



Southern Sub-Regional Trust 2017-2018 Grant Funding Guidelines

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SOUTHERN SUB-REGIONAL TRUST
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Background

The Southern Sub-Regional Trust (SSRT) is committed to supporting the overall direction of both the Western Cape Communities Trust (WCCT) and the Western Cape Communities Coordinating Committee as per the Western Cape Communities Coexistence Agreement (WCCCA). WCCT provides funding to SSRT which must be in furtherance of the WCCT objectives and the purposes of the SSRT. The SSRT will support and sponsor initiatives and activities of particular communities living within the WCCCA area that are for charitable purposes or promoting benefit to the overall welfare of the Communities.

Under the terms of the trust deed for the WCCT, the key objectives are to:

- allocate and distribute trust funds for the benefit of the Communities and their organisations; or
- promote the benefit and general welfare of the Communities by providing loans, grants, and goods and services
- provided that the use of Trust funds is for charitable purposes.

The provision of funds available from the SSRT is governed by the rules and requirements of both the SSRT Trust Deed and the Australian Taxation Office. The funds the SSRT have made available have been specifically defined to operate within these rules. The allocation of funds outside these rules may have a negative impact on the SSRT itself and on all the Trusts in the Western Cape Communities. Breaking these rules will limit the funds available in the future.

Accordingly the SSRT can only utilise Trust funds for the following charitable purposes:

- relief of poverty, and needs arising from old age or sickness and distress
- advancement of education
- advancement of religion and/or
- other purposes beneficial to the Community

The SSRT is focused on pursuing three key objectives for the Traditional Owners and Communities that it represents. These are supported by the WCCCA and include:

1. Community Development – being enterprise development, infrastructure, educational, health and social development
2. Community Support – being the Ranger program, provision of bursaries and the protection and promotion of cultural heritage; and
3. Traditional Owner Group Support.

Southern Sub-Regional Trust Directorship

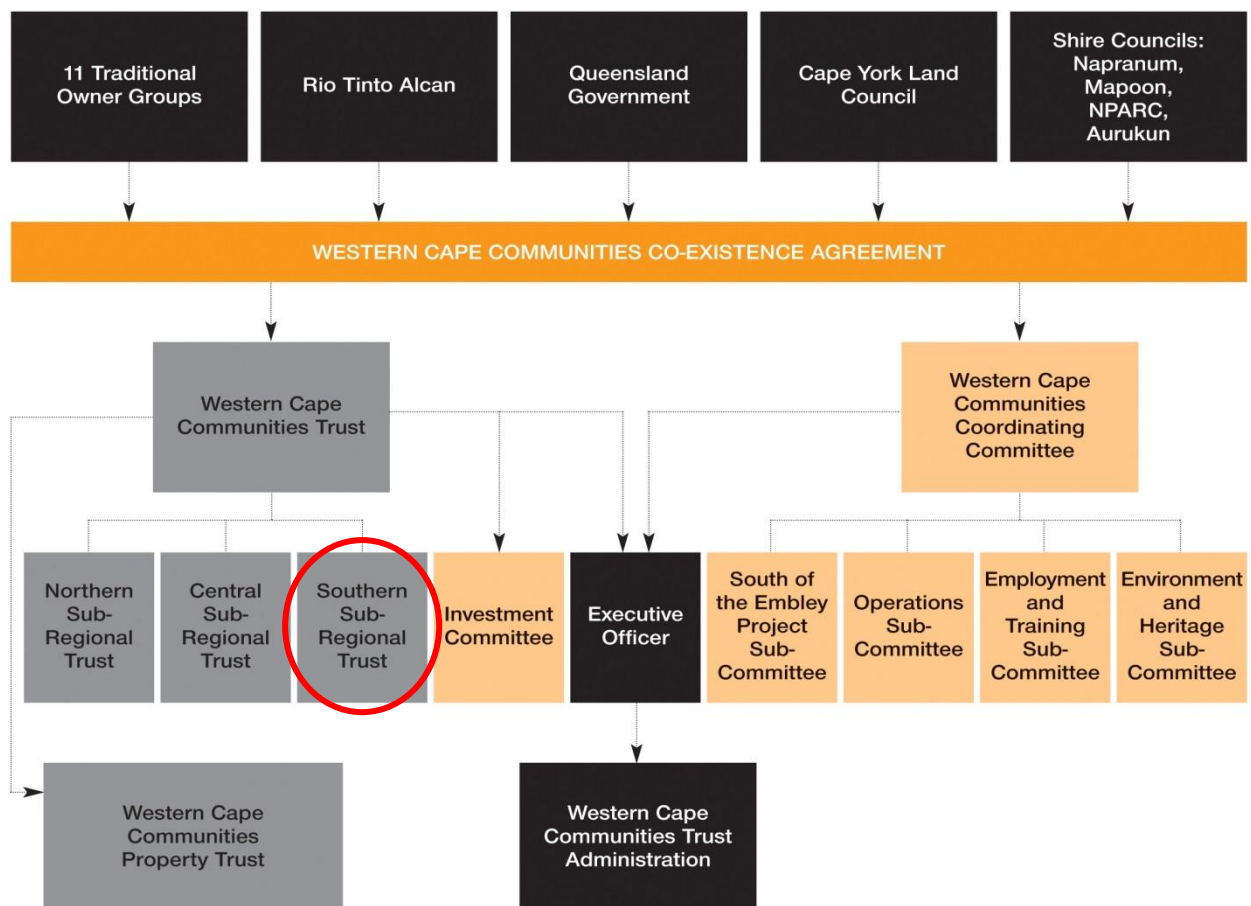
The Southern Sub-Regional Trust comprises members from the families of the Wik and Wik-Waya family groups (as instructed by Wik and Wik-Waya Elders) and the Aurukun Shire Council.

