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## Philanthropic foundations that support the arts

This is a small selection of philanthropic foundations. It is estimated that there are several thousand philanthropic organisations in Australia.

### International

- **Alcoa Foundation** is a non profit US corporate foundation that actively invests in the quality of life in Alcoa communities worldwide Alcoa Foundation's grant making focus centres on four distinct areas: conservation and sustainability, safe and healthy children and families, global education and workplace skills, and business and community partnerships. Organisations classified as public charities and tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the non-U.S. equivalent are eligible to be funded.  
[www.alcoa.com/global/en/community/foundation/overview.asp](http://www.alcoa.com/global/en/community/foundation/overview.asp)
- **American Express Foundation** supports visionary not-for-profit organisations that preserve and enrich diverse cultural heritage, develop new leaders for tomorrow and encourage community service where their employees and customers live and work. American Express Philanthropy makes grants in three major program areas: cultural heritage, leadership and community service. Organisations classified as public charities and tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the non-U.S. equivalent are eligible to be funded. Organisations outside the U.S. must be able to document non profit status.  
[www.americanexpress.com/corp/philanthropy](http://www.americanexpress.com/corp/philanthropy)
- **BHP Billiton** participates in national social programs in addition to local community activities. Community organisations should contact their nearest operation for guidelines and to understand the application process. Within Australia, each BHP Billiton businesses manages its own Community Investment Program. BHP Billiton Iron Ore is part of BHP Billiton and accepts requests from Incorporated, not for profit organisations/institutions that are based in and/or deliver services in our communities of interest; not for profit educational institutions; and local government bodies.  
[www.bhpbilliton.com/bb/sustainableDevelopment/socialResponsibility/communityProgramsAndFoundations.jsp](http://www.bhpbilliton.com/bb/sustainableDevelopment/socialResponsibility/communityProgramsAndFoundations.jsp)
- **Christensen Fund** focuses its grantmaking on maintaining the rich diversity of the world—biological and cultural—over the long run, by focusing on five geographic regions. Grant seeking organizations need to be US 501(c)(3) or a similar not-for-profit organization, government unit, university or museum either in the USA or in another country.  
[www.christensenfund.org](http://www.christensenfund.org)

### National

- **Angior Family Foundation** accepts applications for performing arts and medical research. It is a perpetual charitable trust established by will, with a portion of the income to be paid to charities engaged in provision of medical services or medical research. Email: [olivia.jurisc@nab.com.au](mailto:olivia.jurisc@nab.com.au)
- **Anna Wearne Trust** ensure funds are provided to appropriate charitable institutions, create opportunities for young people to reach their potential, where such potential is hampered due to

disadvantage or inequality." The trust directly makes grants of up to \$500 directly to recipients or it makes or makes recommendations to the Melbourne Community Foundation. Grants are made to recipients via charitable entities endorsed as deductible gift recipients.

