

POLISH EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION (SPK) AUSTRALIA FOUNDATION PERPETUAL FUND

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS 2026

These Guidelines have been prepared and are published by the Polish Ex-Servicemen's Association in Australia Incorporated ("The Founder").

The purpose of these Guidelines is to assist organisations wishing to apply for funding from The Polish Ex-Servicemen's Association (SPK) Australia Foundation Perpetual Fund ("The Foundation").

Grants awarded by The Foundation are decided by the Trustee (Equity Trustees) following advice from The Foundation's Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee is made up of nominated representatives of The Founder.

Polish Ex-Servicemen's Foundation (SPK) Australia Perpetual Fund

The Foundation was established in 2021 with a contribution of funds from The Polish Ex-Servicemen's Association in Australia Incorporated.

Funding available for distribution is limited. The Trustee of The Foundation, together with its Advisory Committee reserve the right to not accept a funding application or only partially fund submitted proposals.

Funding Categories

Grants for organisational support

Grants of up to \$1,000 (for small, recurrent needs),

Grants for special projects

Grants of up to \$5,000 (for large innovative projects).

Eligibility

Organisations applying for a donation must:

- a) Be a direct or indirect member of the Polish Ex-Servicemen's Association in Australia Incorporated (SPK); or/and be direct or indirect member of the Polish Community Council of Australia (PCCA).
- b) Be non-profit and non-political; and
- c) Keep proper accounting records and have, at least, yearly financial statements or reports; and
- d) Provide information about ABN, tax status and GST registration, where applicable; and
- e) Not be an agency of Local, State or Federal Government.

Successful applicants must acknowledge The SPK Australia Foundation in all their promotional materials.

GRANTING PRINCIPLES AND REQUIREMENTS

Grants from The Foundation can be given to the following aims and objectives, to:

- a) Promote the knowledge and memory of Polish soldiers and their heroism during World War II and the true stories of their tragedies after the end of the war.
- b) Maintain the memory of the role of Polish Ex-Servicemen in the struggle for freedom of the individual and the independence of Poland.
- c) Support the promotion of the true history of Poland, the history of Polish political migration, especially to Australia, and the contribution of the Polish Nation and the members of its Armed Forces in the fight against totalitarian regimes.
- d) Support the welfare and social needs of the Polish Community in Australia, including members of the Founder.
- e) Raise awareness of Poland, its culture, history, and current position in Australian society by promoting Polish literature, music, and all other forms of Polish arts.
- f) Promote and encourage the education of the Polish Language and Culture in Australia.
- g) Aid the organisation of Polish youth developmental and educational activities in Australia.
- h) Support activities promoting Polish achievements and heritage via scientific, educational, publishing, exhibiting, and cultural undertakings.
- i) Raise awareness of the contribution of Polish migrants to the wellbeing of Australia, and of Polish cultural/historic heritage in Australia.

Grants will not be given to any of the following:

- (a) Organisations that fail to fulfil the Trust purpose of the Foundation.
- (b) Other Funds or Foundations.
- (c) Political organisations.
- (d) Profit-making organisations.
- (e) Employer and/or employee associations or organisations.
- (f) Government agencies (Local, State and/or Federal).

The following activities will not be funded:

- (a) Political activities.
- (b) Administrative expenses.
- (c) Payment of debts, loans or mortgages.
- (d) Capital expenditure, such as: renovations, land purchase, construction, building etc.
- (e) Commercial or business ventures.
- (f) Community / social welfare programs funded by Government agencies (Local, State and/or Federal).

Applications for grants will not be considered for undertakings which have already commenced or been completed.

Application Round opens: 18 March 2026

Deadline for applications: 18 April 2026

Online application form can be accessed via Equity Trustees' website at:

<https://equitytrustees.smartygrants.com.au/SPK26>

For any assistance contact:

- Polish Ex-Servicemen's Association in Australia Incorporated Secretary, email: foundation@spkaustralia.org.au
- The Equity Trustees' Granting Team on (03) 8623 5325 or email charities@eqt.com.au