

Collective Giving Impact Report

Women facing
homelessness

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Inspiring Collective Action

A massive THANK YOU to everyone involved for your generosity, commitment and genuine support in joining our Collective Giving.

It is only with the combined efforts of so many of our socially conscious partners that we are able to reach and help such a broad scope of people. ***Together we've provided critical care and support to women navigating homelessness.***

JUL / AUG

Rough Sleeper support through programs that help:

- Provide emergency accommodation
- Provide pathways to Housing First solutions
- Supply basic essentials like medical care, hygiene packs and clothing

Priority cohorts: people sleeping rough, living in tents, and temporary shelters

SEP / OCT

Preventing and ending homelessness for women most at risk by:

- Giving new bedding for a safe night's rest
- Providing emergency and crisis accommodation
- Setting up new havens of safety and stability with household essentials

Priority cohorts: women escaping domestic and family violence, older women and youth

NOV / DEC

Helping people access, set up and maintain housing, focusing on:

- People and their pets to find safe accommodation
- Regional responses to youth homelessness
- Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander led programs

Priority cohorts: people with pets, young people, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

JAN / FEB

Strengthening the homelessness sector capacity by:

- Helping to elevate the voices of people with lived experience
- Funding advocacy and awareness campaigns
- Providing access to staff training and wellbeing support

Priority cohorts: people with lived experience, frontline workers

MAR / APR

Breaking the cycle through job readiness, employment and education for young people by:

- providing programs with employment pathways
- Supporting them to maintain or access education
- Building confidence with social inclusion opportunities

Priority cohorts: young people, migrant and refugee communities

MAY / JUN

Responding to hidden homelessness through:

- Providing tenancy and housing support
- Improving food security and reducing hunger
- Providing emergency and essential support

Priority cohorts: LGBTQIA+, those couch surfing, boarding house residents

Why we're responding

The number of girls and women facing homelessness is growing. Often grappling with impossible decisions between homelessness or violence and poverty, women and gender diverse people increasingly have nowhere safe to turn.

10%

the increase in women and children experiencing homelessness in the last Census

45%

of women and girls seeking homelessness list domestic and family violence as the cause

80%

of those turned away from specialist homelessness services are women and children

Creating \$291,650 in Social Value



\$76,750

distributed



591

people supported



15

organisations supported

\$26k

Domestic and Family Violence Services **36%**

\$11k

Youth Services **14%**

\$10k

Housing providers **13%**

\$10k

Specialist Homelessness **13%**

\$5.3k

General Community **7%**

\$5k

Refugee/Migrant service **6%**



38% of beneficiaries are Indigenous Australians



12% of beneficiaries identifies as LGBTQIA+



43% of beneficiaries were young people

Funded Projects

47% of projects funded have an annual T/O **\$1-2 million**

67% of projects funded are regional (outside Capital Cities)

1 in 3 organisations reported demand increase between **20-30%** in the past year

Organisation	State / Region	Grant Amount
Annie North	VIC – Bendigo	\$5,000.00
Elizabeth Morgan House Aboriginal Women’s Services	VIC – Gippsland	\$5,000.00
Housing for the Aged Action Group	VIC – Statewide	\$5,000.00
Karinya Young Women’s Service	TAS – Launceston	\$5,250.00
Law and Advocacy Centre for Women	VIC – Dandenong	\$5,000.00
Marnin Bowa Dumbara Derby Family Healing Centre	WA – Derby	\$5,250.00
Seeds of Affinity: Pathways for Women	SA – Adelaide	\$5,250.00
SpeakOut Immigrant Women’s Association of NSW	NSW – Statewide	\$5,250.00
St Kilda Gatehouse	VIC – St Kilda	\$5,000.00
The Forgotten Women Project (Mangrove Housing)	QLD – Statewide	\$5,250.00
United Housing Co-operative	VIC - Footscray	\$5,000.00
Wellsprings for Women	VIC – Dandenong	\$5,000.00
Women’s Community Shelters	VIC – Mornington Peninsula	\$5,000.00
Women’s Shelter Armidale	NSW – Armidale	\$5,250.00
Zig Zag Young Women’s Resource Centre	QLD – Brisbane	\$5,250.00
Total of Grants		\$76,750.00



“This grant will help us address the urgent and growing issue of **homelessness among women over 55, giving these women the security they need** to focus on other aspects of their lives, such as health, employment” - Forgotten Women Project (QLD)

“When women leave prison, they often do so with just a plastic bag of belongings, and little else. This grant will be used to **support women to transition into the community and give them as much chance as possible to succeed post release.** We receive no ongoing funding from the government, and all of our staff are volunteers. This lack of funding is not from lack of trying, but reflects the competitive nature of grants”

- Seeds of Affinity (SA) (pictured)

[Read more in our Article](#)

How we are impacting lives

Together, through the September/October project, we have created tangible impact in diverse ways, **touching upon 3 of our Impact Pillars.**

This has **enabled women facing and experiencing homelessness** to get the support they need including rental assistance, refuge shelter, mental and physical health support.



 <p>Enabling access to, setting up and maintaining of safe, secure homes</p>	 <p>Providing emergency support and basic essentials for those in crisis</p>	 <p>Improving food security and reducing hunger</p>	 <p>Enhancing health, wellbeing and social inclusion outcomes</p>	 <p>Breaking the cycle through, job readiness, employment, and education</p>	 <p>Strengthening community capacity and homelessness advocacy</p>
<p>136 people supported</p>	<p>375 people supported</p>		<p>80 people supported</p>		



Thank You

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“Ultimately, our work helps to end homelessness in Australia, ensuring that if it does occur, it is rare, brief and non-recurring. We do this by empowering small, grassroots, community organisations to respond to the needs and vulnerabilities of people facing homelessness. **Thank you for believing in and trusting our model to bring about this change”**

Cynthia Mac Caddon, Head of Partnerships and Fundraising, StreetSmart