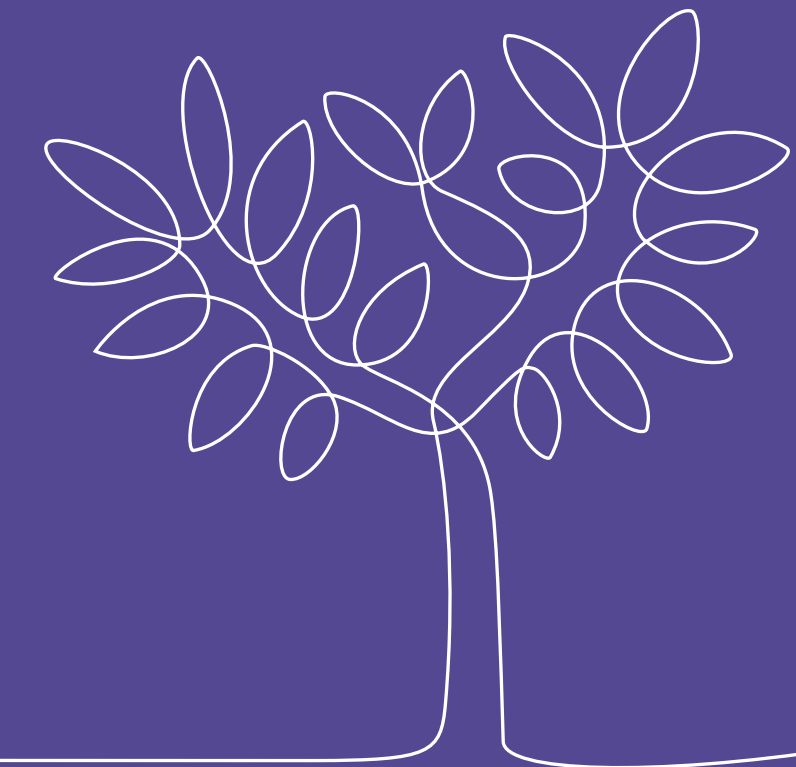


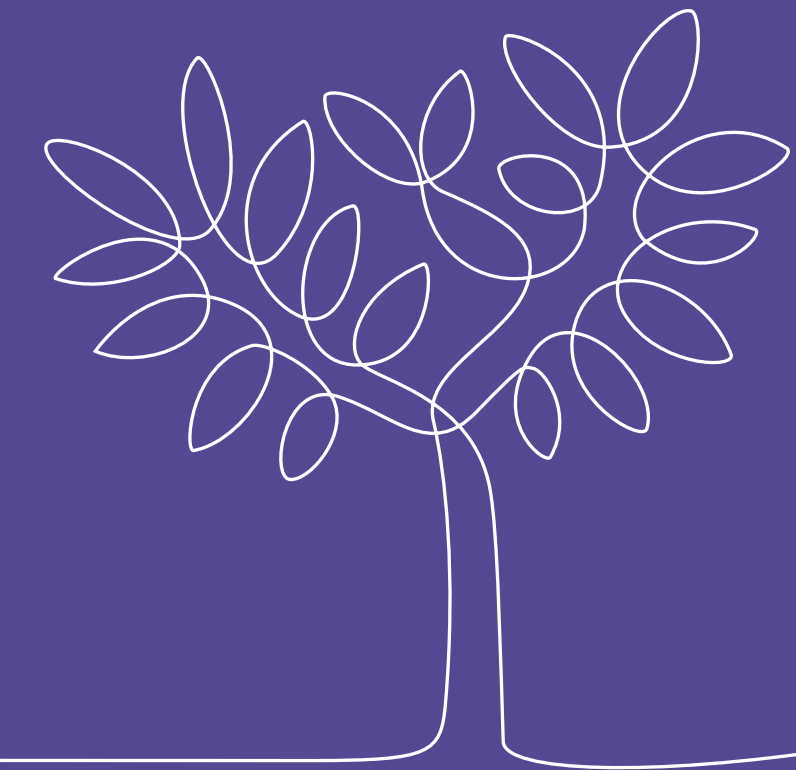
Progress Grant Information.



About the Grant.

This newly introduced funding opportunity is a large multi-year grant of up to \$166,666.67 per year to a total of up to \$500,000 for one charitable organisation over three years for the purpose of providing direct intervention that will improve the lives of children experiencing disadvantage.