Directorship for the **2017–2018 term** is as follows:

- 1 Kerindun/Chevathen Families (Loyla Chevathen, Chairperson)
- 1 Bowenda/Kelinda/George Families (Barbara Bandicootcha)
- 1 Chevathun/Ngakyunkwokka Families (Andrea Ngakyunkwokka)
- 1 Owokran/Woolla Families (Kathy Owokran)
- 1 Blowhard/Matthew Families (Pearl Matthew)
- 1 Aurukun Shire Council (Mayor Dereck Walpo)

Directors are appointed to the Sub-Regional Trust for a period of 2 years.

Structure



Eligibility when applying for grants

To be eligible to apply for funding from the SSRT applicants must satisfy the charitable purpose requirement mentioned above and meet one of the criteria listed below:

1. A member of Traditional Owner Groups, who are registered Shareholders from the Wik and Wik- Waya Traditional Owner Group;
(Note: To become a registered Shareholder please contact the WCCT Finance Team)
2. A member of the traditional owner groups of the WCCCA area which is south of the Embley River excluding Albatross Bay (**Southern Sub-Region**);
3. A member of the Aurukun Community – i.e. the Aboriginal people who are ordinarily resident in or around the Shire of Aurukun;
4. An Aboriginal person who ordinarily reside in or around the land or waters within the Southern Sub-Region;
5. The Aurukun Shire Council;
6. Community sporting clubs of the Southern Sub-Region;
7. Community sporting activities and training camps from outside the Southern Sub-Region that provide programs that service the Wik and Wik-Waya Traditional Owner Groups;
8. Local cultural and church groups of the Southern Sub-Region;
9. Community organisations of the Southern Sub-Region; or
10. Schools from the Aurukun, Western Cape Region and Boarding Schools. Schools from outside the Western Cape Region will be considered on a case by case basis.

All applications must meet these minimum requirements in order to receive any funding and all Applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis by the Trustee Board of the SSRT against the terms of the SSRT Trust Deed, the WCCCA and this Grant Funding Guideline.

Overview of the Categories of Funding

In 2017-2018 the SSRT have developed a budget and will **only** grant funding under the following categories and conditions.

Application forms for each type of grant will provide full details of conditions when applying.

