

2019 GRANT GUIDELINES



The organisation we now know as the Give Where You Live Foundation was initially formed in 1954 as the Geelong and District Community Chest, becoming United Way Geelong Region in 1979. 2011 saw the organisation become the Give Where You Live Foundation as a means of keeping all raised funds under our control and in the Geelong region.

For over 60 years, the Give Where You Live Foundation has been making grants to assist individuals in the G21 region to reach their full potential by overcoming health, education and/or income disadvantage.

VISION

A G21 region where all people are part of an inclusive and connected community and not limited by the effects of disadvantage.

MISSION

We are a catalyst for social change through innovative philanthropic solutions to challenging social problems. We engage donors and build partnerships; undertake best practice grant making and provide visionary leadership to create common agendas.

THEORY OF CHANGE

A theory of change is the articulation of the underlying beliefs and assumptions that guide a program and that are identified as critical to producing change or improvement. A theory of change outlines what activities and interventions will be used to create change, and what outcomes are thought to be achievable through those interventions.

A theory of change should tell the story of how activity is linked to outcomes. It uncovers why we think particular interventions will result in specific outcomes, both in the short term and in relation to broader goals (to which a particular program may only contribute to creating, along with other programs and organisations).

The Give Where You Live Foundation has embarked on articulating its Theory of Change to help focus our work so that it aligns with the broad goal we are seeking to contribute to: “A reduction in entrenched disadvantage and greater social and economic participation that ensures greater equity of opportunity in the G21 region, so that ALL people and places thrive.

The work of the Give Where You Live Foundation seeks to focus intentionally on ensuring that people and places experiencing disadvantage have equitable opportunity to benefit from the growing prosperity of our region – and as a result, they too are able to thrive. The Foundation understands that ensuring people and places are able to access opportunities require a range of approaches that can address the intertwined issues that create barriers for people across their life course.

The solutions are not simple, so the Foundation has developed a Theory of Change that focuses not only on grantmaking, but on ensuring that all our work is innovative and joins together collaborations, evidence and transforming outcomes.



A fuller version of the Foundation's Theory of Change can be Found [here](#).

GRANTMAKING PRINCIPLES

Our principles help shape the kinds of grants we offer, to whom we offer them, how long we offer them for, how much we offer etc...Understanding our principles will help you better understand the Foundation and its grantmaking.

1. A rising tide should lift all boats - All people and all places should prosper and thrive. Our focus is to develop and enable solutions that increase social equity and economic participation in all communities.
2. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts - We understand to improve the efficiency and efficacy of systems, sectors and organisations, takes more than money. We want to assist partnerships and collaboration as well as build capability and resilience and ensure money, people and ideas are part of the solution.
3. If you always do what you always did, you will always get what you always got - Critical elements in our ability to catalyse change will be innovation, taking calculated risks and instilling a process of continuous learning. Change will happen when we imagine a different outcome and commit time and persistence to bringing that to life.
4. We invest in the best - With limited resources we invest in organisations and solutions that are efficient and effective. Solutions that focus their efforts, measure and evaluate their outcomes, learn and adapt their programs, and have the greatest impact.
5. It takes a village – While individual action can create individual change, we believe that significant change happens with collective action, alignment of intent, transparency and integrity.

GRANT PROGRAMS

The Give Where You Live Foundation provides funding and supports strategic initiatives in three major program areas, each addressing an aspect of disadvantage in our region:

Live and Earn	Live and Learn	Survive and Thrive
Ensuring sustainable and sustaining employment for ALL Employment Pathways and Transitions – ensuring EVERYONE has an employment pathway (e.g those from low	Supporting the learning aspirations for ALL children and young people Parent Engagement – recognising the importance and	Reducing the impact of life crisis as an inhibiting factor Supporting Basic Need – supporting men, women and children who are experiencing

<p>socio-economic status backgrounds, with a disability, Refugee and asylum seekers, youth).</p> <p>Supporting Job Retention- recognising the importance of support and problem solving of barriers to ensure ongoing employment.</p> <p>Social Enterprise – enabling social enterprise to build jobs and assist people in finding employment (more research needed).</p>	<p>supporting the role parents play in their child’s learning</p> <p>Early Years Learning – supporting and enhancing children’s learning age 0-5 and ensuring they are ready to enter school.</p> <p>Transitions – ensuring that children and young people experience successful transitions that support their learning.</p> <p>Disengaged Young People – supporting young people to re-engage in learning to support their life aspirations.</p>	<p>homelessness or food insecurity.</p> <p>Building Resilience – supporting prevention and early intervention efforts related to family violence and sexual assault, addiction, mental health, and family breakdown.</p> <p>Promoting Community Connections – reducing social isolation and supporting social participation to promote resilience.</p>
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A good way to understand the kinds of issues and programs we fund it to view our previous grants. These can be found on our [website](#).

