



GANDEL FOUNDATION 2026 OPEN GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Young People's Positive Futures

Gandel Foundation's Approach

Gandel Foundation is a proud family-based organisation with the founders, John Gandel AC and Pauline Gandel AC along with members of the next two generations of their family, actively involved. We lead with our values and Gandel Foundation's grant making is guided by principles rather than a set of detailed policies. We prioritise support for m and v groups

We support initiatives that:

1. Empower people to improve their wellbeing and future prospects
2. Promote community values and foster community spirit
3. Have a long-term transformative impact

We prioritise support for the most vulnerable and marginalised groups

Information about our grant levels and issue areas can be found in our FY26-29 Strategy

Vision

Stronger, resilient, vibrant and inclusive communities

Purpose

To create a positive and lasting difference by powering the delivery of programs and activities that improve quality of life in Australia and Israel

Young People's Positive Futures

The focus of Gandel Foundation's 2026 Open Grant Round is to support young adults aged 16-24 as they transition through a key developmental stage, with particular emphasis on those experiencing multiple forms of disadvantage.

While many young adults move through this period with pathways toward economic independence, others face barriers to wellbeing, social participation and economic engagement. These challenges are often more pronounced for young people experiencing multiple and interconnected social and economic disadvantages, including poverty, homelessness, limited access to education, mental health challenges, substance use, involvement with the criminal justice system and experiences of trauma.

The grant round welcomes a range of approaches, including upstream initiatives such as research, policy development and innovation that address systemic challenges affecting young people (for example, youth homelessness or access to education and job training), as well as downstream initiatives that provide direct support to individuals and groups experiencing heightened vulnerability.

We anticipate granting to existing/previous grant partners as well as new potential partners.

Key Information and Criteria

Grant Requests

Up to **one year** requests | Up to **\$50,000** New or ongoing programs
New or long term partners

Key Dates

EOI's open	Monday, 2 nd March 2026 9:00am
EOI's close	Friday, 20 th March 2026 12:00pm (midday)
EOI outcome notification	Friday, 27 th March 2026
Full applications open	Monday, 30 th March 2026 9:00am
Full application close	Monday, 20 th April 2026 12:00pm (midday)
Full application outcome notification	Friday 29 th May 2026
Payment of grants	Mid-June 2026

Payment of Grants

If your application is successful, you will be contacted by the Foundation with detailed instructions on next steps. Your organisation will be required to submit an invoice to the Foundation, which must include your organisation's bank account details. The grant will then be paid by electronic transfer.

Timelines for each grant and assessment process will be communicated through the Foundation's website.

Reporting

Successful applicants are expected to report on their work at the end of the grant period. Online reporting templates are available and may either be submitted directly or used as a guide where alternative formats are more appropriate for partners.

Gandel Foundation recognises the administrative burden associated with mandatory reporting and encourages partners to reach out to discuss flexible reporting options. If an existing evaluation or other form of assessment is already being undertaken, it may be acceptable as the final report for Gandel Foundation. Our aim is to minimise duplication and reduce the reporting load for our partners.

Exclusions and Restrictions

Please refer to the [funding exclusions](#) page and [FAQ's page](#) on our website for general eligibility guidelines of Gandel Foundation.

Submitting an Application

- All applications for funding must be submitted online via a link to our application templates while the grant round is open. The application process is two stage with an EOI followed by a full application for successful EOI applicants.
- Stage 2 budget
 - Gandel Foundation is committed to upholding pay-what-it takes principles in our grant making. We recognise the full cost (direct and indirect) of delivering impactful work so that for-purpose organisations can operate sustainably and achieve meaningful outcomes.
 - Applicants are therefore encouraged to consider any overhead expenses incurred as a result of the proposed work when completing the budget template for submission.
 - Further information and examples can be found [here](#).

Eligibility

To be eligible your organisation must:

- Be registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission ([ACNC](#)).
- Hold Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Item 1 status at the time of application.

How we use your information

Gandel Foundation may occasionally share your application with external reviewers or other trusts and foundations where relevant. We may also include basic information about successful grants in materials that outline the Foundation's work, such as on our website or in our annual review, including basic project details and, where appropriate, the name and photo of a representative.

Key Assessment Criteria

Gandel Foundation is committed to a transparent assessment process in reviewing all grant applications submitted for consideration. Listed below are some of the major factors taken into consideration when grant applications are reviewed and compared with other applications. Please note, this is not an exhaustive list but gives an insight as to the Foundation's criteria.

- Organisation demonstrates how the initiative aligns with one of the following two Gandel Foundation issue areas:
 - **Empowering People:** Working to create an environment where individuals and communities can flourish and reach their full potential is core to our mission. Gandel Foundation is committed to helping individuals and cohorts access opportunities to improve their lives and those of others around them, especially from the most disadvantaged sectors of society
 - **Fostering Community:** Philanthropic grant making in the health and medical field is crucial for advancing knowledge, developing new treatments and improving public health, both mental and physical. Gandel Foundation partners with leading hospitals, institutions and health organisations to advance health outcomes
- CEO and board members/committee of management demonstrate appropriate skills, capability, and capacity relative to the organisation size and scale, its purpose, operations and needs
- Organisation is financially secure and stable
- Board members/decision making employees are broadly representative of the stakeholders the organisation serves, considering gender, ages, cultures, etc.
- Organisation demonstrates the capacity and/or track record to deliver the project
- Organisation reasonably outlines the funding required and how it is intended to be spent
- Organisation articulates relevance and need of project
- Organisation outlines the objectives of the project and provides measurable outputs and clearly defined outcomes

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the Foundation's grant making, please contact Gandel Foundation's office.

We welcome applications from diverse organisations and communities. If you require additional support, accessibility adjustments, or other considerations to enable your participation in this grants round, please contact the Gandel Foundation team.

Email: info@gandelfoundation.org.au

Phone: 8564 1288