Type of Grant	What will be funded	Conditions of funding
<p><u>Community Development</u> Aurukun Shire Council</p>	<p>The SSRT supports community development projects that benefit individuals and families as well as the physical infrastructure that is or could be available to the Community. Funding will be provided to the Aurukun Shire Council to plan for, deliver and maintain such community infrastructure in the Shire of Aurukun.</p>	<p>Community Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Aurukun Shire Council has been allocated a total of \$700,000 for the 2017 and 2018 calendar years. Funding is budgeted at \$400,000 for 2017 calendar year as follows: Wo'uw Ko'alam Community Centre - \$250,000; New Cemetery Project - \$100,000; and Wik & Kugu Art Centre - \$50,000. Funding is budgeted at \$300,000 for 2018 calendar year. The applicant must apply for grants that meet charitable guidelines. Funding will be allocated against the Council's Capital Works, Community or Town Plan. Funding must be acquitted. Council must have unqualified audits to apply for and receive funding. Funding cannot be used to start businesses. Funding cannot be used for operating expenses such as rent and electricity. The Aurukun Shire Council must acknowledge the SSRT for its funding support.
<p><u>Community Support</u> Whitegoods and Household goods</p>	<p>The SSRT supports funding that delivers an enhanced quality of life to the Traditional Owners it represents. Essential items for everyday living will be funded by the SSRT. Items for funding will include: refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, dryers, beds, mattresses, linen, dining tables and chairs, kitchen appliances and air conditioners ONLY.</p> <p>Grants will be provided to the elderly and sick or distressed and people suffering financial hardship</p>	<p>Whitegoods and Household Goods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of \$800,000 has been allocated for the Whitegoods and Household Goods for the 2017 and 2018 calendar years. Funding is budgeted at \$400,000 per calendar year. A capped amount of \$5,000 is available to each household only. Only applicants suffering from old age/sickness/disability or low income will be considered. Applicant must provide proof of receiving Centrelink Income Support Payments (Family Tax Benefit alone is not proof of low income) or a copy of a current and valid Centrelink issued health care card. Applicant must be living in their own home or have written confirmation of being allocated a house and not on the housing waiting list. An applicant can only apply for funding every three calendar years and applicants must sign the statement and declaration regarding the supply of whitegoods. Goods will only be delivered to the applicant that has been approved by the SSRT.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preference for funding will be provided to applicants residing in the Western Cape York Region. • Applications received from outside of the Western Cape York Region will be considered on a case by case basis. • If applicants apply this year and the quota of grants has been received, applications will be held over to the next funding round. • An applicant can only apply for funding every three calendar year. • Applicants can only apply for goods from the list provided. • Please note that if an approved applicant is found to have on-sold/gifted their whitegoods then they will no longer be eligible to be considered to receive future funding then they will no longer be eligible to be considered to receive future funding, due to them breaching our charitable trust guideline conditions. • Applicants take ownership of the goods and must carry out maintenance and general up-keep of the appliances at their own cost. • Goods must be a necessity. • Funding will be paid to suppliers not to applicants.
Community Wellbeing	The SSRT supports funding that provides enhancement of physical well-being and provides an opportunity for all members of the Community from our youth to the elderly to engage in positive and developmental activities within the Community environment.	<p>Community Sporting Clubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of \$30,000 has been allocated for Community Sporting Clubs for the 2017 and 2018 calendar years. • Funding is budgeted at \$15,000 per calendar year. • Funding is capped at a maximum of \$5,000 per application per year. • Funding must be used for equipment, uniforms or competitions, including travel and accommodation. • Applicants can only apply for equipment every three years. • Applicants are responsible for housing and maintaining the equipment. • Uniforms can only be purchased every two years. • Applicants can only apply for funding once per year and only from the one Sub-Regional Trust. • Grants can provide for special sporting activities for the aged to assist with the types of physical limitations that can be suffered by aged persons. • Funding must be paid to suppliers, not to individuals. • Funding must be acquitted. • Applicants must acknowledge the SSRT for its funding support. <p>Community Sporting Activities and Training Camps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of \$50,000 has been allocated for Community Sporting Activities and Training Camps for the 2017 and 2018 calendar years.

