: <https://statetrustees.smartygrants.com.au/2015grassroots>

**Who do I contact for more information?**

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