

2020 GRANTGUIDELINES



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. Since its inception the Foundation has been bringing individual donors, corporate supporters and community partners together to address one of the most complex and entrenched social issues in our community - 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

Our Theory of Change is our hypothesis about how we think we can address disadvantage in our region in the most effective and efficient manner to achieve the greatest impact. Our Theory is that disadvantage is decreased when people have adequate education and learning to maintain a sustainable and sustaining job and they are not limited by a life crisis.

Understanding our Theory of Change is important to understanding our grantmaking strategy which has been aligned with our Theory of Change.



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

Based on our Theory of Change 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 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring sustainable and sustaining employment for ALL • Employment Pathways and Transitions – ensuring EVERYONE has an employment pathway (e.g those from low socio-economic status backgrounds, with a disability, Refugee and asylum seekers, youth). • Supporting Job Retention-recognising the importance of support and problem solving of barriers to ensure ongoing employment. • Social Enterprise – enabling social enterprise to build jobs and assist people in finding employment (more research needed). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the learning aspirations for ALL children and young people • Parent Engagement – recognising the importance and supporting the role parents play in their child’s learning • Early Years Learning – supporting and enhancing children’s learning age 0-5 and ensuring they are ready to enter school. • Transitions – ensuring that children and young people experience successful transitions that support their learning. • Disengaged Young People – supporting young people to re-engage in learning to support their life aspirations. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing the impact of life crisis as an inhibiting factor • Supporting Basic Need – supporting men, women and children who are experiencing homelessness or food insecurity. • Building Resilience – supporting prevention and early intervention efforts related to family violence and sexual assault, addiction, mental health, and family breakdown. • Promoting Community Connections – reducing social isolation and supporting social participation to promote resilience. |

A good way to understand the kinds of issues and programs we fund is to view our previous grants. These can be found on our [website](#).

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 G2I region (The G2I 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](#) (Live and Learn, Live and Earn 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, you must be an organisation* that is endorsed as a Tax Concession Charity (TCC) and is registered (and up to date) on the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) register AND, depending on your grant request amount, a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) as covered by Item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. *Note this means you can be a not for profit organisation, a registered charitable organisation, an educational institution, an association or a cooperative, a social enterprise or in some cases a government/quasi-government entity.

Below is an overview of endorsements required based on the amount of funds you are requesting. This will also be clearly stated on our website information and materials for each grant round. You will be required to provide evidence of these endorsements as appropriate with your online application.

| Grant Category | Required Endorsements |
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| Grant requests over \$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, be endorsed as a Tax Concession Charity (TCC) and be registered (and up to date) on the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) register. You can visit www.abr.business.gov.au to check your organisation's endorsements and visit http://www.acnc.gov.au/ to check your charitable organisation registration status. |
| Grants requests \$10,000 and under | Applicant organisation need only be endorsed as a Tax Concession Charity (TCC) and registered (and up to date) on the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) register. You can visit www.abr.business.gov.au to check your organisation's endorsements and http://www.acnc.gov.au/ to check your charitable organisation registration status. Please note while 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 request \$10,000 if you do have DGR I you can still apply for grants \$10,000 and under |

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 scholarships)
- 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
- Auspiced projects or program - generally the Foundation does not support auspicing arrangements
- Previous grant recipients who have not completed reporting and acquittal requirements
- Specific exclusions for a nominated Grant Round

GRANT ROUNDS

The Give Where You Live Foundation currently provides grants through the following rounds:

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| <p>Multi-issue Grant Rounds – applicants can apply for grants related to any issues outlined in our three grant program areas</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), up to \$10,000 to support minor capital works and equipment or up to \$30,000 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 that focuses on systems change.</p> |
| <p>Single-issue Grant Rounds – applicants can apply for grants related to a specific identified issue</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> |

A calendar of open and close dates for each Grant Round is kept up to date on the Foundation’s [website](#). To receive notification when each Grant Rounds is opening and materials (including applications) will be available on the Give Where You Live Foundation website please send an email with your contact information to grants@givewhereyoulive.com.au.