This is a new grant program that has been developed to further Bank of Melbourne Foundation's core purpose of supporting small community organisations working to improve the lives of those who are impacted by physical, social or economic disadvantage in Victoria. The Progress Grant supports small organisations to create positive change and a sustainable impact on the community. It aims to affect significant, long term social impact that comes from helping to improve the lives of children experiencing disadvantage in Victoria, and that would otherwise not be possible without ongoing funding support.



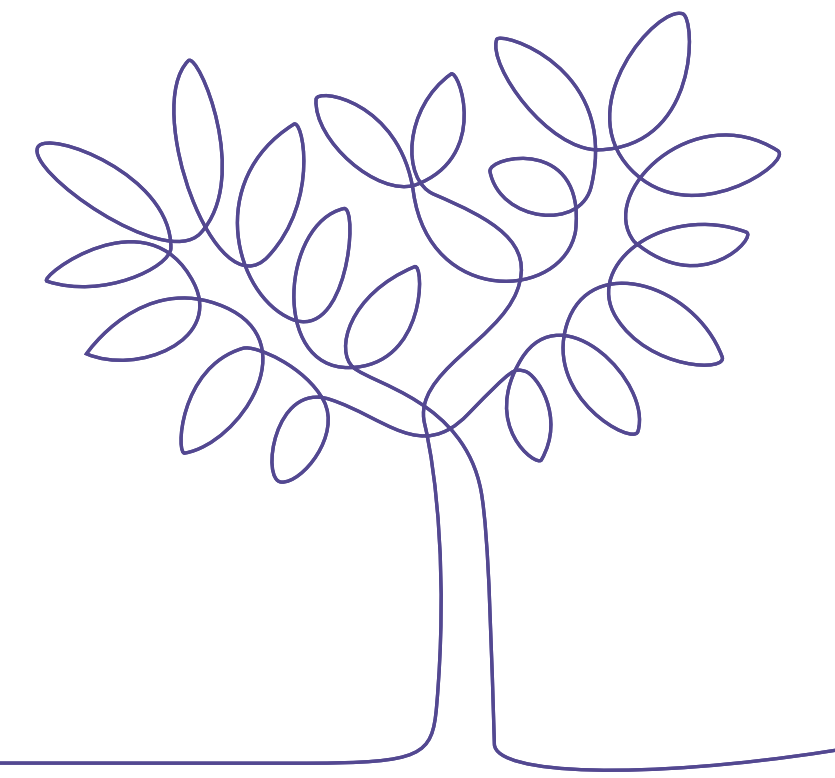
Grant Guidelines.

Projects funded should:

- Provide innovative opportunities to brighten the lives of children experiencing disadvantage in Victoria.
- Be located, and impacting communities, in Victoria.
- Provide impact reporting and measurement of agreed outcomes.

Our funding priorities:

- Innovative projects providing:
 - Alternative pathways to, or opportunities for, education.
 - Opportunities to brighten the lives of children experiencing disadvantage.
 - Other projects at the Governors' discretion that provide significant positive impact on the future potential of children in Australia.



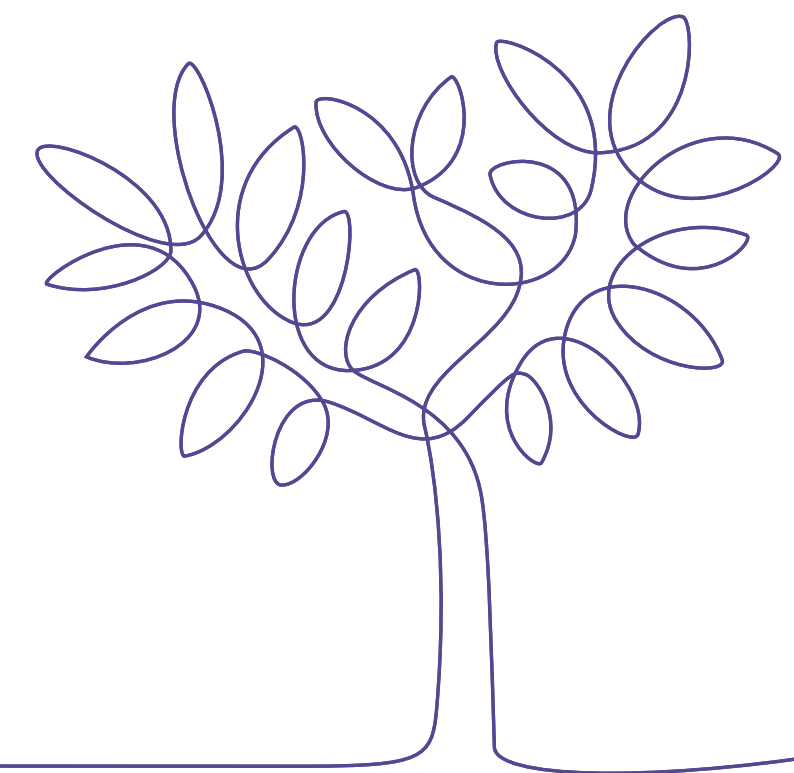
Organisational eligibility:

Applicants please note: Before completing the Expression of Interest form, you should have read the general information about the grant above and the eligibility criteria below. Incomplete EOI forms and/or organisations or projects that do not meet the eligibility criteria will not be considered.