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

- **ANZ Trustees Ltd** is a trustee of over 230 charitable foundations and has the discretion as to amounts and recipients of philanthropic funds.  
[www.anz.com/aus/fin/Trustees/charitable\\_Grants.asp](http://www.anz.com/aus/fin/Trustees/charitable_Grants.asp)
- **The Balnaves Foundation** is a private philanthropic organisation established to support eligible organisations that aim to create a better Australia through education, medicine and the arts with a focus on young people, the disadvantaged, and Indigenous communities. Organisations applying for a grant must be a deductible gift recipient either endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) or otherwise listed by name in the income tax law.  
[www.balnavesfoundation.com](http://www.balnavesfoundation.com)
- **Besen Family Foundation** has been established to build on the philanthropic tradition that encompasses three broad areas - arts and culture, health and welfare and Jewish interests. Organisations applying for a grant must have deductible gift recipient and tax concession charity status.  
[www.besenfoundation.org.au](http://www.besenfoundation.org.au)
- **Foster's Community Grants** program supports community projects that focus on wellness, culture or the environment. Only incorporated not-for-profit organisations and charities are eligible for funding.  
[www.fosters.com.au/about/fosterscommunitygrants.htm](http://www.fosters.com.au/about/fosterscommunitygrants.htm)
- **Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal** offers support to projects that benefit small communities based in rural and remote locations contributing to their development in a social and community welfare, economic, environmental, health, education or cultural areas. CATCH - Culture, Arts, Tourism & Community Heritage Grants Program, in one program, made possible by support from the John T Reid Charitable Trust. Only incorporated not-for-profit organisations and charities are eligible for funding.  
[www.frrr.org.au](http://www.frrr.org.au)
- **Foundation for Young Australians** is an independent national grant-making organisation, funding and working in partnership with youth-led projects that work with young in the areas of health and wellbeing, education, community development, the arts and leadership skills development.  
[www.youngaustralians.org](http://www.youngaustralians.org)
- **Gordon Darling Foundation** supports visual arts programs undertaken by Public Institutions throughout Australia and assists in the dissemination of knowledge and enjoyment of the visual arts to as wide an audience as possible.  
[www2.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/funding/2856.html](http://www2.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/funding/2856.html)
- **Graeme F Smith Peace Trust** supports individuals and organisations that provide arts projects which address the aims of the Trust - promoting peace, justice, and care for the environment.  
[www.artspeacetrust.org/](http://www.artspeacetrust.org/)
- **Harold Mitchell Foundation** partners with other organisations who wish to make a positive change in society by recognising new opportunities in the arts. Organisations applying for a grant are required to be endorsed by the Australian Tax Office as a deductible gift recipient.  
[www.haroldmitchellfoundation.com.au](http://www.haroldmitchellfoundation.com.au)

- **Ian Potter Foundation** makes grants for general charitable purposes that advance knowledge and benefit the community in the areas of the arts. Organisations applying for a grant are required to have both deductible gift recipient and tax concession charity status.  
[www.ianpotter.org.au](http://www.ianpotter.org.au)
- **IOOF Foundation** provides grants that support not-for-profit organisations working with disadvantaged families, disadvantaged children and youth and aged care. Organisations applying for a grant are required to be endorsed by the Australian Tax Office as a deductible gift recipient.  
[www.iooffoundation.org.au](http://www.iooffoundation.org.au)
- **James N Kirby Foundation** distributes grants to charitable, educational and technical bodies throughout Australia in the areas of health, education, technology and science, art, literature. Organisations are encouraged to first make contact by phoning (02) 9212 2711.
- **John T Reid Charitable Trusts** support a range of creative and innovative arts and cultural projects and programs which would advance the interest of both individuals and groups. Organisations are encouraged to first make contact by visiting the website.  
[www.johntreidtrusts.com.au](http://www.johntreidtrusts.com.au)
- **Macquarie Group Foundation** considers applications from community organisations that are working in innovative ways to provide long-term benefits. Funding levels are flexible and are dictated by the needs of the organisation and funding availability. Each application is assessed on its individual merit.  
[www.macquarie.com.au](http://www.macquarie.com.au)
- **Matana Foundation** provides assistance to disadvantaged young people, providing them with the opportunity to reach their full educational and social potential. Organisations applying for a grant must have Income Tax Exempt Charity status and are a deductible gift recipient.  
[www.matanafoundation.org.au](http://www.matanafoundation.org.au)
- **Myer Foundation** objective is to improve the lives of people impoverished from personal, environmental, social or cultural disadvantage. The Foundation will accept applications for grants for [charitable](#) purposes from Australian incorporated organisations that have been endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as tax concession charities.  
[www.myerfoundation.org.au](http://www.myerfoundation.org.au)
- **Nelson Meers Foundation** fosters innovative artistic and cultural expression by encouraging and supporting organisations and projects that advance visual, literary and performing arts. Organisations applying for a grant must have tax concession charity status and are a deductible gift recipient endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office.  
[www.nelsonmeersfoundation.org.au](http://www.nelsonmeersfoundation.org.au)
- **Perpetual Trustee Company Australia Ltd** has assisted in the development and distribution of funds for medical, social, environmental, religious, cultural and educational purposes. Organisations applying for a grant must be a charity or non profit that has tax-concession status endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office.  
[www.perpetual.com.au](http://www.perpetual.com.au)
- **Pratt Foundation** funds a variety of philanthropic activities. The choices are made on the basis of the research and initiatives the Foundation undertakes and the foundation does not accept applications.  
[www.prattfoundation.com.au](http://www.prattfoundation.com.au)

