



RACV COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: 2018/19 GRANT GUIDELINES

1. Funding principles

RACV has proudly supported Victorians and their communities for 115 years. As Victoria's population grows and diversifies, it stretches the capacity of our cities, our systems and our resources to support Victorians and ensure their wellbeing.

RACV recognises the critical role that communities play in providing a safety net and support network for all Victorians. Accordingly, the RACV Community Foundation exists to support the wellbeing of all Victorians by investing in programs that help them be a part of, contribute to and tap into the collective strength of their communities.

2. 2018/19 grant program

The RACV Community Foundation grants program provides the opportunity for community organisations and not for profit groups to access funding for projects and programs that align to the Foundation objectives and target groups. We provide grants ranging from \$5,000 up to \$150,000 to applicants that meet the funding criteria listed below.

Organisations applying for a RACV Community Foundation grant must deliver against at least one of the objectives listed below in 2.1 and address one or more of the target groups in section 2.2

2.1. Objectives

The RACV Community Foundation is seeking applications from not-for-profit organisations and initiatives that:

- create opportunities for Victorians to engage with their communities and build more **meaningful social connections with each other**
- empower Victorians who are vulnerable or disadvantaged to **access the people, places and activities that are core to their wellbeing**
- build stronger support networks by **connecting those in need with those who have something they can give** (e.g. time, resources, skills or companionship)

2.2. Target groups

The RACV Community Foundation seeks to support initiatives that target **at least one** of the three following segments in Victoria:

- **Transport disadvantaged** communities
- At risk Victorians seeking **safe and affordable housing**
- Victorians who are experiencing **isolation from their community** due to social, cultural or physical barriers*

**physical barriers can relate to health, disability or location*

2.3. Eligibility conditions

The RACV Community Foundation encourages organisations that meet the criteria below to apply for funding.

Please note:

- Applicants must be endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Item 1
- Organisations must be a Tax Concession Charity (TCC);
- Proposals should be designed to benefit people located only within the State of Victoria;
- Grant requests up to \$150,000 will be considered;
- To ensure that our assessment processes are transparent, we require applicants to disclose relationships with RACV Directors or management where a real or perceived conflict of interest may be present.
- Organisations applying for a RACV Community Foundation grant must deliver against at least one of the primary objectives and target one or more of the target groups listed in Section 2.1 and 2.2 of these guidelines.

Exclusions

Please note, the RACV Community Foundation will **not** fund:

- Recurrent projects or activities;
- Medical Research;
- Grant applications for religious or political purposes;
- Fundraising events or appeals or sponsorships (e.g. charity auctions, dinners);
- Foundations that are themselves grant making bodies i.e. DGR Item 2;
- Retrospective funding or budget deficits;
- Applications duplicating existing programs
- Applications under auspice
- Multi-year funding in yearly tranches.

Please refer to the Grant FAQs (available on the RACV Community Foundation website) before submitting an application.

If you are unsure whether your organisation and/or proposal fall within the Foundation's funding guidelines and criteria, contact the Foundation on 9790 2985 to discuss your project.

Grant Types

Three tiers of grants are available.

Helping Hand Grant

Grants between \$5,000 and \$20,000 are available for organisations and projects that require efficiency, capability or operational improvements. This can include (but is not restricted to) support for upgrading/replacing equipment, resources or technology or process improvements.

Scaling Up Grant

Grants between \$20,000 and \$50,000 are available for organisations seeking to build or demonstrate the effectiveness and impact of their programs. Grants may be provided (but are not restricted) to pilot test or evaluate initiatives, scale up programs to increase impact or build capacity to do so.

Scaling Out Grant

Grants between \$50,000 - \$150,000

RACV is seeking to support a more evidence-led approach to grant making. Scaling Out grants are targeted at organisations and programs with proven capability, capacity and impact in RACV's areas of focus (see Section 2.1 and 2.2) and the potential or desire to broaden reach and/or impact. We are particularly interested in innovative approaches and models that have evidence of their proven effectiveness and the impact that can be had by scaling

up or scaling out to assist more Victorians.

Application process

Interested organisations are required to complete an online application.

A link to the application can be found www.racv.com.au/foundation.

Key dates for 2018 / 2019

- Thursday 22nd November 2018/19 Grant round opens
- Thursday 10th January 2019 Community Grant round closes at **5pm**
- June 30th, 2019 Applicants will be notified of grant round outcomes

All applications received by the due date and time will be reviewed by the RACV Community Foundation and further information or site visits may be requested. All applications that meet the eligibility criteria will then be reviewed and compared on their merit to determine the allocation of available funds for the 2018/2019 grant round.

Please note, while your application may meet the guidelines, you may not be successful in receiving a grant. As in previous years the RACV Community Foundation receives many more applications that it can support.

No late applications will be accepted.

All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application no later than 30 June 2019.

2.4. Key contacts

Application form and guidelines www.racv.com.au/foundation

Questions or further information: ph. 9790 2985 or email: foundation@racv.com.au.