



**Highways
and Byways**
A Community of Service

**Small Grants Program Open
Now – Funds available.**

Up to \$3,000



Grants Guidelines

Highways and Byways Small Grants Program 2021

Opens Monday 9th November 2020 - closes Tuesday 9th Feb 2021

2021 Theme: ***Healing the Land - Healing Ourselves - Together***

Highways and Byways welcomes applications to assist people and communities to address disadvantage and inequality particularly in rural, regional and remote areas of Australia.

2020 has seen our nation (and our planet) challenged in more ways than we could ever have imagined. In 2021 we are seeking applications that focus on **HEALING** – particularly healing of our land – our earth – our ecosystems – our people.

As we try to manage the many challenges of living with a global pandemic, we also continue to experience the severe impacts of ongoing drought and climate change – leaving many rural communities struggling. In Australia, fires have ravaged over 18 million hectares since September 2019, lives have been lost, many species devastated, and the ongoing ecological and biodiversity impacts are immense.

2021 – 2030 has been declared the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. The 2021 Highways and Byways Small Grants Program aims to help communities through initiatives that:

- Focus on healing the land in holistic ways
- Increase opportunities for people to build community through practical projects focusing on land health, public or private
- Equip communities with knowledge and skills to sustainably manage land for current and future generations

Examples of suitable projects:

- Indigenous Cultural Fire Management Practices – creating cultural burn opportunities with local Indigenous Rangers / Leaders
- Any project using community partnerships to improve land health and increase local knowledge –
 - Grasslands restoration
 - Carbon capture initiatives – bolstering soil fertility
 - Revegetation/restoration initiatives e.g. local community land damaged by fires
 - Sustainability expos
 - Education and training sessions.

Background:

Highways and Byways – A Community of Service continues the work of the Missionary Sisters of Service (MSS) reaching out in hope and love to people socially and geographically isolated, strengthening community relationships and networks, developing leadership and empowering people to meet the challenges that confront them.

Since 1944 the MSS have travelled vast distances to reach people in all kinds of places and situations, and support those on the margins: geographically, culturally, spiritually, socially and economically.

Funding eligibility

Highways and Byways does not fund individuals. We are able to fund community groups or organisations which can demonstrate that they are at minimum an Incorporated Association or similarly constituted entity.

Projects need to demonstrate that they are addressing the relief of social, economic, and environmental distress, or geographical disadvantage, through locally led action.

Projects are to be completed within 12 months unless otherwise negotiated. Generally, grants allocated are up to \$3,000.

How to Apply

Please address all the questions in the Application Form. Applications to be lodged no later than **6.00pm on Tuesday 9th FEBRUARY 2021**.

Online – see link to form at <https://highwaysandbyways.org.au/>

Hard copy (see postal address below), or

Email grants@highwaysandbywaysltd.org.au

Details below and on Application Form.

Please send your completed application to

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*Photos Top of Page 1 Above left:
Demonstration of A Cultural Burn at Jubullum,
New South Wales
(Photo: ABC New England: Jennifer Ingall)*

*Photos Top Right: Tully Community members
Far North Queensland – A Highways and Byways
Grant
Temperate Grasslands Eastern Australia
Photo: Greening Australia*

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