- **Rio Tinto Aboriginal Foundation** aims to enhance the status and capacities of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, by supporting initiatives that improve education, health and cultural preservation' and sport. Organisations applying for a grant do not require to have deductible gift recipient status.  
[www.aboriginalfund.riotinto.com/](http://www.aboriginalfund.riotinto.com/)
- **Scanlon Foundation** makes grants for general charitable purposes in Australia. Principle areas of interest are cultural diversity and social cohesion. Organisations are encouraged to submit in an expression of interest application form.  
[www.scanlonfoundation.org.au/](http://www.scanlonfoundation.org.au/)
- **Sony Foundation Australia** considers grant requests from organisations who assist youth under the age of 25 years and can provide deductible gift recipient number and/or confirmation of tax deductible gift status endorsed by the Australian Tax Office.  
[www.sonyfoundation.org.au](http://www.sonyfoundation.org.au)
- **Telstra Foundation** community development fund supports community organisations to deliver projects which connect children and young people to their communities. Organisations applying for a grant must be endorsed by the Australian Tax Office as a deductible gift recipient and tax concession charity.  
[www.telstrafoundation.com](http://www.telstrafoundation.com)
- **Trust Foundation** supports charitable purposes including the arts, education, health and the environment.  
[www.trust.com.au/philanthropy/funding/](http://www.trust.com.au/philanthropy/funding/)
- **Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation** makes distributions to organisations which seek to address the needs in the community with an emphasis on those which are unable to rely on high profile fundraising from the corporate sector and the general public. Organisations applying for a fund will be required to have tax concession charity status or deductible gift recipient endorsement, where the latter is also charitable.  
[www.vfff.org.au](http://www.vfff.org.au)
- **Westpac Foundation** supports not for profit organisations that seek to create and sustain social enterprises in disadvantaged communities. Organisations applying for a grant are required to have deductible gift recipient status endorsed by the Australian Tax Office.  
[www.westpac.com.au/internet/publish.nsf/Content/WIWCWF+Funding+priorities](http://www.westpac.com.au/internet/publish.nsf/Content/WIWCWF+Funding+priorities)

#### New South Wales

- **Community Foundation for Tumut Region** administers a number of granting programs each year. Applications will only be accepted from community groups and organisations whose projects will benefit the communities of the Tumut Shire.  
[www.tumutfoundation.org.au](http://www.tumutfoundation.org.au)
- **IMB Community Foundation** supports projects that generate economic, social, cultural, environmental, tourism and educational benefits to the communities in which its members live: Wollongong, Shoalhaven to Bega, Canberra, Goulburn, Southern Highlands, the Macarthur region and southern and western Sydney. The Foundation will generally fund tax exempt bodies under the Income Taxation Act, although it may consider funding bodies that do not meet this requirement if the benefits of their projects are adequately established against other criteria.  
[www.imb.com.au/AboutIMB/Foundation.asp](http://www.imb.com.au/AboutIMB/Foundation.asp)

