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## About Women's Health Goulburn North East

Women’s Health Goulburn North East (WHGNE) is a feminist organisation, leading change towards women’s empowerment, women’s health, the prevention of violence against women and ultimately, gender equality, in rural and regional Victoria.

Our work addresses the harms of binary gender norms and practices in order to achieve long-term gender equality. We apply a gendered lens to the factors and environments that shape women’s health and wellbeing in rural and regional Victoria. We advocate for women and support people to make change for a gender equal world.

Our expertise is in women’s economic empowerment, gender and climate change, gender equity, the prevention of violence against women and sexual and reproductive health.

WHGNE defines a woman as anyone who lives and identifies as a woman, including cisgender and trans women.

## About this Grant Funding

Following the impact of the 2022 floods WHGNE has heard from communities across the flood impacted region. One consistent piece of feedback we heard is that women need opportunities to reconnect and link back in with their community as well as a need to know how to navigate disasters safety in response to disaster emergency and recovery phases.

WHGNE understands that communities are best placed to inform what will be most helpful for their recovery, and we have allocated \$40,000 to quick response funding. This funding is available for community-based activities, events and projects that support the mental wellbeing of women and/or girls in flood impacted communities across the Goulburn North East region.

### Key Dates

- Application open date Friday 31/03/2023
- Application close date Friday 21/04/2023
- Successful applicants announced 01/05/2023
- Activities implemented 01/05/2023 - 21/07/23
- Acquittal and evaluation within 3 weeks of activity completion.

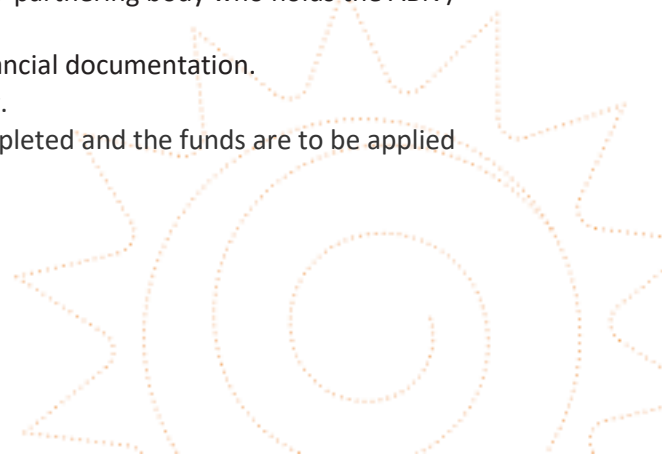
## Eligibility

To apply for a grant your project must be for charitable purposes and offer clear benefits for the mental health and wellbeing of women and girls and must meet the following criteria:

- Be a not-for-profit, charity, community group or organisation that operates within the Goulburn North East region, which can include community/neighbourhood houses, sporting clubs, arts, culture, and social activity groups
- Deliver activities within the Goulburn North East region. While we acknowledge that the 5 Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Mitchell, Shepparton, Moira, Strathbogie and Alpine have been significantly impacted, we also encourage applications from all LGAs within our region (Benalla, Murrindindi, Mansfield, Indigo, Towong and Wangaratta and Wodonga). Activities proposed to take place outside of these municipalities will not be considered.
- Have an ABN (Australian Business Number) or be under auspice\* of an organisation with an ABN
- Has the appropriate type and level of insurance for the activities that are the subject of this grant

Please note, you will be considered ineligible if:

- Application is submitted by individuals, sole traders, private or commercial businesses (as per the submitted ABN).
- The project is proposed to be completed after July 21, 2023
- Application is submitted by an organisation that is not a legal entity (i.e., a registered not-for profit), without the written consent of the governing / partnering body who holds the ABN / Incorporation Certificate.
- Application is submitted late, or without required financial documentation.
- The applicant already receives funding for the activity.
- The project has already commenced or has been completed and the funds are to be applied retrospectively.



## Funds available and priorities

Funding is available for activities and projects that embrace care, connection, and contribution. Consider activities and projects that bring women together to reconnect and support their emotional and social wellbeing, for training opportunities for women and organisation's that support women in disaster response and recovery, and for projects that connect flood impacted women to local wellbeing supports and relevant services.

