SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM - FAQS

Is my organisation eligible?

To be eligible your organisation and program must:

- Be Victorian-based
- Have charitable status and be registered with the ACNC
- Be a small to medium sized organisation as defined by the ACNC:

How much can I request? And for how long?

Up to $25,000, for one year

Can I submit more than one application?

One application is to be submitted per organisation.

My organisation is national, but our project is based in Victoria, can I apply?

Yes, your organisation can be located anywhere in Australia, but applications must be for activities taking place in Victoria.

How long should I spend on my application?

We recommend spending no more than 1-2hours on the writing of your application.

Can I have an extension?

Applications must strictly be submitted by the close date. We do not permit extensions.

What reporting is required?

Successful applicants will be required to complete a short-written update no more than two paragraphs, or, as discussed with the program manager. Reports are facilitated via the Smartygrants platform.

When can I expect the outcome of my application?

Outcomes will be made to all applicants by the 1st of June.

Why are Hospitals, Universities & Research Institutes not eligible for funding?

This program targets small to medium sized community-based organisations where a small grant can make maximum impact. Our other granting programs more appropriately target Hospitals, Universities & Research Institutes who have greater access and visibility of government funding.

What do you mean by advocacy? Why is it ineligible?

As per the _Charities Act 2013 (Cth)_ Charitable Trusts are unable to fund proposed projects with the express aim to:

- Promote or oppose a political party or candidate for political office.
- Promote or engage in activities that are unlawful or contrary to public policy (for example, the rule of law, the constitutional system of government, the safety of the general public and national security)

For information regarding advocacy, please see the ACNC website or contact us via charities@eqt.com.au

Can I speak to someone about my application?

If you wish to discuss your eligibility, or, questions about our funding areas please reach out to charities@eqt.com.au and we will gladly discuss! Please note, for fairness to all applicants, we cannot provide initial feedback on applications or assist in identifying suitable projects.

GRANT FUNDING AREAS

Our program is focused on ensuring our communities are resilient in the face of social, economic, and environmental change and local support networks are accessible and effective. A strong local community creates better outcomes for all.

When assessing your application, it's useful to understand how your application fits into one of our funding areas.

1. COMMUNITY SUPPORT & EMPOWERMENT

Communities are connected, and support is easily accessible.

- Are you a locally run organisation? Led by members of your community?
- Do you provide essential resources and services to your community?
- Do you support members of the community, who may find it difficult to access mainstream services, to access support?

For example: You are a foodbank providing essential services to your community.

2. WELLBEING

Communities and their members are emotionally and physically healthy.

- Does your organisation assist members of the local community to be physically and emotionally healthy?
- Does your program use social connectedness to solve complex issues? Such as mental wellbeing, ageing well, homelessness or loneliness?
- Does your program aim to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for those experiencing marginalisation?

For example: You are a community centre running weekly social drop-ins to support women experiencing family violence to feel connected to community while accessing support services.

3. EDUCATION & SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Communities have access to the skills they need to thrive at work and in the classroom.

- Does your program support positive education outcomes in the classroom? i.e. literacy and numeracy.
- Does your program support young people to access appropriate employment transitions and opportunities?
- Are you a community education hub? providing education and employment support for members of the community?

For example: You are a community social enterprise supporting young people with disability to access mainstream employment opportunities.