- **Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation** provides funding for projects in education, health, culture, the arts and the environment in the Hunter, Central Coast, Mid-North Coast, New England and Northern Rivers regions. Organisations applying for a grant must be endorsed by the Australian Tax Office as a deductible gift recipient.  
[www.newcastlepermanent.com.au/?tabid=613](http://www.newcastlepermanent.com.au/?tabid=613)
- **Northern Rivers Community Foundation** supports social, environmental and cultural projects in the Northern Rivers region. The Foundation is the Trustee of two separate trusts. The Northern Rivers Community Foundation where grants can only be made to organisations with deductible gift recipient status. The Northern Rivers Community Projects Fund is not limited by deductible gift recipient status and will consider applications for a range of community projects for charitable purposes.  
[www.nrcf.org.au/](http://www.nrcf.org.au/)
- **Sydney Community Foundation** is an independent, charitable community foundation that manages and distributes funds on behalf of individuals, families, companies and other charitable trusts to meet the needs of their community  
[www.sydneycommunityfoundation.org.au](http://www.sydneycommunityfoundation.org.au)

#### Northern Territory

- **Community Benefit Fund** which provide assistance for general community development and improvement purposes.  
<http://www.nt.gov.au/justice/policycoord/cbf/>

#### Queensland

- **Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund** provides various grant schemes through the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing. The Fund provides one-off grants to organisations which have a beneficial influence to communities defined from the Queensland and New South Wales border to the northern boundaries of Boulia, Winton, Barcaldine and Isaac; and will need to be incorporated not-for-profit.  
[www.olgr.qld.gov.au/grants/JCCBF/index.shtml](http://www.olgr.qld.gov.au/grants/JCCBF/index.shtml)
- **William Angliss (Queensland) Charitable Fund** distributes income of the fund for charitable purposes including services for educational, cultural and religious organisations. Organisations applying for a grant will need to be endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office for charity tax concessions  
[www.wacf.net.au](http://www.wacf.net.au)
- **Gambling Community Benefit Fund** provides one-off grants for activities that benefit the community. Queensland not for profit based community organisations are eligible to apply for a grant, either in their own right (if incorporated) or through a sponsor (if not incorporated).  
[www.olgr.qld.gov.au/grants/gcbf/index.shtml](http://www.olgr.qld.gov.au/grants/gcbf/index.shtml)

#### South Australia

- **Community Benefit SA** provides one-off project funding to assist non profit charitable organisations to improve the well-being of disadvantaged individuals and communities across remote regions of SA. Eligible organisations are non-government, non-profit, incorporated community bodies, which provide social welfare and help for disadvantaged individuals, families and communities in need. If an organisation is not incorporated, it may be eligible for funding if it is sponsored by an incorporated body or legal entity, which accepts responsibility for the funded project.  
[www.familiesandcommunities.sa.gov.au/Default.aspx?tabid=786](http://www.familiesandcommunities.sa.gov.au/Default.aspx?tabid=786)

- **Stand Like Stone Foundation** offers grants to charitable projects in the Limestone Coast which focus on community health and well being, community development, environmental and cultural projects. As the Foundation is endorsed by the ATO as a tax concession charity it will only fund projects that are charitable.  
<http://www.standlikestone.com.au>

#### Tasmania

- **Tasmanian Community Foundation** assists eligible community groups develop and deliver a variety of community services that would otherwise go unfunded. Organisations seeking assistance will be required to have deductible gift recipient status endorsed by Australian Tax Office.  
[www.tasmaniancommunityfoundation.org](http://www.tasmaniancommunityfoundation.org)
- **Tasmanian Community Fund** makes grants to community organisations that make a difference by enhancing well-being and improving social, environmental and economic outcomes for the Tasmanian Community  
<http://www.tascomfund.org/>

