



Deciding which organisations you'll support can be hugely rewarding, but can also be a challenge. You want to know that your charitable gift is going to be put to good use by the charity you choose. However, it isn't always easy. The not-for-profit sector in Australia is complex. There are over 55,000 tax concession charities in Australia and, of these, less than half are able to accept tax deductible donations.

If you are unsure where to start, Australian Philanthropic Services can help you to develop a set of philanthropic goals, gain insight into particular areas of need and measure the impact of your giving, as well as providing practical tools to help put your grantmaking plans into action.

Dedicated support

Our specialist team is a carefully selected group of professional, passionate people who are focussed on supporting your philanthropy. All of our clients have access to a dedicated Governance and Giving Adviser who acts as a sounding board for day-to-day grantmaking queries, including validating the eligibility of organisations and providing updates on the not-for-profit sector.

Updates and events

We provide regular newsletters, sector updates and factsheets to support you as you put your grantmaking plans into action. For clients who wish to connect with other like-minded philanthropists, we run events and can provide introductions to other funders.

Specialist grantmaking & evaluation service

Philanthropy should be fun and rewarding: it's all about developing a set of achievable goals, a solid plan and a pragmatic evaluation framework. If you require tailored and in-depth support, our Grantmaking and Evaluation Service helps with strategy development, tailored research into sectors, charity due diligence and administering funding rounds.

Strategy development

We can take individuals and families through our 'philanthropic vision' process, which includes use of a purpose-built online giving tool (enabling all family members or trustees to input on strategy development) and a personalised strategy session. This can be completed before or after the establishment of a private ancillary fund – it's never too early, or too late, to review your philanthropic strategy.

Organisational and sectoral reviews

We undertake in-depth research on particular areas of need and conduct due diligence into individual not-for-profit organisations. We have in-house expertise and strong external networks across a range of areas, including: international development and overseas giving; education, employment and social enterprise; disadvantaged children and young people; mental health; Indigenous community needs; arts and cultural philanthropy; and not-for-profit capacity building.

Funding rounds

If you wish to run a formal 'funding round', we can manage the end-to-end process on your behalf. This includes developing an application form, acting as the first 'point of call' for all funding applicants, assessing applications and preparing recommendations that meet your funding criteria.

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