



TASMANIAN MASONIC BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION EST. 1843

FREEMASONS TASMANIA

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2025

GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION

In 2025, Freemasons will be celebrating 200 years in Tasmania and as part of those celebrations, they will be making \$50,000.00 of grants available for community organisations across the State

Benevolence has always been the Corner Stone of the society, who first established the Masonic Benevolent Foundation in 1843, which they have steadily grown into one of Tasmania's largest benevolent organisations.

In furthering this mission, Freemasons will disburse up to a maximum of \$50,000.00 this year in individual grants of no more than \$6,000.00 each.

Recipient organisations will not be required to provide matching funding, allowing many groups who may otherwise have been precluded the opportunity to apply.

GRANT FUNDING CATEGORIES

- 7 x Freemasons Tasmania minor Grants of \$2,250.00
- 5 x Freemasons Tasmania Grants up to \$3,250.00
- 3 x Freemasons Tasmania major Grants up to \$6,000.00



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GRANT APPLICATION CRITERIA

- To provide or deliver a community service or project within the State of Tasmania
- To demonstrate the community need for the proposed service or project
- To demonstrate the positive impact the service or project will make within the community
- To demonstrate the proposed project or service does not conflict with the wants of the community, including the Local Government Authority/Council that they are proposed for
- To demonstrate the sustainability of any project or service, if projected for subsequent years
- To demonstrate the total level of financial support for the project or service from all sources
- The project or service must commence by no later than 23rd June 2025
- Co-funding not required
- Successful recipients will be required to make themselves available for a photo/media opportunity announcing the grant, and post this on their own social media channels (eg Facebook, Instagram etc).

GRANT APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY

Recipient Requirements:

- To be a Tasmanian registered charity or Incorporated Auspice society or not-for-profit organisation
- To be registered with a Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Hold and maintain a certified Public Liability Insurance of \$20M or above

Recipient Supporting Documentation Requirements:

- To provide a project or service plan of action indicating milestones and timeframes
- To provide a current written quote for any equipment that may be part of an application
- To provide written permission/permit for any event that may be part of an application
- To provide full details of registered charity or Incorporated Auspice society or not-for-profit organisation
- To provide full details of Australian Business Number (ABN)
- To provide full details of certified Public Liability Insurance of \$20M or above



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Recipient Disqualifications:

- No application for a project or service at variance with the ethics and values of Freemasons Tasmania will be considered
- No application for a project that has commenced or been completed will be considered
- No application for a project or service that replicates an existing project or service will be considered
- No application by a business will be considered
- No application by a Local Government Authority/Council will be considered
- No application by a Government Department will be considered
- No application by an individual will be considered
- No application by a political group or organisation will be considered
- No application for public relations campaigns or fund raising will be considered

GRANT APPLICATION PROCESSING

- Grant applications will only be accepted from 9am Monday 31st March 2025 till 5pm Wednesday 30th April 2025
- Grant applications MUST be submitted on the Freemasons Tasmania Community Grant Application Form
- Grant applications MUST be lodged via email
- Grant applications will be checked against the Eligibility/Disqualification criteria before being progressed
- Grant applications will be considered by the Board of Benevolence of Freemason Tasmania
- Grant applications will be assessed on their ability to meet the expected criteria and any other factors the Board of Benevolence deems appropriate
- The Board of Benevolence reserves the right to award Grants of a lesser value than requested
- The decision of the Board of Benevolence will be final and NOT appealable
- Successful applicants MUST commence projects or services by 9am Monday 23rd June 2025, as no funding will be granted retrospectively
- Successful applicants are required to provide a report on any outcome within one calendar month from the completion of the project or service and how Freemasons Tasmania's support was recognised
- Freemasons Tasmania will use its best endeavours to advise all applicants on the decision of the Board of Benevolence