#### Victoria

- **Ballarat Arts Foundation** provides grants and support to emerging local performing and visual artists in a wide variety of disciplines, enabling them to take the next step in their artistic careers. Applicants must live in/or have studies and practised their art within Ballarat and district.  
[www.ballarartsfoundation.org.au](http://www.ballarartsfoundation.org.au)
- **Ballarat Foundation** is an independent organisation where profits from investments are distributed to groups, organisations and individuals throughout Ballarat and surrounding communities.  
[www.ballaratfoundation.org.au](http://www.ballaratfoundation.org.au)
- **Bass Coast Community Foundation** aims to enrich the quality of life in the area by providing a source of funding for a variety of community development initiatives  
[http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/content/content\\_misc.asp?ctid=12&cid=429&commid=429&contentId=491](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/content/content_misc.asp?ctid=12&cid=429&commid=429&contentId=491)
- **Community Enterprise Foundation** aims to bring together local people who care about their community. Full details of requirements are detailed in the individually listed grant programs. Only organisations within the immediate district need apply.  
[www.bendigobank.com.au/public/foundation/grants](http://www.bendigobank.com.au/public/foundation/grants)
- **Equity Trustees** manage a range of trusts that support a broad range of causes including arts and culture.  
<http://www.eqt.com.au/>
- **Feilman Foundation & Feilman Family Foundation** includes support of mainly visual arts and ballet, but not excluding the other arts, in Victoria and WA. Phone (08) 9389 5245
- **Geelong Community Foundation** encourages individuals and corporate donors to make donations so that the capital they donate is retained in the region and the income is used to meet the need of the local community.  
[www.geelongfoundation.org](http://www.geelongfoundation.org)

- **Helen Macpherson Smith Trust** provides grants to a wide variety of charitable institutions and a diverse range of projects that seek to benefit and improve the lives of the people of Victoria. The Helen Macpherson Smith Trust has eight program areas it supports including Arts, Culture and Heritage being one of those areas. Organisations applying for a grant will need to be endorsed by the Australian Tax Office as a Charitable Institution with income tax exemption concession status.  
[www.hmstrust.org.au](http://www.hmstrust.org.au)
- **Jack Brockhoff Foundation's** purpose is to provide philanthropic support to organisations whose activities are designed to have a positive and enduring impact on the health and well-being of communities. Organisations applying for a grant must be endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a deductible gift recipient and as a tax concession charity  
[www.brockhoff.info](http://www.brockhoff.info)
- **Melbourne Community Foundation** aims to generate and distribute philanthropic resources to address emerging social issues and to meet the needs of its communities. The Foundation does not have a public submission process or formal granting rounds. Project proposals can be emailed or sent by post. Organisations applying for a grant must be endorsed by the Australian Tax Office as a deductible gift recipient and tax concession charity.  
[www.communityfoundation.org.au](http://www.communityfoundation.org.au)
- **Melbourne Newsboys Foundation** provides grants to a broad range of organisations working with young people and children in Victoria who have experienced some form of disadvantage, such as financial, social, emotional, physical and intellectual. Community organisations with deductible gift recipient and tax concession charity status are invited to make an application.  
[www.newsboysfoundation.org.au](http://www.newsboysfoundation.org.au)
- **Reichstein Foundation** supports community organisations in Victoria that empower people to challenge the policies, institutions and attitudes fostering inequality and inequity. The Foundation is currently not able to accept unsolicited applications for grants and using existing funds to fulfill their commitments to existing projects and partner organisations.  
[www.reichstein.org.au](http://www.reichstein.org.au)
- **R E Ross Trust** aims to contribute towards impacts including improvement of social and economic outcomes for the most disadvantaged and vulnerable people in Victoria, and improvement of outcomes for children in their early years. Organisations applying for must be incorporated, although it will be preferred if your organisation is endorsed by the Australian Tax Office as deductible gift recipient or has income tax exempt charity status.  
[www.rosstrust.org.au](http://www.rosstrust.org.au)
- **Robert Salzer Foundation** is a trust for the support of the arts, notably the performing and graphic arts. Organisations applying for a grant will be required to have tax concession charity status.  
[www.robertsalzerfoundation.org.au](http://www.robertsalzerfoundation.org.au)
- **Tomorrow: Today Foundation** enables the people of Benalla to create a stronger, more resilient and prosperous rural community by providing a mechanism for donors to resource a range of community development activities.  
[www.tomorrowtoday.com.au](http://www.tomorrowtoday.com.au)
- **William Angliss (Victoria) Charitable Fund** distributes income of the fund for charitable purposes including services for educational, cultural and religious organisations. Organisations applying for a grant will need to be endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office for charity tax concessions.  
[www.wacf.net.au](http://www.wacf.net.au)