	<p>The SSRT supports funding that provides medical equipment and supplies to aid the sick, disabled and distressed and improve their standard of living.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding is budgeted at \$25,000 per calendar year. • Applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. • Funding must be used for clinics, training or methods to educate/benefit participants. • Applicants' attendance at training camps will be based on school behaviour and attendance. • Funding must benefit the Aurukun Community and Wik and Wik-Waya peoples. • Funding must be for the enhancement of physical well-being. • Applicants must provide details of how funds are to be used. • Funding must be paid to suppliers, not to individuals. • Funding must be acquitted. • Applicants must acknowledge the SSRT for its funding support. <p>Disability Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of \$200,000 has been allocated for Disability Assistance for the 2017 and 2018 calendar years. • Funding is budgeted at \$100,000 per calendar year. • Applicants will be assessed individually. • Funding for capital items will only be considered if they are not provided by Government or other organisations. • The purpose of funding is to provide aid to the sick, disabled or distressed members of the Community. • A letter from your medical professional and a quote for the items being requested must be provided with the application. • Funding can be provided for the upkeep and maintenance of equipment. Applicants must provide a quote detailing maintenance required. • All funding is provided to service providers or organisations. • Funding must be acquitted. • Examples include equipment for the elderly to assist with day to day living such as shower chairs, hand railings, wheelchairs. • The support of the SSRT must be acknowledged.
<p>Cultural Activities</p>	<p>The SSRT supports funding that connects to our culture and heritage through activities promoting, recognising and engaging all Community members, from our youth through to our Elders. This includes, but is not limited to, support for cultural activities, arts and crafts, dance groups, kids going back to country, recording of traditional knowledge, storytelling, traditional ways, and preservation of culture.</p>	<p>Cultural Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of \$50,000 has been allocated for Cultural Activities for the 2017 and 2018 calendar years. • Funding is budgeted at \$25,000 per calendar year. • Funds for cultural activities can be used for expenses such as food, transport costs, and art and craft supplies. • Funding cannot be used for operating expenses such as salaries, rent and electricity.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications will be assessed individually. • Funding must benefit the whole Community. • Funding must support Aboriginal activities. • Funding must go to suppliers, auspicing bodies or organisations, not individuals. • Funding must be acquitted. • The SSRT must be acknowledged for its funding support.
Church Activities	The SSRT supports funding that provides for the advancement of religion and religious activities for all Community members, from our youth through to our Elders.	<p>Church Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of \$10,000 has been allocated for Church Equipment for the 2017 and 2018 calendar years. • Funding is budgeted at \$5,000 per calendar year. • Funding will be provided to churches in the local Aurukun Community ONLY. • Funding will be provided for the purchase of church equipment such as books, musical instruments, and church kitchen appliances and utensils ONLY. • Funding must go to suppliers not individuals. • Funding must be acquitted. • The SSRT must be acknowledged for its funding support.
Christmas Donations	<p>The SSRT supports the donation of a Community Christmas Celebration within the Aurukun Community.</p> <p>Donations will also be provided on a case by case basis to assist with Community events for the benefit of the Community as a whole.</p>	<p>Community Christmas Celebration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of \$300,000 has been allocated for the Community Christmas Celebration for the 2017 and 2018 calendar years. • Funding is budgeted at \$150,000 per calendar year. • The SSRT will host a community Christmas Event in 2017-2018 and each household in attendance may receive a gift. • Funding must go to suppliers not individuals. • The SSRT must be acknowledged publicly for its funding support. <p>Community Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of \$20,000 has been allocated for Community Events for the 2017 and 2018 calendar years. • Funding is budgeted at \$10,000 per calendar year and includes \$5,000 per calendar year to be allocated specifically for the MacKenzie Awards. • Applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. • Funding is provided to the organisation not the individual and can be used to assist with catering or the purchase of items for the event. • Funding must be acquitted. • Funding cannot be used for operating expenses such as salaries, rent and electricity. • The SSRT must be acknowledged publicly for its funding support.

