

FY23 Open Grants Guidelines



Anthony Costa
Foundation

Who we are and what we do

The Anthony Costa Foundation is a charitable foundation established to support the philanthropy of the Anthony and Elaine Costa, and the Robert and Rita Costa families. The Foundation seeks to make a positive impact in the communities where our families live and work by ensuring equity in education; improving community health and well-being; and building vibrant and fair communities. Given the strong ties both families have to Geelong, the Foundation's focus for giving is on eligible projects and initiatives within the Geelong region.

Grant round focus

Our open grant rounds are designed to be flexible and to allow organisations in the places where we live and work to meet the needs they are experiencing. While there is no minimum and maximum request amount, we encourage you to speak with us about the amount you are seeking.

Timeline

The Foundation will run two open rounds in FY23:

- **December 2022 Open Grant Round** - accepting applications 31 August - 26 October; applicants will be notified before December 31
- **April 2023 Open Grant Round** - accepting applications 4 January - 4 March; applicants will be notified before April 30

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for a grant from The Anthony Costa Foundation you must:

- Be endorsed as a Tax Concession Charity (TCC), a Deductible Gift Recipient as covered under item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act of 1997 (DGR1) and be registered and up to date with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission. (Note: under certain circumstances the Foundation may accept auspiced applications);
- Propose a project that will benefit the Geelong region;
- Propose a project that falls within at least one of the Foundation's Areas of Focus (see below); and
- Agree to the Foundation's Grant Conditions

Please see the Foundation's [website](#) for what we do not fund.

Making a positive impact where our families live and work

Focus Areas

The Foundation accepts applications related to the following focus areas:

Equity in Education - We support improved equity in education. Education creates opportunities and empowers people to earn more, raise healthier families and achieve their fullest potential; there is a clear connection between education and disadvantage. We are especially interested in applications related to:



- early years learning – ensuring that children enter school ready
- disengaged young people – supporting those at risk of disengaging or already disengaged to reconnect with learning and community
- innovative solutions that decrease the equity gap – ensuring that vulnerable populations, including those from low socio-economic status, culturally linguistic and diverse, first nations people and people with disabilities succeed

Health and Wellbeing - We support improvements to people's health and wellbeing. Improving health outcomes can lead to lower costs, longer lifespans, and a wealth of social, economic, and human benefits for individuals and communities. We are especially interested in applications related to:



- mental health and resilience
- addiction
- family violence/family strengthening
- active and healthy lifestyles and life-style choices
- innovative programs that support the health and wellbeing needs of vulnerable populations including those from low socio-economic status, young people, women, first nations people, culturally linguistic and diverse and people with disabilities

Vibrant and Fair Communities - We support a community that is vibrant, engaged and equitable. When there is equity, life is enriched for all. We are especially interested in applications related to:

- homelessness and support for social and affordable housing to help create a fair and just housing system
- food insecurity so that no one goes hungry
- ensuring that vulnerable populations including, those from low socio economic status, young people, women, first nations people, culturally linguistic and diverse and people with disabilities are prepared and supported to engage in work
- advancing gender equity by focusing on fairness and justice regarding benefits and needs for women and men, girls and boys
- investments in leadership for vulnerable populations including, those from low socio economic status, young people, women, first nations people, culturally linguistic and diverse and people with disabilities
- support for arts and culture as a vehicle for strengthening and enriching our community and providing voice and equity for vulnerable populations including, those from low socio-economic status, young people, women, first nations people, culturally linguistic and diverse and people with disabilities



How to apply

Visit the Foundation's [website](#) to apply. While applications are to be completed online, you can download a word version of the application to assist you in preparation. If for some reason you are not able to complete the online grant, please contact foundation@costaam.com.au.

Assessment process

All applications received will be reviewed by the Foundation staff and Board.

Applications will be assessed on Need (what need does the project meet in the community), Benefit (what difference will it make and to whom) and Delivery (does the organisation have the capacity to effectively deliver the project).

Based on your submission we may follow-up with questions or request additional information.

Assistance and additional information

We highly encourage you to discuss your application with us before submission. This helps us ensure that your application aligns with our interests and is a good use of your valuable time. We can also share tips on how to write a successful application. You can contact us via foundation@costaam.com.au to request a time to discuss your potential application.



Additional Information about the Foundation and its grants can also be found on the Foundation's [website](#).