

A Guide to applying for funding

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Helping rewrite the future

Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation was created in 2003 as a gift to the community by Newcastle Permanent Building Society.

Each year the Charitable Foundation provides approximately \$1.5 million in grants to important community projects, initiatives, or endeavours that make a significant difference to the lives of disadvantaged, marginalised, and isolated people in NSW regional communities.

To date the Charitable Foundation has provided \$22 million to support almost 496 important projects and initiatives.

Vision: Helping rewrite the future. Now. And for generations to come.

Mission: To help people who are disadvantaged, marginalised or isolated and support social opportunity and development in our Australian regional communities.

Who we help

The Charitable Foundation supports grants that assist communities in the Hunter, Central Coast, Central West, Mid North Coast, New England, and Northern Rivers regions of NSW.



Funding focus areas

The Charitable Foundation funds projects that directly benefit those most in need in the community and actively seeks to support projects that are sustainable over the long term or deliver an enduring community benefit beyond the funding period. The three areas of focus are:

Health

Projects that provide improved health outcomes for the most disadvantaged, isolated, and vulnerable in the community, with a priority for:

- projects that use new technology to deliver improved health services to regional areas
- initiatives that improve health awareness and resources in regional communities and disadvantaged groups
- initiatives that support good mental health in regional communities, and
- projects that focus on key health issues for regional communities.

Young people

Projects that provide improved life outcomes for marginalised and at-risk young people in the community. The Charitable Foundation prioritises projects that:

- support early intervention initiatives for childhood education, development, and wellbeing
- facilitate remediation, development, and mentoring for disadvantaged and disengaged youth, and
- assist initiatives that support youth mental health in regional communities.

Social wellbeing

Projects that provide improved social wellbeing for the most disadvantaged or marginalised in our community. The Charitable Foundation prioritises projects that:

- assist socially disadvantaged people in our community to build new skills
- facilitate socially marginalised and isolated groups to build social connections, and
- help communities build resilience through social infrastructure, connectedness, and healthy lifestyle.

Funding principles

The Charitable Foundation's grant making is underpinned by the following principles and provides grants to projects, initiatives, and programs that:

- have aims and objectives which are in synergy with the key focus areas of the Charitable Foundation
- take a new approach to solving problems and have potential for expansion and or replication
- provide evidence of effective project management and outcome evaluation
- are sustainable over the long term or deliver an enduring community benefit beyond the funding period
- directly benefit those most in need in our community, and
- do not have the ability to attract significant government, public, or corporate support.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for funding from the Charitable Foundation, applicants must be:

- endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a Type 1 Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR)
- endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a Tax Concession Charity (TCC)
- registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission, and
- an incorporated legal entity such as an incorporated association or corporation.

You can check your DGR and TCC status by going to the Australian Government's Business Register website at abr.business.gov.au

If you are unsure if your organisation is eligible, please contact the Charitable Foundation.

Assessment criteria

Each application will be assessed using the following criteria:

- Does the applicant's organisation and project align with the Charitable Foundation's mission, values, and strategy?
- Does the project seek to meet a real need within the community and is the project an appropriate response to that need?
- What benefit(s) does the proposed project deliver to the identified target market/group and broader community?
- Is the project's primary focus consistent with the identified focus areas and geographical regions of the Charitable Foundation?
- Does the applicant have the knowledge, resources, and capacity to deliver what is proposed?
- Is the funding request realistic and well defined? Has a detailed budget been provided?
- Is there evidence of effective project management, evaluation, and performance monitoring?
- Is the project likely to become self-sustaining after the Charitable Foundation's support ceases and/or deliver an enduring benefit beyond the funding period?

- Does the project demonstrate good program logic?
- Funding exclusions

The following requests are not eligible for grant funding:

- general sponsorship and fundraising activities
- events or commercial activities
- small contributions to large appeals or large capital projects
- projects of a political or religious nature
- one-off activities, festivals, or events
- contributions to work that would normally be considered the responsibility of local authorities or government departments
- requests for recurrent or ongoing wages or personnel costs (non-recurrent personnel costs directly related to project delivery may be accepted)
- recurrent operational costs such as rent and utilities
- requests to support individuals
- organisations which have not met their obligations and responsibilities under previous funding agreements
- expeditions or travel outside the Charitable Foundation footprint or overseas
- unsolicited applications for emergency relief and material aid
- study or attendance at conferences or seminars
- projects and programs based outside the NSW Central Coast, Central West, Hunter, Mid North Coast, New England, and Northern Rivers regions, and
- endowments, memorials, bursaries, or named academic chairs.

Size and scale of funding

Funding applications will be assessed and prioritised on the potential benefits the project will have on the identified target market and broader community.

Funding is provided as a one-off grant with a set timeframe for project delivery. Funding is not provided for multi-year projects.

There is no set minimum or maximum grant limit. However, grants generally range from \$20,000 to \$200,000. The average grant size is \$50,000.

Grant workshops

To assist eligible organisations with the preparation of a grant application the Charitable Foundation holds grant workshops throughout regional NSW.

For more information about these workshops, venues, and dates visit charitablefoundation.com.au

How to apply for funding

The Charitable Foundation calls for funding submissions from the community twice a year.

All submissions are made via the online application form at charitablefoundation.com.au

Please note: prior to commencing an application you will be required to confirm your organisation's eligibility to apply for funding.

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