

MISSIONAL GRANTS

UCA Missional Grants

Grants are available to support UCA congregations or entities in relation to:

- ▶ Mission or ministry programs or projects
- ▶ Capital works projects
- ▶ Financial Assistance

The Mission Grants Executive is a committee that was established in 2021 to review and manage mission grant application processes and implementation.

Mission Grants

Mission Grant programs are annual, usually open for applications in March, due to Presbyteries in June, then to the Grants Coordinator in July, discernment panels in August and final decisions in October. Grants commence from January the following year unless specified otherwise.

Grants for Mission or Ministry programs or projects

Grants may be for a period of up to 5 years, for congregations, presbyteries or Uniting, and typically fund a new or existing mission project or ministry including stipend/wages and associated expenses.

- ▶ **From Trusts, Bequests and Designated Funds –** Funding from Trusts, Bequests and Designated relate to specific purposes. Funds are matched accordingly with eligible successful grant applications. Availability of funding is determined in February each year for capacity to support to support new grants, to be applied for that year.
- ▶ **From the Mission Grant Fund –** Funding is for general purposes, with eligibility criteria determined by the Mission Grants Executive. Current focus is on regional or presbytery wide missional projects or programs.

Grants for Capital Works Projects

Grants are for a period of up to 2 years, and assist with the cost of a capital project with a missional purpose.

- ▶ **From the Capital Works Fund –** Grants available, limited to up to \$50,000 per application. UCA congregations eligible.
- ▶ **From the Heritage Fund –** Grant availability and criteria to be confirmed, for heritage listed UCA buildings only. UCA congregations eligible.
- ▶ **From the Early Childhood Building Maintenance Relief Fund –** Grants available for early childhood centres on UCA land. UCA congregations and Uniting VicTas responsible for the centre's are eligible. Assists with the cost of required maintenance at active and dedicated facilities for childcare or early learning.

Small Mission Grants

Small Grants for Small Rural Congregations

Grants for rural UCA congregations in self-contained communities of less than 5000, for up to \$5,000 for mission focused projects to build or connect with community. Annual grant program, opens in March.

Financial Assistance Grants

Congregational Debt Relief

- ▶ **From the Congregational Debt Relief Fund –** Grants to assist with repayment of loan debt held with UEthical. UCA Congregations eligible. Annual grant program, opens in March.

Capital Works associated with Disability Access

- ▶ **From the Disability Access Fund –** Grants available anytime. UCA congregations eligible. Assists with up to 50% of the cost of works associated with disability access, with works to be compliant to Australian Standards. Applications assessed through the Property Applications Review Team (PART).

Emergency Grant (Capital or Stipend)

- ▶ **From the Capital Works Fund –** Grants available anytime. UCA congregations eligible. Assists with the cost of unforeseen emergency repairs or capital works. Grants limited to \$10,000. Applications assessed through the Property Applications Review Team (PART).
- ▶ **From the Sustentation Fund –** Grants available anytime. UCA congregations eligible. Assists with supporting payment of stipend when the congregation is unable to do so. Grants limited up to \$10,000 to be paid over a period up to 6 months. Applications assessed through the Property Applications Review Team (PART).

Further Information

For more information regarding grants considered through the **Mission Grants Executive (MGE)** visit: <https://victas.uca.org.au/resources/mission-resourcing/grants/>

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For more information regarding grants considered through the **Property Applications Review Team (PART)** visit:

<https://victas.uca.org.au/resources/property-legal/property/>

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