



CHILDREN & YOUTH APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The aim of the Jack Brockhoff Children & Youth Grants Program is to support projects and programs that will have a positive impact on improving outcomes for children and young people, wherever they may live in Victoria, who are at risk or vulnerable.

The Foundation is seeking applications in two key areas of interest:

- 1. Addressing Youth Homelessness** - with a focus on young people (aged 8 to 25) at risk of homelessness
- 2. Pathways to Employment** - With a focus on supporting young people experiencing disadvantage (aged 15 - 25 years) to find suitable pathways to employment

Preference is given to applications that focus on:

- Prevention and early intervention
- Programs or projects that have the potential or capacity to continue once the funding of the Foundation has come to an end
- Programs that can display support from the community and that have an involvement of volunteers.

An online Grant Application form is required to be completed by all applicants. To assist the Foundation in their review of your request, please provide a concise response to all questions. **Please use simple, clear English and avoid jargon.**

Note that there is a different online application form for each of the three Foundation funding areas. You must complete the form relevant to your application.

Important dates

The Grant Round opens on Tuesday 1st February 2022. Your Grant Application must be lodged by 12pm on Friday 25th February 2022. Applications are considered by the Foundation's Directors in late May with payment of approved grants soon after.

An acknowledgement email will be sent on receipt of the application online. All applicants will be notified of their success or otherwise shortly following the May meeting of Directors of the Foundation.

Payment of Grants

If your application is successful, you will be contacted by the Foundation and asked to supply banking details so that the grant awarded can be electronically transferred to the account provided.

Grants to applicants working in large institutions

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation will not support applications from individuals working in institutions that apply an additional impost on the recipient of a grant, either by way of a portion of the grant sum being removed for institutional administration purposes, or by the levying of additional institutional costs to the recipient because of them receiving a grant from the Foundation.

If you have any questions regarding this grant round, please contact the Foundation office at foundation@jackbrockhoff.org.au.

KEY ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The Foundation is committed to a transparent assessment process in reviewing all grant applications submitted for consideration.

The Foundation does not have the resources to fund all the projects which are submitted for funding. Therefore, grant applications are assessed taking into consideration the Foundation's current key funding priorities as well as how well the organisation and its proposed project/program addresses several key assessment criteria.

We have listed below some of the major factors taken into consideration when grant applications are reviewed and compared with other applications. Please note, this is not an exhaustive list but gives an insight as to the Foundation's current funding priorities.

We acknowledge the subjective nature of several of the listed criteria.

Organisation's Board and Management

- Reputation and period of operation including relationship with the Jack Brockhoff Foundation (e.g. outcomes from past grants);
- Quality of referees and feedback from site visits or meetings with key staff and clients and input from the experiences of other philanthropic trusts and foundations;
- Local/client representation in management structure (ensuring clients' interests as well as sponsors are considered in addition to volunteer representation);
- Open and accountable management as indicated in published (audited) annual reports, websites, newsletters, etc.;
- Involvement and leadership in the planning of local services so that community development is enhanced and local input is taken into consideration;
- A strategic plan and regular reviews of an organisation's operation and business plan taking into consideration input from all stakeholders;

Financial

- Revenue is sourced from a wide range of contributors e.g. government (local, state, federal), fundraising activities, philanthropic grants, local service groups (Rotary, Lions Clubs), businesses etc. and no heavy reliance on one input only;
- The organisation is 'financially robust' with clear indication of its viability to serve its clients, maintain its assets and fund its operating costs (rent, salaries, etc.) over the medium to long term;
- Requests for support of capital campaigns must demonstrate the viability of the project, submitting evidence of building approvals etc. as well as a timetable detailing when funds are to be directly applied to the project;

Community integration and support

- Significant local support for the work of the organisation, both financially and in-kind, so that the organisation and the clients it serves are recognized as an 'ongoing responsibility' of the local community;
- Actively encourage the involvement of local volunteers in program activities as well as supporting services through auxiliaries, sub-committees and fund-raising activities. Volunteers should be supported through appropriate education and training;

Collaborative behaviour

- Organisations serving a similar client constituency in a local community are encouraged to work collaboratively, sharing information, program ideas, services, facilities, equipment, etc.;

Programs/Projects attributes

- The proposed project/program is consistent with the applicant organisation's stated 'mission and purpose';
- The project/program is new and seed funding is required for an innovative idea which creatively addresses a 'problem' and where traditional funders may not be forthcoming until evidence of successful outcomes is apparent;
- The organisation demonstrates expertise and capability in delivering successful programs to its clients;
- The program/project has defined outcomes and objectives with a cohesive and well thought out plan for the achievement of the stated goals;
- Preference is shown to preventative or early intervention programs/projects such as:
 - Services/programs which keep people from deteriorating in physical or mental state or exposure to physical risk
 - Services/programs which keep people from moving into more acute care, homelessness or extreme poverty
- Depending on the size of the program there may be an expectation that it is to be independently evaluated with the results accessible to interested external parties