



Grants to End Homelessness Expression of Interest Form 2025-26

Expressions of Interest are due by midnight on **Monday 17 November 2025**

Please read this page carefully

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT: SAFEGUARDING

The Mercy Foundation acknowledges and recognises that every one is valued and respected and has the right to feel safe and therefore has a zero tolerance to abuse. We are committed to building safe environments for all who interact with the Mercy Foundation.

It is a condition of funding that grant recipients **MUST HAVE A SAFEGUARDING POLICY.**

You are advised to contact the Mercy Foundation (tel. 02 9911 7390) to discuss your project prior to completing this EOI. This will give your project the best chance of success. You will be provided with an EOI number when you call the Mercy Foundation. Please fill in the **EOI Number on the following page.**

The Mercy Foundation's Grants to End Homelessness program is for initiatives above \$5,000 and no more than \$60,000 per year. **The Mercy Foundation does not provide recurrent funding for projects.**

The focus is on initiatives that have the potential to make a contribution to **ending and/or preventing homelessness in Australia**, particularly where women are concerned. We provide **seed funding** to projects that build capacity and help create structural change and have the potential to continue after the funding period.

This grants program prioritises **permanent solutions** to people's homelessness. Crisis or short term responses are not funded by this grants program.

If your EOI is successful, we will invite you to submit an extended application form. Moving to the next round following this EOI process is no guarantee that the Mercy Foundation will provide a grant for your project.

Please refer to the grant criteria prior to submitting your application. More information about this grants program can be found on our website, www.mercyfoundation.com.au.

WE RECEIVE A HIGH VOLUME OF APPLICATIONS. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE WE HAVE RECEIVED YOUR EOI. After you have submitted your completed EOI by email, please call our office if you do not receive an email to confirm that we have received your application within 3 days.

Please answer these key criteria questions before submitting your EOI :

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| a) Is your organisation's revenue \$3million or less? | Yes | No |
| b) Is this a new initiative? | Yes | No |
| c) Does your project concern women or women with children? | Yes | No |
| d) Does your project directly end or prevent homelessness? | Yes | No |
| e) Did you contact the Mercy Foundation to discuss your EOI? | Yes | No |
| If so, what is the EOI number you were given? | Number GEH | _____ |

Please note that projects that meet these key criteria will be prioritised in assessment.

1. Name and address of organisation/s:

Note: Organisations may partner with other organisations to undertake joint initiatives. If more than one organisation is submitting a proposal, please note them all here. One organisation will need to take responsibility for managing any grant monies awarded.

2. Legal status of organisation/s (e.g. incorporated association; company):

Note: If the organisation or group applying for a grant has no legal status, then an agency that does have legal status can be asked to auspice the project and hold any grant monies on behalf of the group.

If relevant, **name of auspice organisation:**

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3. What is your organisation's annual revenue (please provide the latest figure available)?¹

The Mercy Foundation prioritises small to medium size organisations without access to government or other substantial avenues of funding.

¹As reported to the ACNC, revenue is the income that arises in the ordinary course of activities of your charity. For example government or other grants, donations, bequests or legacies, sales of goods or inflow of capital from other fundraising activities. It may also be fees and charges for certain services that your charity has, interest earned, and even dividends or similar distributions.

4. Please nominate 2 contacts for the initiative:

(You must provide 2 contact names with phone numbers and email addresses)

	Key Contact Person
Name:	
Address:	
Phone No.	
Email:	
	Alternative Contact Person
Name:	
Address:	
Phone No.	
Email:	

5. Does your organisation/s have a website?

Yes No

If YES, please provide the website address:

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6. Has the organisation/s previously received funding from the Mercy Foundation?

Yes No

If YES, please provide the following details:

Year/s: _____

Project/s: _____

7. Title of the initiative/project for which you are seeking a Grant to End Homelessness:

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8. What amount of grant funding are you seeking from the Mercy Foundation?

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9. Where will your project be located?

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10. **Briefly outline information about the initiative, using the headings below:**

a. Who is your target group? (50 words)

b. Have you/will you involve people with lived experience in the project design? (50 words)

c. Please provide a short summary of your initiative: (150 words)

d. What are the expected outcomes? (150 words)

e. What evidence exists for your project? (100 words)

- f. How do you plan to measure success of your project? (150 words)

11. How the grant money will be spent? EG salaries, rent (50 words)

12. If the Mercy Foundation is only able to provide a part of the amount requested, will the initiative still be able to go ahead?

Yes No

Comments: (50 words)

13. The Mercy Foundation generally provides seed funding for new projects that help build capacity and create structural change. How do you plan to make this project sustainable after the funding period? (100 Words)

Please tick this box to confirm that the CEO or formal representative of the organisation applying for the grant should be aware of the application.

Name of the CEO of your organisation

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If this is a joint application, the representative of the organisation that would manage any grant awarded should be aware of the application.

The completed EOI form is due by midnight on **MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2025**

Please email your application to mfgrants@mercyfoundation.com.au

We prefer to receive applications by email. If you must post your application, please send it to:

The Chief Executive Officer,
The Mercy Foundation Ltd,
40 Rocklands Road
Wollstonecraft NSW 2065