

Quaker Service Australia

First Nations Peoples – Applications for Project Funding



Introduction

Quaker Service Australia (QSA) is the service and overseas aid organisation of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Australia. Its *Statement of Purpose* reads ‘The purpose of QSA is to express in a practical way the concern of Australian Quakers for the building of a more peaceful, equitable, just and compassionate world. To this end QSA works with communities in need to improve their quality of life with projects which are culturally sensitive, as well as economically and environmentally appropriate and sustainable’.

QSA seeks to include projects with First Nations Peoples communities in its funding program. Aboriginal communities are welcome to submit for QSA’s consideration projects that support QSA’s *Statement of Purpose* and the goals of the Program, and fit within the selection criteria outlined below.

It is important for the effective outcome of a project, that QSA be able to establish a good rapport with communities and individuals with whom it is working. It therefore seeks to have person to person meetings with representatives of the community. Although QSA is based in Sydney, members or associates of its Management Committee are willing, whenever possible, to travel to meet with a community's representatives, and seeks ongoing communication in the form of reports, phone conversations and visits, whenever possible. Because of limited finances and personnel, and the importance of having ongoing contact with the communities with which it is working, QSA needs to limit the number of projects with which it is involved at any one time.

The goal of the First Nations Peoples program is to assist Indigenous communities within Australia to achieve and promote -

- a holistic approach to health and healing of the body, mind and spirit;
- closing the gap on social inequalities affecting Indigenous communities; and
- increased Indigenous leadership and participation in sustainable community development.

Environmental sustainability is a key cross cutting issue.

The Selection criteria QSA will be using

QSA will consider funding a project proposal which

- Is designed, submitted and will be implemented by either the Indigenous community or by those working in close collaboration
- Accurately and fairly represents the relevant community
- Is able to show community consultation and support for the proposal
- Includes clearly stated objectives and plans for carrying out the project to meet those objectives
- Ensures that the project is striving towards sustainability (in other words how the project can continue after the funding period has ended without the need for additional assistance) and includes the acquisition of skills for future use to benefit the community
- Contributes to redressing social justice issues and to respecting and strengthening Indigenous identity and spirituality

- Promotes the dignity and respect for human rights for all members of the community, including the children.
- Encourages sound environmental and ecological practices where relevant
- Encourages and facilitates community self-reliance
- Funds or supports an individual if the outcome is clearly for the benefit of their Indigenous community.

QSA will not fund

- Projects which involve proselytising activities; welfare support or major building work
- Retrospective funding for work already done
- A project which does not have the support of the community, or will only benefit an individual.

Quaker Service Australia Aboriginal Concerns Fund

Funding Application Form

Please send your funding application to Quaker Service Australia at

Unit 14, 43-53 Bridge Road, Stanmore NSW 2048

Phone: 02 8054 0400 email administration@qsa.org.au ABN: 35 989 797 916

If you would like to discuss this form or are unclear about any of the questions, please contact QSA by phone on 02 8054 0400 or email administration@qsa.org.au

Please keep your answers brief and to the point. Please enclose a letter of endorsement from the Elders or Leaders of the community involved. QSA would also be happy to receive additional material such as plans or maps, if they add clarity to your application and help us to understand the situation better.

Contact details	Name of group/organisation sending the proposal:
	Postal Address:
	Phone:
	Email or website if applicable:
Banking details	ABN
	Bank account – bank
	Bank account – branch address
	Bank account – account name
	Bank account – account number
	Who are the authorised signatories to operate the account?
	How many signatures are needed to authorise a cheque?
Details of the project	Name of project:
	Where will the project take place?
	Time frame and dates for project
	Give a brief description of the project
	What are the needs this project hopes to address?
	How will this project work towards meeting those needs?
	What are your objectives for this project?
	How long do you think it will take to achieve these objectives?
	How will you know that the project has achieved its objectives?
	Who will benefit most from this project?
Budget	What is the total cost of the project?

What other funding resources have been approached and what was the outcome?
How much funding are you asking QSA to provide?
Please provide an itemised budget (on a separate sheet) for how the money will be spent
How will possible disagreements within the community about the project be addressed?
Have you had contact with QSA or Quakers before?
Are you willing to have regular communication with QSA, via email, phone and face-to face meetings?
Attachments checklist
Letter of endorsement from community elders Y/N
Itemised Budget Y/N
Supplementary information such as brochures, maps etc Y/N