

Private Ancillary Funds



A Private Ancillary Fund allows you to establish and manage your own charitable fund in the way that best matches your philanthropic goals.

Contributing to a community or cause you are passionate about is a rewarding experience. With a Private Ancillary Fund through Equity Trustees, you are able to have full involvement in the operation of your philanthropic fund.

A Private Ancillary Fund (PAF) allows donors to be involved in the operation, investment and direction of the fund's charitable giving. The exact nature of your involvement will depend on your preference and the time, resources and knowledge you have at your disposal.

You can nominate Equity Trustees as the trustee or co-trustee with a corporate trustee controlled by you. In either case, you can draw on our full range of expertise; governance, investment and granting services.

Private Ancillary Funds – taking responsibility for your fund

Legal structure: A PAF is a form of charitable vehicle. It requires its own trust deed and Australian Taxation Office approval for tax concessions.

Trustees: Each trustee must be a corporate trustee. Equity Trustees can be appointed as the sole trustee or co-trustee. If you select a co-trustee relationship, a corporate trustee controlled by you will share responsibility for all the decisions of the fund.

Establishing your trust: The minimum amount to establish a PAF with Equity Trustees is \$500,000.

Choosing beneficiaries: All beneficiaries must be eligible Australian charities with Deductible Gift Recipient status (item 1).

Making grants: A PAF must distribute a minimum of 5% of its gross market value as at 30 June each year. This distribution is made in the following financial year. Grants can be made in your PAF's name or be anonymous.

Managing your trust: Your PAF has a dedicated Equity Trustees client manager who will organize the required trustee meetings and oversee the governance and reporting of the fund with you.

Involving family members: In a co-trustee arrangement with Equity Trustees, family members or associates of the donor can be nominated as directors of the corporate trustee. Alternatively, you can involve family as grant-making advisors, making recommendations to the trustee. In this role they have no legal responsibility or liability.

Growing your trust: You can donate to your PAF at any time. You can also direct a bequest to your PAF in your will. If you wish, you may also invite family members and friends to donate to your PAF (within certain limits).

Investment strategies: The trustees must have a documented investment strategy which takes into account the 'prudent person' principle. This is lodged on behalf of the trustee(s) as part of the annual return to the Australian Taxation Office.

Tax advantages: You can claim a tax deduction for your initial and subsequent donations. You can choose to spread each deduction over five years to maximise tax benefits.

A legacy of giving: You can establish a PAF with the objective of operating in perpetuity, creating a legacy of giving.

Equity Trustees – experts in philanthropy

As a specialist in end-to-end services for charitable trusts and foundations, Equity Trustees takes the effort out of creating, administering and operating a charitable trust, offering expert investment and granting advice and maximising the community and social benefits of your philanthropic donation.

Equity Trustees was established in 1888 for the purpose of providing independent and impartial Trustee and Executor services to help families throughout Australia protect their wealth. Since then we have helped manage charitable trusts on behalf of individuals, families, businesses and not-for-profit organisations.

Knowledge and networks

Our experienced team has a unique knowledge and understanding of the not-for-profit sector, overseeing millions of dollars in charitable distributions every year.

In-house investment expertise

Our investment strategy seeks to maximise the income generated for distribution, while at the same time growing capital over the long term.

We listen to you

We work closely with you to understand your motivations for giving and to identify the most appropriate charitable structure to achieve your goals.

Your opportunity to make a difference

We welcome the opportunity to further discuss how Equity Trustees can help you realise your philanthropic goals. To arrange an introductory conversation, please contact Equity Trustees on 1300 133 472 or email charities@eqt.com.au.

We look forward to helping you realise your vision.