Grant Guidelines

2027 Eldon and Anne Foote Trust Donor Advised Grants

GREATER MELBOURNE FOUNDATION

In 2000, Mr Eldon Foote QC and his wife, Mrs Anne Foote, established the Eldon & Anne Foote Trust with Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, now operating as Greater Melbourne Foundation. This marked the beginning of a legacy that continues to make a positive difference today.

The Foundation recognises Mr and Mrs Foote's exceptional philanthropic spirit. Their generosity has made a long-lasting difference in the Australian community, and they have inspired many others to give too.

Funding is available across many areas of interest, as specified in the Foote Trust Deed of Gift. Under the Deed, the Board of the Foundation has overall responsibility for final funding decisions.

This opportunity is available Australia-wide.

Areas of interest

- Arts
- Athletics
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Heritage
- Medical Research
- Recreation
- Social Causes

Funding

Funding requests can be up to $50,000.

Funding may vary in size and duration depending on the nature of the work. Funding through this round is once-off funding and non-recurrent, and recipients will need to share an expected end date for reporting purposes. Please note that requests may be partially funded.

Eligibility

To be considered for a grant your organisation needs to:

- Be endorsed as a Tax Concession Charity (TCC) and up to date with ACNC reporting
- Directly align to one of the Areas of Interest
- Be a small or medium charity, as per ACNC charity size definitions

Only one application per organisation will be considered. Exceptions to the eligibility criteria may be made at the discretion of the Trustee (the Foundation) and by invitation only.

Application process

The 2027 Eldon and Anne Foote Trust Donor Advised Grant Round is open to all eligible organisations.

Applications that meet the eligibility criteria will be reviewed before final recommendations are made to the Foundation's Board for approval. We will notify all applicants of the outcome after this meeting.

Timeline

Applications Open
Monday, 23 November 2026 (10:00 AM AEDT)

Applications Close
Wednesday, 13 January 2027 (4:00 PM AEDT)

Notification
April 2027

Application – requested information

- Organisation – Briefly tell us about your organization (character limit: 1,000)
- Project Name
- Short Project Summary - Please provide a brief description of the work (Character Limit: 500)
- Priority Communities (multiple choice)
- Project Location (multiple choice)
- Area of Interest (Select one from dropdown menu)
- What need or opportunity in your community are you responding to? (character limit: 1,500)
- What will the funding allow you to do? (character limit: 1,500)
- Outline how your work aligns with the selected Area of Interest (character limit: 1,500)
- Project Start Date
- Project End Date
- Amount Requested
- Expenditure (Table format: 5 lines)
- (Optional) Upload a Budget
- Other resources (character limit: 1,500)
- (Optional) Supporting documents (maximum 3)

Questions?

Please contact Bronwyn Roper, Grants Operations Lead, if you have further questions in relation to the 2027 Eldon and Anne Foote Trust Donor Advised Grant Round:
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