



TASMANIAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Grants from the Community Foundation.

The Community Foundation awards grants to voluntary organisations in Tasmania. Our grants are usually recommended by our donors from sub-funds they have set-up at the Foundation.

Developing Voluntary Organisations

We believe that local organisations and charities can make a creative difference to our communities and want to make grants that will place them on a firmer footing and enable them to give an even better service in the future. We will also want to help develop skills of staff and management committees to run voluntary groups better through training and consultancy.

Innovative and New Ideas

We are always keen to respond to new issues as they arise and to listen to unusual requests. Don't be afraid to ring and ask if we can help you with unusual and innovative new ideas. We may occasionally consider bridging genuine emergencies.

General Criteria

In assessing applications for a grant we always give priority to projects which:

- involve minority and disadvantaged groups
- are locally run and led
- use volunteers fully
- demonstrate good practice and management
- are creative and demonstrate community collaboration
- are focused on sustainable community development

We don't normally make small contributions to major appeals that are regrettably beyond our reach. Advice on making an application can be obtained from the Executive Officer:- Scott Marshall on 0407 894 097 (AH)(03) 6374 2119 or 0419 517 282 or fax on (03) 6374 1004.

We want to help you support your community



What we fund

The majority of our grants are under \$5,000.

- We are keen to work with other funding partners.
- We make grants to regions, towns and neighbourhoods as well as supporting projects that work across Tasmania.
- We take account of the different needs of urban and rural areas.
- Many of our grants are made at the suggestion of people who have set up a sub-fund at the Foundation.

What we do not fund

The Foundation does not normally make grants for the following purposes:

- sponsorship and fund raising events
- small contributions to major appeals
- large capital projects
- endowments
- individuals other than young people
- political or religious groups
- work which should be funded by health and local authorities
- projects outside our area

(unless funding is made available through other sources of the Foundation.)

How to apply

You only need to make one application. We will match your project to the appropriate fund or funds. You are welcome to ring to discuss your idea and are encouraged to do so if you are unsure whether your project meets our criteria. When you are ready to proceed, you must complete the cover sheet enclosed.

Please provide the following information on not more than three sides of A4. Please use the following headings and write briefly and concisely. We can always ask for more details if necessary.



A. OUR ORGANISATION

1. Constitution.
2. Management Committee - who is on the committee and who the key people are.
3. Staffing structure.
4. The funding of our organisation.
5. The aims and activities of our organisation.

B. OUR PROPOSAL

1. The purpose for which we are seeking a grant.
2. The time scale of our proposal.
3. Who will benefit from our proposal.
4. How we will judge the success of our proposal.

C. COSTS AND FUNDING

1. The budget for our project.
2. Funds raised so far - who from and how much.
3. Funds applied for - who from and how much.
4. The amount requested from the Community Foundation and to whom the cheque should be made payable if successful.
5. How our project will be funded when the grant ends.

D. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

How we implement equal opportunities.

E. REFEREE

The name of a referee who knows our work well and whom you can approach in support of our application.

Please enclose your annual report, if you have one, and your latest accounts or financial statement.

Finally please add any further information on not more than one side of A4 and tell us why you feel your project is important.

Please send your application to: The Executive Officer,



Tasmanian Community Foundation, P.O. Box 2062, Launceston. TAS 7250
Office:- Level 1, Tasmanian Trustees Building, 23 Paterson St, Launceston.

Considering your application

Your application will be acknowledged on receipt and we will let you know when you will get a decision. Timing of decisions will be dependent on Board sittings and availability of the applicant's information.

The Executive Officer will contact you for further information or ask to meet you. The staff report on your application and it is then considered by the Grants Committee. You will be informed of the decision within a week of the Board meeting.

Letting you know

If you are not awarded a grant, we will normally send a standard letter and invite you to ring the Foundation for more information and to discuss possible further applications.

Whatever the outcome, we want to build long-term relations with groups and organisations who share our commitment to help the community.

We want to do all we can to help you to make a lasting difference to your community.

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Acknowledgement:

Mr. George Hepburn, Director, Tyneside and Wearside Community Foundation UK.



GENERAL CRITERIA FOR CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS TO CONSIDER

Core Objectives of Tasmanian Community Foundation:

- COMMUNITY CAPITAL
- COMMUNITY LEARNING
- COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

CHARITY CRITERIA:

- Supports the objective of increasing the 'Community Capital' in human and economic terms.
- Contributes to the learning of the community and an increase in community knowledge base.
- The benefit to the community is sustainable.
- The initiative is self sustaining in time to provide the benefit in its original intent for the determined duration or until the need is no longer required.
- The community sponsors the need for support in the first instance rather than the charitable organisation initiating the need to fulfill its own requirements.
- The benefits to the community are not restricted to a minority group but support the concept of the community assisting itself.

INITIATIVES (Submission from communities)

- The initiative is competently managed at all levels.
- The initiative is self-sustaining over a defined time.
- There is an ongoing flow-on effect to the community in a range of ways (increased or ongoing training of community members, increased support services from within the community, ability to extend the initiative to other places/markets on a user pays basis).
- There is a measurable contribution to the economic well-being of the community.

The indices of disadvantage or advantage are measurably improved including but not restricted to:

- Income levels
- Employment
- Occupation skill levels
- Household characteristics and living standards
- Education levels/qualifications



CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING APPLICATIONS

1. Relevance

- Is it a Strategic Community priority? (does it address local issues/does it contribute to part of a large local plan)
- Does it contribute to Natural Resource Sustainability? (will it contribute to long term sustainable use of our natural resources)
- Does it benefit Community Social Capital? (will it build community competence and confidence)
- Is it an economic development opportunity? (will it create more work, and build community wealth for future sharing).

2. Attractiveness

- Does it have stakeholder involvement/support and collaboration? (Industry, Government and community)
- Does the project build on existing strengths, add new value and skills?
- Will the planned outcomes provide sound value for money benefits?
- Is there an appropriate financial contribution from other sources?

3. Feasibility

- Are the project outcomes and objectives clearly set out?
- Are the approach and methods well described?
- Does the applicant have the capacity, competency, commitment to achieve the outcomes?
- Will the project be appropriately resourced to succeed?

**Source: Tony Ibbott, Chairman - Tasmanian Fisheries Research Board.
Set of criteria as developed by the Board relevant to pending applications.**