Eligibility criteria:

To be eligible for funding your organisation will:

- Be located in Victoria.
- Provide a minimum of 12 months' worth of audited financials signed by the auditor.
- Have an annual gross revenue of less than \$3 million.
- Receive less than 40% of your income from recurrent state, federal or local government funding.
- Be endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (but not another ancillary fund).
Deductible Gift Recipients must be listed with the Australian Taxation Office under Item 1 of the Table in Section 30-15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act, 1997.
- Be seeking funding for an innovative project or program focused on improving the lives of children in Victoria experiencing a physical, social or economic disadvantage under the age of 18 years.



What we won't fund:

- Projects outside Victoria.
- Organisations with an income of more than \$3 million p.a.
- Auspiced applications.
- Sponsorship or fundraising appeals.
- Parenting programs/programs for adults.
- Residential camps, except where that is the core purpose of the applicant organisation.

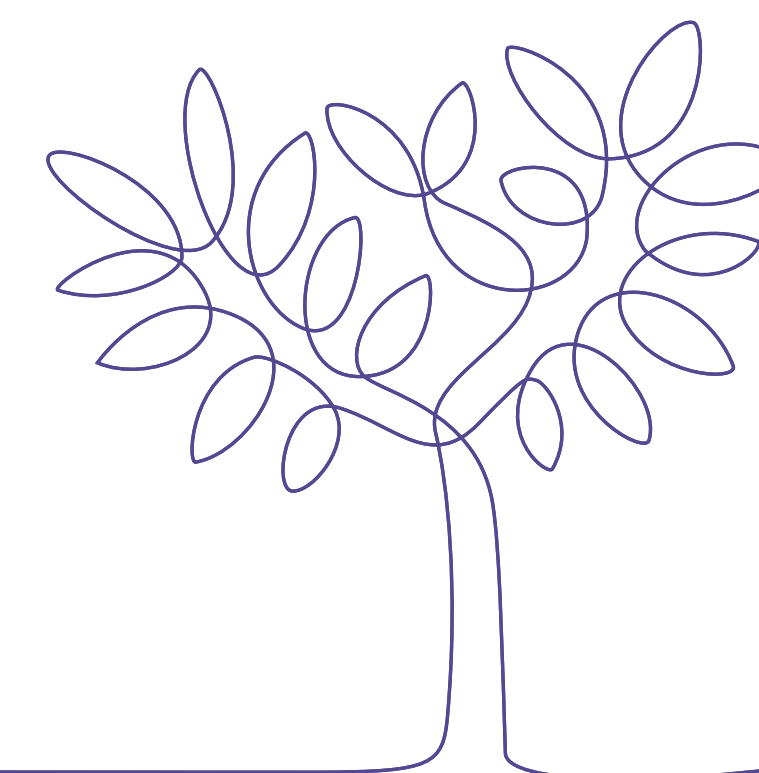
Definitions

Innovation

Innovation can be either a technological innovation or a new (innovative) approach to an existing problem.

Direct intervention

Direct intervention means that the program has a direct impact on children's lives. While many parent counselling and mentor training programs have the potential to benefit children, the Progress Grant is intended to provide funding only for programs where children are the immediate (i.e. direct) beneficiary.



