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**Grassroots**

**2018 Grants Program**

**Ageing, disability and mental health**

**State Trustees Australia Foundation**

The Foundation was established in 1994 as a public charitable trust administered by State Trustees.  Funded by donations and bequests from generous donors, the Foundation has distributed more than $27 million to charities that make a difference in the community.

State Trustees Australia Foundation has a focus on helping those disadvantaged by ageing, disability and mental health.

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| **What are the objectives of the Grassroots program?**Applications must help those disadvantaged by ageing, disability and mental health through **social inclusion** and **social participation**. This includes:* Community awareness, education and engagement programs to promote social inclusion and address direct and indirect discrimination
* Programs to support social participation, to reduce social isolation and improve personal wellbeing and quality of life
* Programs to support carers to look after themselves and those that they care for

 We have a preference for projects that:* provide an integrated solution to social inclusion and social participation
* have a lasting impact
* fund smaller community-led organisations
* are used for pilots, one-offs, new and emerging ideas
* are Victorian based
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**Who is eligible to apply?**

An eligible entity is endorsed as item 1 Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) and registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.

**What are the timeframes?**

Applications can be submitted until Wednesday 27 June 2018. Outcomes will be announced in November 2018.

**How much funding is available for a project?**

The program provides individual grants up to $20,000.

**Examples of projects we’ve funded**

Take a look at what we funded last year: [2017 Grassroots Grants](https://www.statetrustees.com.au/ageing-disability-mental-health-projects-benefit-200000-funding-state-trustees-australia-foundation/)

**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%2BGuide%2Bfor%2BApplicants).

Already familiar with SmartyGrants? Then login to our application form: **https://statetrustees.smartygrants.com.au/2018grassroots**

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

Contact us on **(03) 9667-2845** or send us an email if you would like more information or to discuss your project: **charitable@stl.com.au**