WHGNE will fund a variety of activities, including but not limited to: events, training and educational opportunities and projects.

Funding is available for projects/activities between \$1,250- \$5,000 (ex-GST) for activities that will take place between May 1, 2023–July 21, 2023.

WHGNE propose to fund:

- 4 x \$5,000 projects/activities
- 4 x \$2,500 projects/activities
- 8 x \$1,250 projects/activities

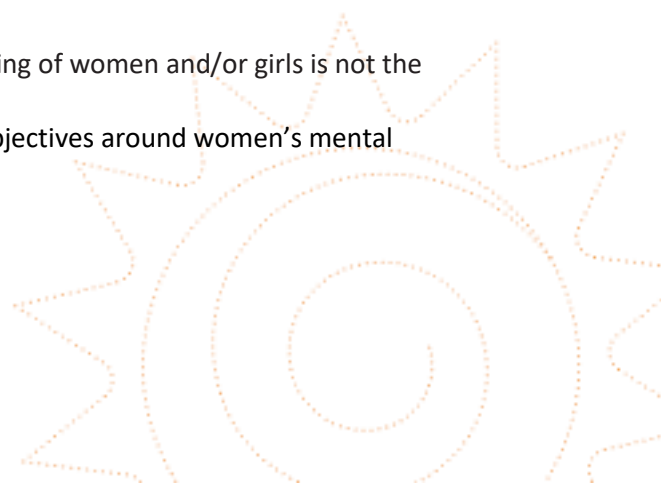
Projects that utilise local suppliers and providers of services, work in partnership with other community groups and respond to [WHGNE Values](#) will be considered favourably.

## What can be funded

- Events/activities that bring women and/or girls together in a supportive environment factoring in care, connection and community.
- Events/activities that promote positive mental wellbeing and are underpinned by the [5 ways to wellbeing framework](#)
- Events/Activities that connect women and/or girls to supports and services
- Flood preparedness and emergency management information/ training for women
- [GADAUS](#) Gender in Emergency management training for organisations and community
- Strengths based capacity building workshops that support community groups members to recognise, connect and respond to someone experiencing a mental health problem or mental health crisis
- Replacement of minor infrastructure/equipment lost to flooding in community spaces that support women's mental health and wellbeing.

## What cannot be funded

- Events/activities where the mental health and wellbeing of women and/or girls is not the primary outcome
- Activities that require ongoing funding to meet the objectives around women's mental health and wellbeing
- Ongoing staff wages



## Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criterion	Weight	Application Question
Project Objectives	25%	<b>What are the aims and objectives of your project that address mental health and wellbeing?</b> <i>Provide a snapshot of the overall project and a summary of what the activity is. Describe the opportunity or issues that the Project addresses. Identify why the project is important or how the need is demonstrated (plans, letters, minutes, etc.) and expected positive influences and outcomes. Number of members, participants, groups, clubs, etc., who will benefit from the Project.</i>
Project Beneficiaries and Diversity	25%	Who is your project for and how is it inclusive of the diverse community. <i>Who are the key people that will benefit from your project? Have you considered the different types of diversity within your community e.g., gender &amp; gender identity, race &amp; ethnicity, abilities &amp; accessibility, age and socioeconomic background.</i>
Project Timeline	10%	Provide a timeline of your project including milestones which will be completed. <i>Detail each stage of the project and how it will be completed.</i>
Risk Management	10%	Risk Management – identification of risks and mitigation. <i>Describe the risks involved in your Project and strategies you will use to avoid harm or injury (e.g., difficulty finding participants, bad weather).</i>
Budget	10%	Budget – balanced income and expenditure statement. <i>Please show your budget and your planned costs/spending.</i>
Supporting Documents	10%	Certificate of Currency Quotes Supporting Information Permissions
Application Capacity	10%	Provide details of your ability to deliver the project. <i>Tell us about the project teams skills, abilities, and experiences in being able to deliver a successful project.</i>

## Project Budget

You must include a project budget that clearly shows the items that the WHGNE grant funding would be used for and that also shows all income and expenses related to your project. Budgets should be realistic and must add up – i.e., total expenditure must match total income.

