



Holsworth Local Heritage Trust

Guidelines



Application dates

Closing date: 5pm – 31 July each year

All applications, including any attachments, must be submitted by the due date to:
office@historyvictoria.org.au

Late applications cannot be accepted.

The purpose of the Holsworth Local Heritage Trust, a charitable fund within the Victorian Community Foundation, is to invite applications for grants from not-for-profit organisations such as historical societies, clubs, schools and museums in regional and rural Victoria.

The Trust is interested in supporting enthusiastic community groups and organisations with a true interest in heritage preservation and appreciation, and the enhancement of community life.

About the Grant

Grants of up to \$2,000 are available for the publication of any specific or general local history or natural history in rural and regional Victoria.

The Grant is intended for small organisations with an interest in publishing works of historical value, even where the organisation has little or no experience of self publishing work. Joint projects encompassing several groups or annual/special edited journals incorporating submitted historical articles from a wide community are encouraged.

Applicants are required to submit a proposal including details of the intended date of publication. It is expected that considerable research has already been undertaken before applying.

Applications open on 1 March and close on 31 July each year. These are considered by the Holsworth Local Heritage Trust Sub-committee. Applicants will usually be advised by mid-September. Grants are paid via the Royal Historical Society of Victoria.

Funding Guide

- Applicants must be from a Victorian organisation that will hold the copyright of the publication.
- Grants of up to \$2,000 will be awarded for printing costs only.
- Applicants who applied for a grant in previous years may re-apply.
- Grants will only be awarded to an incorporated organisation where it is clearly demonstrated to be of benefit to that organisation and not to individual authors.
- Manuscripts must be published within 12 months after receipt of the grant.

Grants are given for

- Proposed publications supporting local and/or natural history endeavours in regional and rural Victoria.
- The costs to publish new material, with preference given to publications of historical (rather than commercial) value or where the publication is to be donated to schools or other education institutions at secondary school level or above.
- The costs to print indexes for existing historical publications.
- Publications on paper media, although consideration will be given to other proposed forms of promoting, preserving and restoring publications.

Does not fund

- Requests for funding of genealogical publications unless they are of clear community historical significance.
- Publications that are already completed and/or launched.
- Reprints of previously published works.

General Conditions

Acceptance of funds from the Holsworth Local Heritage Trust will mean that:

- The publication is published within a set timeframe from the receipt of the grant as provided in the application.
- A progress report must be provided if the publication does not occur within the first year after receipt of the grant.
- The successful applicants acknowledge the Holsworth Local Heritage Trust Grant in a professional and clearly marked section of the publication, namely: "This publication was funded by a grant from the VCF Holsworth Local Heritage Trust, which is managed by Equity Trustees."
- Within three months of publication, a completed publication is to be provided to the Royal Historical Society of Victoria. Applicants are reminded that Legal Deposit Legislation requires that a copy of all publications published in Victoria must be lodged with the State Library of Victoria and the National Library of Australia.
- The funds are spent in accordance with the outlined proposal.

For further information, please contact:
office@historyvictoria.org.au

Recommended reading

Publishing History: a guide for Historical Societies, by Helen Doyle & Katya Johanson. Federation of Australian Historical Societies, 2006. Available on the FAHS website in pdf format: www.history.org.au/Documents/publishing_history.pdf