

SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

The Small Grants Program invests in small to medium sized grass roots initiatives and organisations that empower local communities to thrive.

Our approach is to reduce the administration burden by building efficiencies into the way we facilitate and assess grant rounds. We do this by seeking one application that is considered across multiple, aligned Trusts managed by Equity Trustees.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible your organisation 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](#):
 - Small charities - those with annual revenue under \$500,000
 - Medium charities - those with annual revenue of \$500,000 or more, but under \$3 million

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

No more than one application is to be submitted per organisation.

Put your best foot forward, pick the project you feel is the most closely aligned to one of the below.

The Small Grants Program is built on the kindness, generosity, and empathy of visionary philanthropists represented by the below three contributing Trusts		
Trust	Purpose	Funding Amounts
R.M. Ansett Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Classroom initiatives that support the educational outcomes of children and young people. ○ Community support services 	Up to \$25,000
Hazel Peat Perpetual Charitable Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Animal Welfare (horses and dogs) ○ Ageing Well ○ Youth Development and Education ○ Medical Research ○ Palliative support for children & young people 	Up to \$10,000
Frances & Harold Abbott Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capital expenditure, collaboration and community initiatives that support vulnerable members of the Bendigo community. 	Up to \$40,000

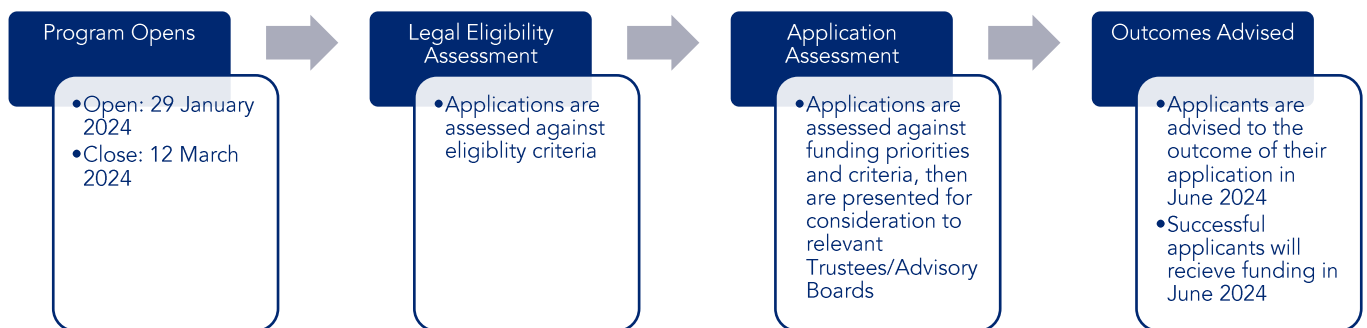
Examples of previous granting from each Trust can be found via our website [here](#).



HOW TO APPLY

1. Read the guidelines
2. Ensure organisation eligibility
3. Choose the Trust that is most closely aligned with your work
4. Apply via the application form, opening 29th January 2024
 - o <https://equitytrustees.smartygrants.com.au/EQTSmallGrants2024>
 - o Spend no more than 1-2 hours preparing your application, only 15 minutes is allocated to review each application so please be as clear and concise possible
5. Read the assessment criteria
6. Submit application by no later than COB 12th March 2024.

APPLICATION TIMELINE



USE OF FUNDS

Grant funding is single year and to be expended in 12 months, but you may apply for one year support of an ongoing program.

Funding can be used for:

- Discrete projects and initiatives
- Salaries and support
- Operational expenses (i.e., program delivery and overheads)
- Capital expenditure
- Measurement and Evaluation

Funding cannot be used for:

- Private benefit
- Advocacy
- Retrospective activities
- Research projects
- Hospitals, Universities & Research Institutes (programs unless partnering directly with a community organisation)

If you have any additional questions, please contact Equity Trustees via charities@eqt.com.au.



SMALL GRANTS ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Criteria	Weighting	Strong	Moderate	Weak
Alignment to allocated Trust	30%	Proposal has a strong alignment to intended outcomes and a good understanding about how the initiative will contribute to both the organisation and Trust/Foundation's interest areas.	Proposal has some alignment to intended outcomes and some understanding about how the initiative will contribute to the interest areas of the Trust/Foundation.	Proposal has no or minimal alignment to intended outcomes.
Context and Need	15%	Organisation has a clear mission and vision strongly relating to the issues it aims to address. Proposal clearly outlines the type and level of need clearly and is evidenced with convincing data.	Organisation has a vision and mission although it's relevance to the outlined proposal is not immediately clear. Type and level of need is described and evidenced with some data, but there are some gaps/questions.	Organisation does not demonstrate a good understanding of the issues it aims to address. Type and level of need is poorly described and/or not evidenced with data.
Program Logic	15%	There is a clear and logical explanation of how the proposed activities/interventions will address the issues/problems/needs and bring about the stated outcomes and end goal.	There is a good explanation of how the proposed activities/interventions should address the issues/problems/needs and bring about the stated outcomes and end goal, however there are some gaps/questions.	It is unclear how the proposed activities/interventions will address the issues/problems/needs and/or bring about the stated outcomes and end goal.
Community Involvement	15%	Proposal has involved a range of stakeholders including those with lived experience in the development / design of the initiative. Proposal is community led.	Proposal has involved some stakeholders in the development / design of the initiative.	Proposal has not involved intended beneficiaries or other stakeholders in the development / design of the initiative.
Measurement & Design	15%	Proposal shows good understanding of how and why to measure outcomes; Proposal knows what success looks like in the specific context.	Proposal shows reasonable understanding of how and why to measure outcomes; Proposal provides general idea of what success looks like.	Proposal shows little understanding of how and/or why to measure outcomes; There is no understanding of what success looks like.
Equity & Inclusion	10%	The proposal exclusively targets local under-served or in need communities. or Has a strong application of either a gender, climate, First Nations or other Lens to target underserved groups within a wider population.	The proposal does not specifically target under-served or marginalised people, although may reach those in need through its proposed activities. or Has tried meaningfully to apply either a gender, climate, First Nations or other Lens to target underserved groups within a wider population.	The proposal does not target a specific population group in need.

