

Purpose

Fostering children's emotional wellbeing, educational attainment, and life achievement opportunities to help them grow and thrive.

Available Funding

- Grants up to \$250,000 per year for three years

Timeframes

- Opens 30 October 2023
- Closes 1 December 2023

Outcomes

- By 4 March 2024

Eligibility

- Item 1 DGR organisations which are registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and endorsed with charity tax concessions.

DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN

FY2023/24 – FY2025/26 GRANT ROUND GUIDELINES

State Trustees has developed the Disadvantaged Children grant program to address systemic issues contributing to disadvantage for children. The focus of the program is to foster children's emotional wellbeing, educational attainment, and life achievement opportunities to help them grow and thrive.

We are seeking to support initiatives that deploy collective impact approaches – engaging individuals, families, communities, and making effective use of existing programs.

Assessment Criteria

All applications will be assessed and ranked against each other. State Trustees are seeking submissions that:

- Address systemic issues impacting children's emotional wellbeing, educational attainment, and life achievement
- Are ¹innovative and take a systems view
- Have a focus on prevention
- Deploy integrative and collective impact approaches
- Promote cross-sector collaboration
- Provide an evidence base to demonstrate the effectiveness of programs
- Are Victorian based

¹Innovation can be interpreted as 'novel solutions to a social problem that is more effective, efficient, sustainable, or just than existing solutions' (Phills, Deiglmeier & Miller 2008).

Who is eligible to apply?

An eligible entity is endorsed as item 1 Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) and registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC), with charity tax concessions.

What are the funding exclusions?

- Organisations that have not acquitted previous projects for any of State Trustees' granting programs
- Applications identical to a previously submitted, unsuccessful application
- Organisations can only apply for one project per round
- General fundraising appeals
- Organisations whose funded activity may seek to proselytise a particular faith or religion to its beneficiaries
- Universities and other institutions seeking funding for academic research projects or research positions with minimal or no research translation activity or no community-based partners
(Note: applications from Universities or Medical Research Institutes must come from the relevant Philanthropy / Fundraising office)
- Retrospective funding
- It is not State Trustees' preferred practice to fund existing positions or supplement existing staff budgets – please speak to us prior to applying if you propose to do this
- 'For-profit' bodies and Commercial activities

- State and Commonwealth Government bodies
- Political parties or their candidates
- Organisations based outside Victoria
- Individuals
- Personal living expenses
- Loans

What are the timeframes?

Round Opens	Monday 30 October 2023, 7am
Round Closes	Friday 1 December 2023, end of day
Outcome notifications	By Monday 4 March 2024
Conditions of Awards	To be returned by the recipient within five business days of successful outcome notification

How much funding is available for a project?

The round provides a three-year grant of up to \$250,000 per year.

What is the assessment process?

- Applications will be assessed against the program application criteria, with applications which are most aligned with our preferences and objectives receiving a higher rating.
- Applicant organisations will be first reviewed to confirm if they are eligible entities.
- Assessment is made using a blended assessment model, where ranking and qualitative analysis is used to inform decisions.

Ratings are made on a 6-point scale:

- 0 = application completely fails to address criterion
- 1 = application largely fails to meet the criterion
- 2 = application just fails to meet the criterion
- 3 = application meets criterion
- 4 = application meets criterion well
- 5 = application meets criterion at a high level

- Notifications of outcomes will be sent via email.
- We do endeavour to engage with applicants, however, we are not always able to provide feedback immediately following the decision-making period.

How are payments made?

Payments will be made by electronic funds transfer only to the nominated bank account provided in the application within five business days of returned Conditions of Award.

What reporting will be expected if the application is successful?

6-month phone update <i>Informal</i>	A member of our grant team will call to discuss the start of the project
Grantees Meet and Greet and/or other stakeholder engagement	During the Grant period – to be confirmed
Acquittal report	Due 1 month after project completion (as defined in application)

Remember that you can call or email at any time if you have any questions about the progression of your project.

How do I apply?

We use SmartyGrants – an online application form. Remember to save each page when entering information. We recommend reading these tips on how to use SmartyGrants: [Help Guide for Applicants](#).

Application Checklist

- Have you read the objectives and exclusions?
- Noted the important dates?
- Have copies of proof of eligibility including Item 1 deductible gift recipient, charity tax concession endorsements, and ACNC registration?
- Have details of your eligible entity, including ABN, Australian bank account?
- Links to your annual report or financial statements?

Already familiar with SmartyGrants? Then log in to our application form:

[*\(This is a 'by invitation' grant round – please contact State Trustees for more information\)*](#)

Who do I contact for more information?

Contact Michael Grigoletto on **(03) 9667 2845** or email michael.grigoletto@statetrustees.com.au if you would like more information or to discuss your project.