

**FUTURE MISSION FUND**  
**GRANT APPLICATIONS**  
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# 1 INTRODUCTION TO THE FUTURE MISSION FUND

The Future Mission Fund was established by decision of the Synod in 2023. The purposes of the Future Mission Fund, as set out in the By-Laws for the Mission Resourcing Committee, form the Mission Resourcing Framework.

## Mission Resourcing Framework

*Grants from the Future Mission Fund shall both:*

- (a) Fund a project which is fully consistent in its nature with the agreed strategic directions of the Church in WA; and*
- (b) Fulfil or enhance the purposes (see Constitution para 4) or mission of the Church.*

*Given the satisfaction of both (a) and (b) above, the grant may consist of any one or combinations of the following:*

- 1. The funding of a new program, or the establishment of a new project, or the creation of a new centre or presence.*
- 2. Expenditure to maintain programs, projects, or properties that have been deemed to be of high strategic importance.*
- 3. Expenditure to allow for experimental, creative and evolving opportunities to be undertaken.*
- 4. The funding of a project which demonstrates good stewardship in multipurpose use of sites, allow for multiple users and cooperative activities.*
- 5. The funding of education for or training in or research in programs and projects which are innovative, developmental and experimental.*

All applications for grants from the Future Mission Fund must comply with the above Mission Resourcing Framework.

The Mission Resourcing Committee is appointed by the Synod of Western Australia to coordinate the promotion and allocation of funds of the Church in WA that are available for resourcing mission activities. This Committee acts under by-law S5.6 which can be found on our website [here](#).

The Mission Resourcing Committee will consider and determine all applications for grants from the Future Mission Fund. The Property Trust will verify that all grants are compliant with the conditions of the Fund.

## 2 WHO MAY APPLY?

Grant applications can be submitted by any council or other body of the church.

## 3 FUNDING AVAILABLE

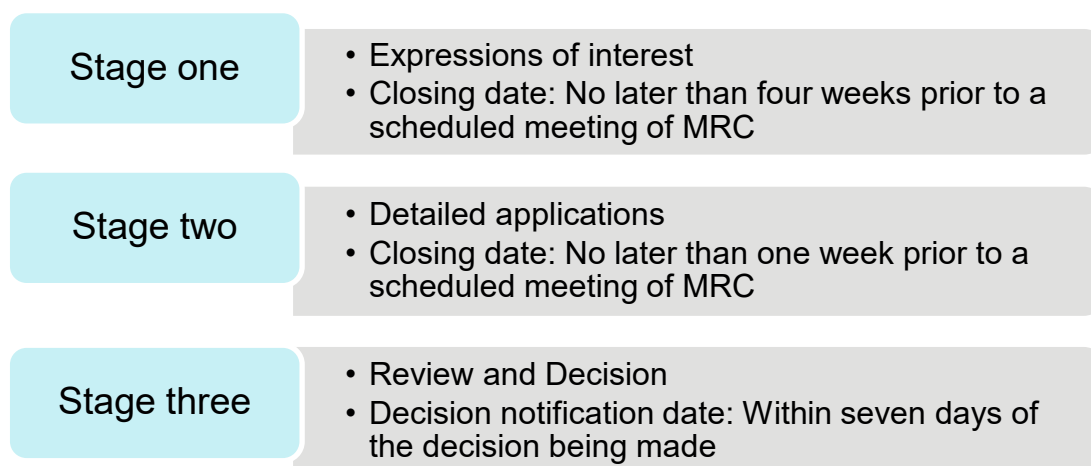
The Mission Resourcing Committee is permitted to make grants of up to \$100,000 to any congregation, council or other body in a 12-month period.

Funding required in excess of \$100,000 and/or for projects continuing for more than a 12-month period will require a business case to be submitted to the Mission Resourcing Committee who will make recommendations to the Synod or Synod Standing Committee for their decision. Grants for longer than 12 months are normally expected to diminish in later years.

Grants may be limited according to the amount of funding available at any time. The grant funding allocated to each application will be determined by the Mission Resourcing Committee to ensure the best use of the funds available.

## 4 GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

There is a three-stage application process.



## 5 SUBMITTING AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Please complete the Expression of Interest form (stage one) to commence the process.

Please direct any questions you may have to [mission.resourcing@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:mission.resourcing@wa.uca.org.au)

All Expressions of Interest must be sent to [mission.resourcing@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:mission.resourcing@wa.uca.org.au) as soon as they are completed but no later than four weeks prior to a scheduled meeting of the Mission Resourcing Committee. The scheduled meetings of the Mission Resourcing Committee for 2024 are July 22, September 30 and November 11.

All EOI's from congregations and faith communities will be referred to the Presbytery Standing Committee for them to make comment or recommendations on the application. PSC will normally seek advice from relevant Presbytery committees. The Mission Resourcing Committee may also seek comment from any other committee or body and may also seek further information from you.

As MRC must seek comment from Presbytery and may also seek comment from other councils or committees, the earlier you lodge your EOI the more likely it is that MRC will have received these responses by its next scheduled meeting. If all this information has not been received, your EOI will be noted at the next MRC meeting, but no decisions will be made until this information is received.

When comments and recommendations from PSC and other bodies are received the Mission Resourcing Committee will make a decision about it. For information about the progress of the assessment of your Expression of Interest email [mission.resourcing@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:mission.resourcing@wa.uca.org.au)

If you are selected to proceed to stage two, the Mission Resourcing Committee will contact you and will advise you of what extra information you need to provide. If you are not selected to proceed to stage two, the Mission Resourcing Committee will advise you of their decision and reasons for it.

## **6 SUBMITTING A DETAILED APPLICATION**

At the Expression of Interest stage, you are asked to make a high-level estimate only. If you are selected to go to the Detailed Application stage (stage two), you will be required to provide a more detailed application and a member of the Mission Resourcing Committee will be assigned to help you through this process. You will be required to develop a work plan using SMART principles and detailed costings which should not differ significantly from the original proposal.

When complete, submit your Detailed Application to the Mission Resourcing Committee at [mission.resourcing@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:mission.resourcing@wa.uca.org.au) This will be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Mission Resourcing Committee.

The Chair of the Mission Resourcing Committee will advise you of any decisions they make about your Detailed Application within seven days of that decision being made.

## **7 REVIEW OF PROJECTS**

The Mission Resourcing Committee will require regular reports on the progress of your program or project, according to the agreed Timeline and Key Progress Indicators. Members of the Mission Resourcing Committee may request to visit your project or program for an on-site review and may request to inspect records of the project.

Financial statements are required to be presented at each reporting period outlining how Future Mission Fund grants have been expended. Audited accounts must be presented at the end of the grant for any project or program receiving \$100,000 or more or lasting more than one year.

Any program or project requiring an extension of time or a variation to the approved grant amount will require a business case to be submitted to the Mission Resourcing Committee which will make recommendations to the Synod or Synod Standing Committee who have final determining authority for such decisions.

The Mission Resourcing Committee will report annually to the Synod on any grants made including their purposes, amount of the grant and progress on achievement of outcomes.