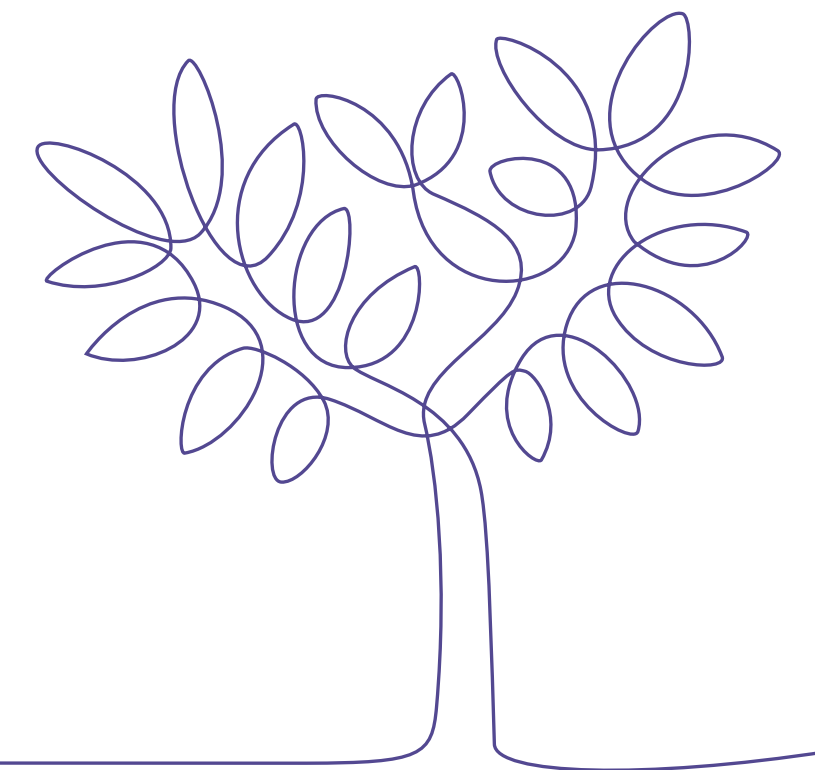
Frequently Asked Questions

Our organisation has previously received a Community Grant from Bank of Melbourne Foundation, are we still eligible?

Should your organisation and project meet the criteria of the Progress Grant, it will still be eligible even if it has received a Community Grant. However, please keep in mind that the goals and expectations of the Progress Grant are different to those of a Community Grant.

How often will the multi-year funding be available?

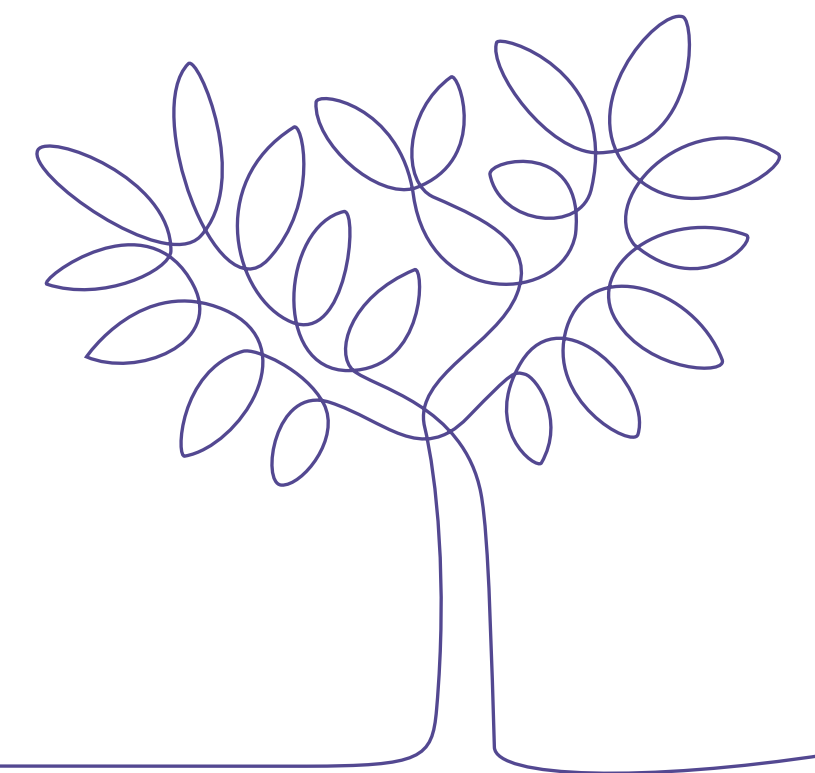
This multi-year funding will only be available every third year, when a new Expression of Interest will be promoted. Please note that the focus and ongoing availability of this grant may be adjusted in future rounds based on community need and level of impact.



What is the difference between 'grant guidelines' and 'eligibility criteria'?

Eligibility criteria are qualities that applying charities must possess. This is non-negotiable and charities will need to meet all of the eligibility criteria to be eligible for the Progress Grant.

Grant guidelines provide guidance around the types of programs and beneficiaries that the Progress Grant focuses on. Grant guidelines are flexible so if your project does not meet all of the grant guidelines it may still be eligible for a grant.



Additional Information

The Foundation cannot give funding to individuals or organisations that are not eligible recipients.

Due to the high volume of applicants, we regret that we are unable to provide feedback on individual applications.

