Sunshine Association of Tasmania Inc
Eligibility Criteria
North West

Child and Family Profile
- **Age and Residency:** The child must be between **0-18 years of age** and a resident of Tasmania.
- **Financial Need:** The family's financial situation must demonstrate a **genuine need** for assistance.

Request-Specific Criteria
Justification of Funds
- **Specific Purpose:** The request must clearly outline the purpose for the funds. The funding should support a health, educational or wellbeing need.
- **Itemised Breakdown:** A **detailed, itemised breakdown** of the costs commensurate with the amount requested must be provided, including vendor quotes, invoices, or a professional's estimate. Vague or lump-sum requests may be returned for more information.
- **Urgency:** The request's urgency should be assessed.

Ethical and Procedural Criteria
Verification and Transparency
- **Professional Verification:** The request should be authenticated by qualified personnel to provide validation for the need.
- **Direct Payments:** To ensure accountability, funds should be paid directly to the service provider or vendor (e.g., a hospital, a supplier of medical equipment or a school) wherever possible.
- **Charity's Mission:** The funding request must align with the **Sunshine's mission and scope**.
- **Follow-Up and Reporting:** As all payments are made electronically, receipt of funds is confirmed via the bank account. Although not specifically requested for submissions, it is always appreciated if the family or professional provides feedback after the service or item has been acquired.

Exclusionary Criteria
Situations to Deny Funding
- **Fraudulent Activity:** Any suspicion of fraudulent claims or misrepresentation of information should result in an immediate denial and potential reporting to authorities.

- **Insufficient funds –** where the Sunshine Association's available funds are not sufficient to meet the amount of money required. A partial contribution may be considered.