



Grant Funding Requirements and Framework

Purpose of Funding

In line with its charitable purposes, The White Shadow Foundation's targeted benevolent relief funding aims to increase the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable people experiencing recognisable sickness, poverty and/or distress in the areas of; mental health, acute homelessness, domestic and family violence, families of child sexual abuse victims, sex trafficking, and women experiencing hardship caring for their newborns. The White Shadow Foundation provides immediate, flexible, person-centred support to successful grant applicants.

In addition, The White Shadow Foundation awards funding grants to organisations that assist individuals in the above-mentioned spaces, and can apply on behalf of an individual, once becoming a referral organisation. Funding helps facilitate and nurture relationships between all stakeholders, and supports specialist family and individual services in connection to the critically important areas where funding grants are deployed.

Funding can be used to address costs associated with crisis responses such as accommodation, transport and material aid, as well as smaller incidental costs associated with any number of topics of concern.

Funding grants aim to assist in increasing the capacity of individuals, and elevate them above and beyond their current situation to improve their livelihood. On behalf of our applicants, The White Shadow Foundation endeavours to streamline the application process to reduce the amount of administration and wait times associated with applying and potentially qualifying for funding grants. These guidelines will be reviewed and updated as required.

Program Requirements

These guidelines are to be used in conjunction with The White Shadow Foundation's guidelines set out in accompanying documents available at www.whiteshadowfoundation.org. Funding Grant Programs are distributed to individual applicants and/or referral organisations on behalf of the applicant, in most cases.

In consideration of unique financial situations, the anticipated outcomes, and positive impact the Funding Grants will have on the individual, The White Shadow Foundation endeavours to provide focused support to individuals, once per calendar year, as long as they meet the eligibility criteria.

In circumstances where an individual or family re-engages with The White Shadow Foundation or referral organisation, after a previous support period has been closed, this will be considered a new support period which allows the individual or family full access to the next round of funding.

Any expenditure of Funding Grants must directly link to its predetermined and agreed-upon purpose. There is no minimum amount for use of grant monies. The maximum amount of grant monies an individual can receive in one support period is expected to be no more than \$5,000.00.

In cases where more than \$5,000.00 is required within one support period, The White Shadow Foundation will meet with and discuss options with a suitable organisation (if not already engaged in a referral relationship) to achieve a desirable result for the applicant.

Principles

The following principles should guide the use of The White Shadow Foundation Grants Program:

- the safety and wellbeing of individuals in recognisable distress, including victim-survivors of trafficking and domestic violence, is paramount.
- targeted benevolent relief is distributed and focussed on individuals, although can be channeled through a referral organisation, using accountability measures.
- support provided is means-tested through The White Shadow Foundation's criteria and EOI forms.
- expenditure is directed by the individual and/or family receiving the grant, within the parameters established in these guidelines.
- consideration is given to culturally appropriate service responses for individuals and families from a range of backgrounds.
- the significant, varied, and disproportionate impacts placed upon people from disadvantaged and marginalised communities, and the subsequent effect on their level of risk and need, is recognised.

Eligibility

The main points for eligibility are as follows: (please see our Individual Grant Criteria and EOI Forms for more information)

- individuals or families who have recently experienced and/or been affected by; mental health, acute homelessness, domestic and family violence, sexual abuse (including trafficking), and women experiencing hardship caring for their newborn/s.
- are experiencing financial difficulties in gaining support to alleviate their current situation in connection to the above-mentioned areas, or are lacking in the knowledge or awareness of where to turn to for immediate assistance.

What Funding Grants can purchase

Funding Grants may be used to purchase goods and services including (but not limited to):

- alternative housing and accommodation - such as crisis accommodation, private rental assistance, relocation and storage costs and furniture needs.
- household related expenses - such as electricity, gas and water bills, repairs to white-goods and any items related to support for remote access and connection with support services such as internet to stay connected to other valuable support services.
- basic material needs – such as clothing, food, basic toiletries, cleaning supplies and infant supplies such as nappies or formula.
- transportation – such as public transport cards, fuel vouchers or taxi vouchers.
- health and wellbeing support – such as medical or pharmaceutical costs not covered by Medicare or the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, glasses, mobility and communication aids, private counselling or specialist services. This also includes support for refugees/migrants who do not have access to medicare or other government programs to cover medical and other costs.
- child development and safety items – such as educational resources, school uniforms or books, and therapeutic support.

Exclusions

Funding Grants may not be used for the following purposes:

- illegal activity.
- gambling, cigarettes, or alcohol.
- other free or low-cost services readily available within the community.
- to replace or duplicate supports available through other funding sources, including other Local, State and Commonwealth Government programs where these can be accessed in a timely manner.
- cash payments.

Accountability and Monitoring

The White Shadow Foundation's accountability and monitoring measures are based on an average of \$1,000.00 per individual, assisted through the Funding Grant Programs. However, the amount administered per individual will vary depending on their risks and unique needs.

Any referral organisation submitting applications on behalf of an individual are also required to complete and return documentation to The White Shadow Foundation during, and at the completion of the grant being executed. Progress and Acquittal Report templates are provided and made available on The White Shadow Foundation website in PDF format. Progress Reports are due within six (6) weeks of the grant issue date, and Acquittal Reports are due within seven (7) business days upon completion of full grant expenditure. All grants awarded to individuals are to be recorded in the referral organisation's client record system to track all funding provided to each individual.

The White Shadow Foundation expects each grant recipient (individuals and/or referral organisations) to fully spend allocated monies within a reasonable timeframe. The treatment of any unspent funds will be negotiated with the individual or relevant partner organisation, depending on the amount unspent and reasons given.

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