## Western Australia

- **Lotterywest** supports a wide variety of community-based projects draw upon a range of strategies such as arts and other creative activities, physical activity and skills development. Lotterywest will consider applications from both organisations who are and who are not incorporated.  
[www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au/grants](http://www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au/grants)
- **Western Australian Community Foundation** projects must demonstrate a benefit to the nominated Western Australian community, to build community capacity. Consideration will be given to a broad range of projects providing they are of a general charitable or benevolent purpose and meet a clear benefit to some or all of the community. They serves as Trustee for a number of community funds and trusts across the state.  
[www.wacf.org.au](http://www.wacf.org.au)
- **Feilman Foundation & Feilman Family Foundation** includes support of mainly visual arts and ballet, but not excluding the other arts, in Victoria and WA. Phone (08) 9389 5245
- **Fogarty Foundation** fund projects that have a direct benefit to the community through encouraging endeavours in excellence through education, the community and in life.  
[www.fogartyfoundation.org.au](http://www.fogartyfoundation.org.au)
- **Rio Tinto WA Future Fund** supports State-wide projects that contribute to a stronger and more sustainable Western Australia  
[www.wafuturefund.riotinto.com](http://www.wafuturefund.riotinto.com)
- **HBOS Australia Foundation** is part of our commitment to corporate responsibility and recognises our role in helping to improve the lives of disadvantaged Australians  
[www.hbos.com.au/corporate-foundation/](http://www.hbos.com.au/corporate-foundation/)

## Other useful directories

- **Artsupport Australia** works closely with government, cultural, corporate, financial and philanthropic sectors to develop effective strategies for giving  
[http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/philanthropy/resources\\_and\\_links](http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/philanthropy/resources_and_links)
- **Our Community** is a social enterprise that provides advice, tools and practical linkages between the community sector and the general public, business and government  
[http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/funding/funding\\_article.jsp?articleId=2240](http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/funding/funding_article.jsp?articleId=2240)
- **Philanthropy Wiki** is an online encyclopaedia and archive of knowledge on philanthropy in Australia [http://philanthropywiki.org.au/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://philanthropywiki.org.au/index.php/Main_Page)
- **Gateway For Giving** is an online resource and meeting place for people interested in giving  
<http://www.gatewayforgiving.com.au/benefits.donor.php>
- **Australia Fundraising Institute** is a national peak body representing professional fundraising in Australia  
<http://www.fia.org.au//AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home>
- **Pathways Australia** provides information and management support to Not-For-Profit organisations and link them with potential supporters  
<http://www.pathwaysaustralia.com.au/>

- **Perpetual** philanthropic solutions is for individuals, organisations and professionals interested in philanthropy  
<http://www.perpetual.com.au/philanthropy/default.htm>
- **Social Ventures** aligns the interests of philanthropists with the needs of social entrepreneurs to address some of Australia's most pressing community challenges  
<http://www.socialventures.com.au/>
- **Philanthropy Australia** is the national peak body for philanthropy and is a not-for-profit membership organisation  
<http://www.philanthropy.org.au/fdntrust/index.html>
- **Queensland University of Technology** have an interest in research activities related to philanthropy and non profit organisations  
<http://www.bus.qut.edu.au/research/cpns/>
- **Fundraising Buddy's** website contains Information, resources, services  
<http://fundraisingbuddy.com.au/html/grants/csr/Charitable%20Trusts%20&%20Foundations.htm>

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