<p><u>Traditional Owner Groups</u> Educational Bursaries</p>	<p>The SSRT supports educational opportunities for Traditional Owners through the provision of a well-structured educational bursary program.</p>	<p>Primary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of \$50,000 has been allocated for Primary School for the 2017 and 2018 calendar years. • Funding is budgeted at \$25,000 per calendar year. • Funding is capped at \$500 per child per year. • Funding can only be used to purchase book packs, uniforms, school fees and other school related expenses. • All applications MUST be signed by the student’s parent or guardian • Funding must be paid to suppliers not to individuals. • For the continuation of payment the following year, a new application must be submitted, the child must attend school and report cards and attendance records must be shown to the SSRT. <p>Secondary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of \$1,200,000 has been allocated for Secondary School bursaries for the 2017 and 2018 calendar year. • Funding is budgeted at \$600,000 per calendar year. • Funding is capped at \$25,000 per child and applicants will be <u>assessed individually</u>. • Funding is available for children attending local and boarding schools. • Applicants must have proof of attendance at school and school reports. • Funding extends to books and uniforms, including sporting uniforms (as part of the Physical Education curriculum) and other curricular based activities related to school ONLY. • All applications MUST be signed by the student’s parent or guardian. • Funding does not replace Abstudy or other government entitlements. • Applicants must provide evidence of enrolment before payment of bursary funds to the school. • The purpose is to educate and develop people in the Community. • Funds are to be paid to the school/provider. • Applicants must be prepared to do work experience with Rio Tinto on school holidays. • For the continuation of payment the following year, a new application must be submitted, the child must attend school and report cards and attendance records must be shown to the SSRT. • The SSRT must be acknowledged publicly for its support.
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Funeral Assistance	The SSRT is committed to help with costs to support funerals among Wik and Wik Waya families in their times of grief and mourning.	<p>Funeral Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of \$180,000 has been allocated for Funeral Assistance for the 2017 and 2018 calendar years. • Funding is budgeted at \$90,000 per calendar year. • Funding of \$5,900 will be provided only for casket, transport of casket, flowers, chaplain and site preparation. • Additional funding will be provided to cover the cost of repatriation, if required and will be paid directly to the supplier. • Repatriation funding assistance will be considered on a case by case basis • Funding of \$1,000 will be provided for the Eulogy preparation service provided by the Western Cape Centre ONLY as required. • Funding of \$2,500 will be provided for food for feasting. • No cigarettes or alcohol are to be purchased with the funds.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those who have passed must first be proven to be Wik and Wik-Waya Traditional Owners, by contacting the Aurukun Shire Council for confirmation of eligibility. • Cash contributions to individuals are not permitted, and payment must be made to service providers/suppliers and not to individuals. <p>House Openings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of \$60,000 has been allocated for House Openings for the 2017 and 2018 calendar years. • Funding is budgeted at \$30,000 per calendar year. • The funding amount per applicant is capped at \$5,000, broken down into purchasing T-shirts up to \$2,500 including any freight costs and food up to \$2,500. • No cigarettes or alcohol to be purchased. • Cash contributions to individuals are not permitted, and payment must be made to the service providers/suppliers and not to individuals.
Support of Wik and Wik Waya traditional practices and customs	The SSRT is committed to help with costs to support ceremonies that form part of Wik and Wik Waya traditional practices and customs relating to funerals.	<p>Tombstones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of \$192,000 has been allocated for Tombstones for the 2017 and 2018 calendar years. • Funding is budgeted at \$96,000 per calendar year. • Contribution to the costs of 16 tombstones only per calendar year will be provided. • Applications are capped at \$6,000 and funding can be used for the purchase of the tombstone, tiles and tombstone base. • Cash contributions to individuals are not permitted, and payment must be made to service providers/suppliers and not to individuals. <p>Tombstone Feasting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of \$80,000 has been allocated for Tombstone Feasting for the 2017 and 2018 calendar years. • Funding is budgeted at \$40,000 per calendar year. • Funding is capped at \$2,500 and will be provided for food for feasting. • No cigarettes or alcohol are to be purchased with the funds. • Cash contributions to individuals are not permitted, and payment must be made to service providers/suppliers and not to individuals.
Outstation Assistance– Equipment and Establishment	The SSRT is committed to supporting Elders and Wik and Wik Waya Traditional Owners to access and live on their outstations.	<p>Outstations – Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of \$120,000 has been allocated for Outstations Equipment for the 2017 and 2018 calendar years. • Funding is budgeted at \$60,000 per calendar year. • Applications will be considered individually on a case by case basis, to a capped amount of \$6,000 per application for purchases for outstations.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding may be used for the <i>purchase of tools & equipment essential for life on Outstations and includes items such as, water tanks, water containers, tents, tarpaulins, poles, ropes, generators, chainsaws, mowers, whipper snippers, esky's/camp fridges & cooking facilities such as gas stove or gas burners and camp ovens, showers, billy, utensils, plates and cups, lighting and first aid kits</i> • Applicants can only apply for funding every second calendar year. • Excludes personal clothing and bedding. • Proof of appropriate licences must be provided for the purchase of chainsaws. • Safety gear must be purchased with chainsaws and must be used. • The purpose is to assist people living on outstations. • Funding must be for the necessities of life and to improve the standard of living on outstations. • Funding must not be used for commercial profit or money-making. • Please note that if approved applicants are found to have on-sold/gifted their goods then they will no longer be eligible to be considered to receive future funding, due to them breaching our charitable trust guideline conditions. • Applicants are responsible for the maintenance, up-keep and housing of these items. <p>Outstations – Establishment Feasibility Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of \$140,000 has been allocated for Outstations Establishment Feasibility Studies for the 2017 and 2018 calendar years. • Funding is budgeted at \$70,000 per calendar year. • Funding is available for two feasibility studies for the possible establishment of new outstations. • Applications are capped at \$35,000 per feasibility study • Traditional Owners of the Wik and Wik-Waya family groups can apply for this funding. • The outstations are to be used by all family members (not individual people) during activities, including traditional activities. • Outstations are not intended for individuals or select groups. • The WCCT Finance Team will organise their preferred supplier to undertake the feasibility study. • All legislative and Council requirements must be adhered to. • The SSRT must be acknowledged for the funding. <p>Outstations – Establishment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of \$1,000,000 has been allocated for Outstations Establishment for the 2017 and 2018 calendar years. • Funding is budgeted at \$500,000 per calendar year (Watson River Outstation in 2017 and Hey Point Outstation in 2018)
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The SSRT is committed to supporting Rangers and Ranger programs of the Southern WCCCA region.

