

SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

A key aim of this Small Grants Program is to create efficiencies for smaller organisations wishing to submit an application for funding to trusts managed by Equity Trustees.

This Program provides applicants with an opportunity to submit one application that will be potentially reviewed by multiple Grant Managers/Trustees/Advisory Boards increasing the likelihood for funding.

The key characteristics of each of the participating trusts are listed below, and further information is available on Equity Trustees' website with links to each trust's guidelines. Please note that this round is currently open to Victorian-based organisations only.

To be eligible to submit an application to any of the trusts involved in this Program, your organisation must have charitable status and be registered with the ACNC.

CONTRIBUTING TRUSTS AND FOUNDATIONS

Please see below for general criteria for each trust/foundation and specific grant round dates.

Ensure that you refer to each of their specific guidelines linked below for further information to ensure eligibility prior to submitting your application.

The R.M. Ansett Trust

- Grants are for initiatives based in Victoria only
- Applications can be for an amount of up to \$25,000
- Grants are available to organisations and initiatives that align with Sir Reginald Ansett's wishes that the income from this trust be used to 'assist children take their place in life', through supporting education initiatives
- Further information on the Trust, key giving areas, examples of previous grants and the guidelines can be found [here](#).

The Hazel Peat Perpetual Charitable Trust

- Grants are for initiatives based in Victoria only
- Applications can be for an amount of up to \$20,000
- Grants are available for the purposes of supporting the elderly, disadvantaged youth, youth with terminal illness, youth education (social equity), animal welfare, medical research, care of horses, care of dogs and or general benefit to the community
- Further information on the Trust, key giving areas, examples of previous grants and the guidelines can be found [here](#).

The Frances and Harold Abbott Foundation

- Grants are available only to organisations serving the Bendigo region only
- Applications can be for an amount of up to \$40,000
- Priority will be given to initiatives demonstrating a commitment to:
 - Community consultation and engagement in the design and delivery of the initiative to support the vulnerable people in the Bendigo region
 - The provision of equipment and capital infrastructure that will support vulnerable people in the region



- Initiatives which involve collaboration or the development of partnerships between organisations operating in the region
- Further information on the Foundation, key giving areas, examples of previous grants and the guidelines can be found [here](#).

PROCESS AND TIMING

1. One grant round will be held each year and will be advertised on the Grant Funding section on the Equity Trustees Philanthropy webpage [here](#).
2. The round will be open for six weeks, opening on 9 February 2022 and strictly closing on 15 March 2022.
3. Applications are to be submitted online to Equity Trustees via Smartygrants – click [here](#) to submit your application.
4. Applications will initially be reviewed and assessed by an internal committee and then put forward to the appropriate trust or foundation for consideration and approval.
5. Timing is dependent on trustee meeting schedules for each of the individual trusts or foundations. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application and this will occur between April and July 2022.

HOW DO YOU APPLY FOR A GRANT?

1. Read all of the material provided in this document.
2. Choose the trust or foundation whose guidelines most closely aligned with the outcomes that you're seeking through your initiative, ensuring that you have also viewed the relevant content online.
3. Complete the grant application form and submit online, via Smarty Grants ensuring you supply all the information requested. A link to the grant round is available on the Equity Trustees Philanthropy webpage [here](#).

There is one granting round held each year, with key dates and timeframes noted above.

THE APPLICATION FORM

As noted, the purpose of this round is to create efficiencies for you as the applicant to submit one application that can be shared with a number of trusts that may be interested in your initiative.

We have also included a series of questions in the application in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) and gender lens. We are interested in collecting high-level data on these subjects for our internal purposes to help guide our strategy and understand the needs of the sector better.

Further information on each of the questions can be found below under each of the sub-headings.

Gender Lens

Equity Trustees is committed to gender inclusion and diversity.

We cannot assume that all programs have an equal impact for all genders and as a responsible funder, we are committed to understanding how a gender lens is applied in our grant making. We aim to invest in organisations and initiatives that consider the needs and requirements of people of all genders, creating equitable and effective programs for all.



We ask you to join us in this learning opportunity by sharing your insights into how gender is taken into account in your proposal, if at all. If your application is successful, we will also request that you report on this in your acquittal report. Please note that your proposal will not be negatively impacted if you have not taken this in to consideration at this stage.

For further information on how to incorporate a gender lens in your programs, please visit the Smartygrants portal [here](#) for a list of resources. Further information about Equity Trustees' position is available [here](#).

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's)

The United Nations SDG's provide a universal language for all organisations and governments. The 17 goals calling to action global partnerships that will work to create peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future.

At Equity Trustees we are committed to deepening community impact through our funding. We recognise that community impact looks different across a number of areas and we use the SDG's to aid us in understanding how organisations such as yours are working to create sustainable impact within Victoria.

Please note that your proposal will not be negatively impacted if you have not taken this in to consideration at this stage.

If you would like to read more about the SDG's, you can do so [here](#).

OTHER

A few other considerations:

- If you don't know which trust that your initiative most closely aligns, please select 'unsure/any of the above' in the Eligibility Verification section of the form. In the first instance, we request that you do please select one, however if you're unsure we will allocate it on your behalf. Remembering that the more closely aligned to the desired outcomes and focus areas of the Trust or Foundation, the stronger the likelihood of it being viewed and potentially being funded;
- We request that no more than two applications are submitted in total by one organisation, with only one proposal submitted per trust;
- With regards to word count, we have provided the ability to provide up to 250 words within each section, however if there is a need to communicate anything additional to this, please include in the 'Other Comment's section at the end of the form;
- We will not review additional documents and reports in the first instance when reviewing your application;
- These grants are single-year only, not multi-year. This does not infer that we will only support single-year programs, you may apply for one-year support for an ongoing program or initiative;
- Should you be successful, you will be required to prepare and submit an acquittal report twelve months after you have received your grant payment. The date and other details will be confirmed in the grant conditions;
- Finally, we welcome your feedback on the form. If you feel there is something that we could improve upon or refine, please send us your feedback. We are committed to making this process as efficient as possible and enabling the sector to commit their resources to value-add activities within their organisations.

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