

Compassionate Grants

Application Process and Methodology of considering Applications.

In the first instance the Lion making the enquiry should make contact with the Compassionate Grants Chairman. That person being Chairman of the Australian Lions Foundation. This initial contact can be made through the District ALF Chairman, State ALF Trustee or District Executive who would refer the applicant directly to the ALF Chairman.

The Chairman would confer with the applicant either by phone or email to establish the suitability of persons involved and the amount of funding deemed appropriate and a Compassionate Grant application form would be forwarded. (In urgent cases it is not necessary for the form to be received before considering an application).

Points to be considered that will influence the decision on the amount of funding to be provided.

Ascertain the severity of the hardship and the amount needed to give relief. (It is important to note that this is a compassionate grant and the background of the potential recipient must be fully understood.)

Ascertain if the Lions Club involved (or any other voluntary organisation) has already assisted and if yes how much funding was forwarded.

Ascertain if the Lions Club involved has funds available to match ALF's potential funding on 50/50 basis, if not then what percentage.

Ascertain if the Club is likely to support the project with any further funding.

The Chairman would then make a recommendation to the Trustees as to the amount to be granted.

When a majority in the affirmative has been received by the Chairman he would advise the ALF Treasurer and the Club the amount to be granted, also requesting banking details of the Club so the funds could be transferred . An accountability form would also forwarded at this time.

As time is often an important factor all efforts should be made to come to a decision without delay.

If the Chairman is not available then his role should be assumed by the Deputy Chairman, in the event of neither being available then the Trustees would consider the application.