



# Grants & Philanthropy

## Grants

Grants are a great way to fund your program, but can sometimes be difficult to secure. Grants are available from a range of **government agencies** and **not-for-profit organizations** and can range from just a few hundred dollars to thousands.

To find a grant that suits you, you first have to identify what sort of program you want to produce. Usually, grant guidelines are very strict and will require applicants to align their program with certain **priority areas**. These vary for each grant.

Grant applications can be very long-winded and often require a lot of detail. Make sure you spend time on your application and have others look at it before you submit. It's also a good idea to make contact with the funding body to make sure your idea is within their priority area before starting the application.

The process of applying for a grant, receiving the funding and beginning the program can span a few months to a year. Funding bodies usually ask that projects do not begin until a grant has been given (ie. they will not back pay).

Organisations applying for grants are usually required to be **not-for-profit**. Individuals applying for grants are more often than not required to be **auspiced** by a **not-for-profit incorporated organization**.

Below is a list recommended funding bodies:

### Arts Victoria

[www.arts.vic.gov.au](http://www.arts.vic.gov.au)

### Australian Multicultural Foundation

[www.amf.net.au](http://www.amf.net.au)

### City of Melbourne

[www.melbourne.vic.gov.au](http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au)

*(also check your local city council)*

### Community Broadcasting Authority Australia

[www.cbaa.org.au](http://www.cbaa.org.au)

### Community Broadcasting Foundation

[www.cbf.com.au](http://www.cbf.com.au)

### Foundation for Young Australians

[www.fya.org.au](http://www.fya.org.au)

### Our Community

[www.ourcommunity.com.au](http://www.ourcommunity.com.au)

Victorian Government Office for Youth  
[www.youth.vic.gov.au](http://www.youth.vic.gov.au)

Victorian Multicultural Commission  
[www.multicultural.vic.gov.au](http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au)

Youthcentral (from the Office for Youth)  
[www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au](http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au)

## Philanthropy

Other than grants, another way to find money to fund your program is through **philanthropy**.

A great resource for philanthropy in Australia is the Philanthropy Australia website:  
[www.philanthropy.org.au](http://www.philanthropy.org.au).

Philanthropy works similar to the way grants work, with annual funding rounds and strict guidelines.