



Grants to End Homelessness Criteria 2016

The criteria for the Mercy Foundation Grants to End Homelessness are:

1. They are available for seeding initiatives, services, projects, advocacy and research that will contribute to the goal of ending homelessness by supporting housing first and permanent supportive housing solutions.
2. Priority is given to applications that focus on ending chronic homelessness particularly women who are experiencing chronic homelessness
3. Projects that initiate and collaborate through strategic partnerships among funders, policymakers, business leaders, government, housing and service providers are well regarded.
4. There must be measurable outcomes for the initiative.
5. Outcomes need to include that the project has contributed to ending chronic homelessness or contributed substantially to increasing knowledge about pathways into and out of ending homelessness (thereby increasing our understanding of how to intervene early and end homelessness).
6. Applications need to outline their evaluation strategy and make it clear how outcomes will be measured.
7. Applicants must be a legal entity (incorporated association or company) or be auspiced by an appropriate organisation.
8. Recurrent funding will not be offered.
9. The Mercy Foundation prioritises projects that require seed funding and have potential to help build capacity and to create structural change.
10. The committee must be satisfied that the applicant organisation has the competency and capacity to implement the project.

Ineligibility:

The Mercy Foundation does not fund:

- The core operating costs of an existing organisation
- Vehicles
- Individuals
- General fundraising appeals
- Food parcels, crisis or emergency responses to homelessness
- Deficit funding
- Projects that will rely on recurrent funding from the Mercy Foundation.
- Other philanthropic foundations
- Projects that do not meet the identified criteria and priority goals of the Mercy Foundation.
- Financial support of overseas projects by the Mercy Foundation is not possible due to its Deductible Gift Recipient status within taxation law

The Mercy Foundation will only accept one application per organisation in any given year.

The Grants to End Homelessness program attracts a high volume of applications. All applications are assessed in line with the grants criteria and prioritised. Unfortunately, due to funding constraints, we are unable to fund all applications that meet the criteria.