

## **PCCA Perpetual Fund - Guidelines for applicants 2025**

These Guidelines have been prepared and are published by the Polish Community Council of Australia to assist organisations wishing to submit an application to the Polish Community Council of Australia (PCCA) Perpetual Fund.

Donations from the PCCA Perpetual Fund are decided by the trustee following advice from an Advisory Committee and PCCA Executive Committee. The advisory committee is made up of representatives the Polish community in Australia proposed by PCCA.

### **PCCA PERPETUAL FUND**

The Polish Community Council of Australia (PCCA) Perpetual Fund comprises the original General Juliusz Kleeberg Polish Community Fund in Australia (PCFA) established in 1964, moneys donated by two major benefactors, Mr Janusz Franckiewicz and Ms Natalia Kulakowska (incorporated in the Polish Perpetual Fund in 2012-18) and the Ewa Malewicz Fund.

Funding available for distribution is limited. Equity Trustees, together with the PCCA Perpetual Fund Advisory Committee reserve the right to not accept a funding application or only partially fund submitted proposals.

### **FUNDING CATEGORIES**

#### **Donations for organisational support**

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

#### **Donations for special projects**

Donations of up to \$10,000 (for large innovative projects)

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Organisations applying for a donation must:

- (a) be a direct or indirect member of the PCCA; and
- (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.

Organisations applying for a donation must not be an agency of Local, State or Federal Government.

Successful applicants must acknowledge the Fund in all their promotional materials.

### **GRANTING PRINCIPLES AND REQUIREMENTS**

1. Donations can be given to the following aims and objectives:
  - (a) to promote and encourage the education of the Polish language and culture in Australia; or

- (b) to 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; or
- (c) to aid the organisation of Polish youth developmental and educational activities in Australia; or
- (d) to support the activities of Polish guides and scouts in Australia; or
- (e) to support activities promoting Polish achievements and heritage via scientific, educational, publishing, exhibiting and cultural undertakings: or
- (f) to raise awareness of the contribution of Polish migrants to the wellbeing of Australia, and of Polish cultural/historic heritage in Australia; or
- (g) to support the documentation of the Polish community heritage and achievements in Australia, including its conservation and preservation.

2. Donations will not be given to any of the following:

- (a) organisations that fail to fulfil the Trust purpose of the Fund;
- (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).

3. 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.**

**Deadline for applications: 11 April 2025.**

Online application form can be accessed via Equity Trustees' website at:  
<https://equitytrustees.smartygrants.com.au/PCCA25>

For any assistance contact

- Polish Community Council of Australia Secretary, email: [secretary@polishcouncil.org.au](mailto:secretary@polishcouncil.org.au)
- The Equity Trustees' Granting Team on (03) 8623 5325 or email [charities@egt.com.au](mailto:charities@egt.com.au)

The closing date for all applicants is **11 April 2025.**