

Applications for Grants from the Simpson Fund

The Simpson Fund is a fund managed by the Presbytery that is used to provide grants each year to **Communities of Faith** within the Presbytery to support projects that will in a direct way support the mission of God through the activities and communications of the church locally.

In 2023 the Simpson Fund Grants will again be the key resource for the funding of projects that respond to the vision of the Presbytery's 'Regenerating the Church 2026 Strategy'.

Applications are invited from Communities of Faith for grants from the Simpson Fund. The Simpson Fund Grants are small grants (up to a maximum of \$4,000 each, depending upon the number of applicants and amounts being sought).

The total amount of money available in 2023 Round 2 is \$10,600 total for **small property, equipment, climate action and mission** Grants.

Your application must include the following: **(please fill in this Check-list and include with your application)**

- * **name of Community of Faith** Please insert here:
- * **a clear statement** of the project and how it will further the mission of God through the Community of Faith and interact with the local community in some way [Included Yes No];
- * **a clear statement** about how the project will reflect the vision and goals of the Presbytery's **2026 Strategy**, 'Regenerating the Church' [Included Yes No];
- * **clear statements** about how the application responds to the relevant Criteria of this Policy:
 1. Whether the application is from a **Community of Faith** of the PPPW [Included Yes No];
 2. Whether the **Community of Faith** is up to date in its Mission and Service Giving for the previous year. [Included Yes No];
 3. Whether the application shows that the project is one to which the **Community of Faith** is able and willing to make a contribution either financial or "in-kind" [Included Yes No];
 4. Whether the application shows how the project is a response to the mission of God in the local community context [Included Yes No];
 - 5 Whether the application is for a one-off seeding grant to allow an on-going project to get started [Included Yes No];
 6. A clear demonstration of how the proposed project specifically complements the Presbytery's 'Regenerating the Church 2026 Strategy', including how the proposed project addresses one of the Five Strategic Directions [Included Yes No];
 7. Whether the **Community of Faith** has received funds through the Simpson Fund in the past three years [Included Yes No];
- * **the contact details** of the person managing the project [Included Yes No];
- * **a budget** for the project (all expenditure proposed must be shown ex GST) [Included Yes No];
- * **a copy of your 2022 Annual Financial Return to Synod (Audited financial statements no longer required)** [Included Yes No];
- * **signature of minister/pastor - if there is one in placement or supply - and signature for the Church Council** [Included Yes No].

There is no special application form for these grants. All the information shown above must be included.

Applications that do not respond specifically to the criteria will be returned (but may be resubmitted).

Applications for Simpson Fund Grants open on Monday 2 October and must be submitted by midnight on Monday 30 October to the PPW Administrative Support Officer, Marie Crow by email (preferred option) to: marie.craw@ppw.victas.uca.org.au or by Australia Post to: Marie Crow, PPW Administrative Support Officer, PO Box 5261, Cairnlea, Vic, 3023. Any additional information requested must be received by Friday 10 November.

Applications will be considered by Presbytery's appointed Grants Sub-committee at a meeting to be scheduled between 13-17 November 2023 (exact dated to be confirmed) with recommendations being submitted to the Presbytery's Standing Committee on 23 November.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications as soon as practicable.

A grant may be used at any time from the notification of the grant to 31 December of the following year.

Successful applicants will be provided with a claim form that asks for tax invoices/receipts or an indication of how the money will be or has been spent. The claim form also indicates the procedure for making claims.

Terminology of Simpson Fund altered by SC 1 September 2015

Terminology reviewed for consistency with PPPW 'Regenerating the Church' 2026 Strategy, inserted 22 February 2022

Details for 2023 Round 2 approved by SC in May and inserted with dates on 14 September 2023.