- The purpose is to assist people living on Outstations.
- Funding must be for the necessities of life.
- Funding must improve the standard of living.
- Funding must not be used for commercial profit or money-making.
- Applicants are responsible for maintenance, upkeep and housing of items purchased.
- The property is used during organised activities (such as teaching traditional skills).
- Activities are run by Elders or Community groups dedicated to Indigenous culture.
- The WCCT Finance Team will arrange all feasibility, purchase of goods, contracts and assistance in the development of Outstations.
- Funding is provided to service providers/suppliers, not to applicants.
- Funding must be acquitted.
- Applicants must acknowledge the SSRT publicly for its funding support.

Rangers

- A total of \$100,000 has been allocated for rangers for the 2017 and 2018 calendars years.
- Funding is budgeted at \$50,000 per calendar year.
- Funding must be used for project based operations.
- Funding cannot be used for operational costs such as wages, rent and electricity.
- Applications will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Funding must be acquitted.
- Applicants must acknowledge the SSRT for its funding support.

Grant Funding Support

To help facilitate the grant applications in line with the above conditions, the SSRT Directors in conjunction with the WCCT Finance Team will assist applicants to understand the process for applying for grants. The following steps will apply:

1. Applications will **only** be considered if they meet the SSRT categories and conditions as outlined in this Grant Funding Guidelines.
2. An application form specific for each area is available on request. This application form will provide more detailed information regarding each category and condition of funding.
3. The WCCT Finance Team will assist with the completion of application forms and make visits to communities to assist with the grant funding process.
4. Applicants can apply for funding at any time of the year. However, applications can only be assessed every quarter when the SSRT meet for their Board meetings.
5. The WCCT Finance Team and Executive Officer **do not** make any decisions regarding approval of applications. This is the responsibility of the SSRT Board of Directors.

The WCCT Finance Team is here to support Traditional Owners and applicants with their grant funding proposals. For further information please contact the Finance Team on (07) 4069 7945 or email fgo1@westerncape.com.au or fgo2@westerncape.com.au