

## Grant Guidelines & Eligibility

### Achieving transformational change in the lives of young Australians

The Brian M. Davis Charitable Foundation seeks to achieve transformational change in the lives of disadvantaged children and young people. We champion community-driven effort, supporting innovative approaches that bring people, resources and ideas together.

**We do this through a strategic grantmaking process, partnering with organisations that provide programs and services directly aligned with our mission and specifically addressing our focus areas.**

Our benefactor, Brian M. Davis (1930-2021) was one of Australia's most successful entrepreneurs and built the Décor company into a household name. Through decades of product innovation, he improved people's lives in immeasurable ways. It is Brian's entrepreneurial spirit, creative thinking and determination that we bring to our grantmaking. In doing so, we further Brian's legacy by improving the health and equity of contemporary society, and for the benefit of future generations.

### Our Focus Areas

The Brian M. Davis Charitable Foundation fulfills its mission by investing in organisations which effectively and sustainably advance solutions that deliver lasting progress and drive meaningful change in the lives of children and young people.

We award grants that specifically address the following areas:

#### **Supporting disadvantaged children and young people by:**

- Seeking to break the cycle of disadvantage and reduce inequities
- Addressing childhood poverty, abuse, and neglect
- Support to keep families together
- Improving health and wellbeing

#### **Empowering children and young people through quality education and pathways to employment by:**

- Addressing educational equity from preschool to tertiary
- Enabling work readiness skills, entrepreneurship skills, technical skills, and vocational skills
- A pathway to tertiary education

#### **Medical research**

This program is fully committed for 2023 and 2024 and therefore we are not taking enquiries.



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## Grant Guidelines

### Grant Rounds

The Brian M. Davis Charitable Foundation takes a proactive approach to its grantmaking and does not hold open grant rounds. Grant applications are by invitation only (see *Our Process* below). Grants are usually awarded 2-3 times per year.

### We look for proposals that:

- **Embrace an innovative and collaborative approach to addressing a need**
- **Have an appropriate plan to monitor and measure outcomes**
- **Continue to generate community benefit beyond the grant period**

Additionally, we are interested in partnering with and learning from organisations that can demonstrate a thoughtful, inclusive, and equitable approach to their work and involvement within the communities they serve.

### Eligibility

Grants can only be made to organisations that are registered as a Charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and endorsed by the Australian Tax Office (ATO) as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) covered by Item 1 of the table in section 30-15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

We do not fund auspice arrangements, unless they are from an organisation which has the appropriate tax status as an intermediary (i.e. FRRR, Documentary Australia Foundation). The organisation applying must be the one that will run the program or project.

### Location

Our primary geographic focus is the State of Victoria.

### Use of Funds:

Grant projects must specifically address our Focus Areas. Funds may be used for the following purposes:

- Program Support or Development – direct costs associated with current, new or expanded programs, services, and interventions
- Capacity Building – strengthening an organisation's infrastructure, management, and governance to be more impactful, efficient, and effective
- Pilot Projects – a small-scale, short term test or trial that helps an organisation learn how a large-scale project might work in practice
- Program-Related Capital – equipment, materials, space or renovation costs for a program, service, or intervention



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## Grant size

The Brian M. Davis Charitable Foundation awards grants that are usually in the range of \$50,000 to \$150,000 per year. On occasion, the Foundation also awards larger Signature Grants.

## Length of grant

The length of the funding period will vary depending on the particular request; however, the majority of our grants are for 1-3 years. Some proposals only require one year of funding, for example, to undertake a specific scoping or evaluation project.

## Our Process

Our grant proposal process is via invitation only and includes several steps. Please note that an invitation to apply does not signify nor guarantee a grant award.

All requests begin with an initial conversation, either initiated by one of our staff or following contact by a potential applicant via email to introduce themselves and their work. This may include a face-to-face or online meeting, or a site visit.

If the initial concept is determined to be a strong fit with the Foundation's funding priorities, you will be invited to submit a proposal via our online grant management system. This will require details about your organisation, request, budget, and anticipated short and long-term outcomes. Once it has been received, we may seek further information and clarification from you.

Following the Board meeting at which the directors consider applications, staff will notify you promptly of the Board's decision. If the grant has been approved, a grant agreement which includes the reporting and payment schedule will be sent to you. Acceptance of the agreement, payment receipts, progress and final reports, and any other grant requirements will be submitted online via our online grant management system. All grant payments are made via Electronic Funds Transfer.

A decision by the Foundation to decline a request does not reflect on the merits of the applicant or the value of the proposal. Feedback on declined proposals will be provided where possible.

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