GRANT ROUNDS

Give Where You Live currently provides grants in the following categories:

<p>Multi-issue Grant Rounds</p>	<p>Community – The needs of the service sector are diverse as it relates to improved service delivery. In this grant round potential grant applicants may apply for up to \$30,000 to build organisational capacity (leadership, management, operational or change management capacity), to support minor capital works and equipment or to support service delivery (general operating costs, maintaining an existing service, increasing an existing service or providing a new service).</p> <p>Innovation – A strength of the not for profit community is its’ ability to develop creative and innovate solutions to problems and needs it sees in the community. In this grant round potential grant applicants may apply for up to \$175,000 to test, demonstrate, trial or pilot a new concept or support the expansion or scaling up an innovative, proven pilot program.</p>
<p>Single-issue Grant Rounds</p>	<p>Community Connections – If our community is to thrive it is important to promote community connections. These connections matter especially for those who are vulnerable. In this grant round potential grant applicants may apply for up to \$10,000 to help reduce social isolation or increase social participation of vulnerable community members to promote resilience.</p> <p>Feed Geelong – It is widely recognised that food insecurity has detrimental effects on the health of individuals, families and the community as a whole. In this grant round potential grant applicants may apply for up to \$5,000 to improve food supply and access to nutritional food for those that are most vulnerable.</p> <p>ENGAGE – With support from the Foundation and GForce a diverse group of young people identify a youth issue each year. Potential applicants may apply for up to \$15,000 to support youth related programs and projects related to this issue.</p>

GRANT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for a grant from the Give Where You Live Foundation you must be able to demonstrate that your application:

- will impact and benefit the G21 region (The G21 region is defined as the five local government areas of the City of Greater Geelong, Surf Coast Shire, Borough of Queenscliffe, Golden Plains



Shire and Colac/Otway Shire; see our [list of communities and postcodes](#) considered part of the G2I region) and;

- will impact disadvantage and aligns with one of our [Grant Program Areas](#) (Health and Wellbeing, Live and Learn or Survive and Thrive). Program areas are how the Foundation defines disadvantage and the community issues which the Foundation regards as a priority.

In addition, your organisation must be endorsed as a Tax Concession Charity (TCC) AND, depending on the grant program, a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) as covered by Item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 and registered (and up to date) on the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) register.

Below is an overview of endorsements required for each grant category. This will also be clearly stated on our website information and materials for each grant category. You will be required to provide evidence of these endorsements as appropriate with your online application.

Grant Category	Required Endorsements
Grants above \$10,000	Applicant organisation must be endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) as covered by Item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 and be endorsed as a Tax Concession Charity (TCC). You can visit www.abr.business.gov.au to check your organisation's endorsements. Your organisation must also be registered (and up to date) on the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) register.
Grants \$10,000 and under	Applicant organisation may be a not for profit organisation, a school, an incorporated body, a cooperative or association, or a registered charitable organisation. <u>No matter which organisation of these types however, you must have an ABN and must be endorsed as a Tax Concession Charity (TCC).</u> You can visit www.abr.business.gov.au to check your organisation's endorsements. You can visit http://www.acnc.gov.au/ to check your charitable organisation registration status. Please note you DO NOT need to be a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) as covered by Item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 to apply for our Small grants, but if you do have DGR1 you can still apply for one of the Small grant categories.

Exclusions – please note the Give Where You Live Foundation does not provide funding to/for:

- Projects not located in or benefiting the G2I region
- Individuals (this includes scholarship programs)
- Political activities
- Religious organisations when funds would be used in whole or in part to further the organization's religious purposes (proselytising)
- Endowment funds, building funds, capital campaigns, annual campaigns, appeals or event sponsorships
- Attendance at Conferences or fundraising events
- Clinical or medical research
- Retrospective or duplicated funding
- Generally do not support auspicing
- Previous grant recipients who have not completed reporting and acquittal requirements
- Specific exclusions for a nominated Grant Round or Category