Why is this important? A clear budget helps WHGNE to understand the size of your project, exactly how the grant funds will be spent and helps demonstrate community support for your project through in-kind contributions either from your organisation or partners / community members.



## Clear Project Information

A clear description of exactly what the grant funds will be used for, when and where the project will happen, who will benefit and who will be involved in delivering the project, why the project and grant funds are needed, how funds will be spent and how the activities and success of the project will be recorded, evaluated, and shared.

Where possible, we encourage you to make it clear that you and your organisation/group is ready and able to deliver the project and, if required, provide ongoing support for the initiative.

## How to apply

WHGNE accepts applications via the Smarty Grant portal, this link will be activated when the portal opens at 3pm on Friday March 31, 2023.

We recommend you download this printable copy of the application form to ensure you have all the required information prior to submission.

### Attachments required:

1. If you are being auspiced. An Auspice Agent is another organisation that is a legal entity with an ABN. A letter signed by two committee members from the auspice agent confirming they will auspice the application must be provided when the grant application is submitted. Auspice fees will not be covered in the funding amount.
2. If your project is to undertake works on Council owned / managed land or property, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, or Parks Victoria land, you must attach evidence of approval from the relevant land manager.
3. Evidence of Public Liability Insurance

### Reporting requirements:

A project acquittal and final completion report with a summary of the benefits and challenges of the project, a financial statement of income and expenditure, and photo evidence of the project and/or media links will be required to be submitted 3 weeks after project completion and/or July 21 at the latest.

## Evaluation

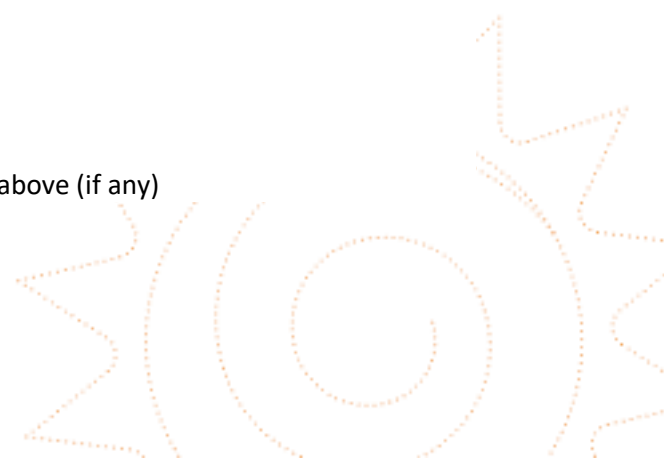
### Project Outcomes

- What are the expected outcomes of your project?
- Describe three things you want the project to achieve in terms of benefits of participants and/or others.
- How will you know if these outcomes have been achieved?
- Describe Three changes you will see if the expected outcomes have occurred.

Please choose the most relevant responses noted as a result of your project.

- Increased resilience
- Increased involvement in decision making
- Increased confidence
- Increased help seeking behaviours
- Increased community connections
- Other

Please tell us a story to demonstrate your experiences noted above (if any)



### WHGNE Contact Details.

If at any time you need help with your application, do not hesitate to contact the WHGNE office on 03 57223009 or email us at: [whealth@whealth.com.au](mailto:whealth@whealth.com.au)

#### \*Eligible legal entities - Further Information on Auspice arrangements -

Every application needs to include an organisation that holds either an ABN or Incorporation Certificate. If your organisation doesn't have that, WHGNE may still fund the project, but you need another organisation's support, which we refer to as the Auspice (with your organisation being the delivery organisation).

This situation often occurs when the organisation delivering the activity or project is a branch of an overarching organisation - such as a local CWA or YMCA branch. In this case, the CWA or YMCA would be the legal organisation.

Even though your organisation may complete the application (and will be doing the work), it's the Auspice legal and financial information that needs to be provided. They also need to provide a letter of support, confirming they are willing to play this role.

Why is this important? This program is only able to distribute funds to not-for-profit organisations with an ABN or Incorporation Certificate, and WHGNE needs to know that the organisation with that ABN / Incorporation Certificate understands and agrees to carry out their responsibilities in relation to your project, if successful.

