

# FY24 Small Grants Guidelines



Anthony Costa  
Foundation

## Who we are and what we do

The Anthony Costa Foundation is a family 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 children and young people can thrive, everyone has a safe place to live and our communities are vibrant. Given the strong ties both families have to Geelong/G21 region, the Foundation's geographic focus for giving is on eligible organisations/projects/initiatives/activities within this region.

## Grant round focus

Our Small Grant Round is designed to support smaller grassroots organisations AND organisations that haven't worked with the Foundation before. Maximum request is \$25,000.

## Timeline

Applications are open from the 31 May - 5 July 2023. Applications will be assessed during the month of July. All applicants will be notified about the status of their application via phone before 31 August 2023. Phone notification will be followed by written notification.

## 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: in certain circumstances the Foundation accepts auspicing through appropriately qualified organisations);
- Propose a project that will benefit the Geelong/G21 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 currently accepts applications related to the following Focus Areas:

### Thriving Children and Young People

Children and young people are an important part of the communities where we live and work. Unfortunately, there are too many children and young people that experience barriers and challenges that impact their ability to reach their full potential. While there are many elements that can contribute to children and young people reaching their full potential the Foundation will only accept applications in this focus area related to:

- Mental health and well-being
- Equity and opportunity in education



### A Safe Place to Live

Everyone deserves a safe place to live. Yet many people in the communities where we live and work are homeless or at risk of homelessness. While there are many types and causes of homelessness that make it a complex challenge, the Foundation only accepts applications in this Focus Area related to:

- Homelessness and housing
- Family violence
- Addiction



### Building vibrant communities

We want to live and work in communities that are vibrant, inclusive and equitable. While there are many elements that contribute to making communities vibrant the Foundation will only accept applications in this Focus Area related to:

- Food insecurity and basic need
- Social, economic and cultural inclusion of people with a disability
- Arts and culture



## How to apply

After reviewing our information, we ask that you contact us to discuss your potential application. You can send us an email ([foundation@costaam.com.au](mailto:foundation@costaam.com.au)) to set up a time. As part of this discussion we will help you assess how well aligned your potential application is with our interests. We can also provide tips and hints about submitting a successful application.

Once you have spoke to us and we both agree an application is appropriate you will be provided with a link to register for our Funding Portal. From the Portal you will be able to access the Small Grants Round and to submit your application. You can download a word version of the application from our [website](#) to assist you in preparation for your online application.

## Assessment process

All applications received in our Small Grant Round will be reviewed by a special committee of the 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).

Recognising that smaller grassroots organisations may not have extensive grant writing experience and that some organisations may not be familiar to us, in addition to their written application, applicants will have a chance to engage (in person, via zoom/Teams or over the phone) to share more about their organisation, work and request as part of the review process. All eligible applicants will be contacted for their follow-up meeting between 24 July - 11 August.

Based on written applications and follow-up meetings, recommendations will be made by the committee to the Board of Directors at their August Board meeting. The Board of Directors has final approval on the distribution of all grants.

## Assistance and additional information

As noted above we ask that you 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](mailto:foundation@costaam.com.au) to request a time to discuss a potential application.



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