



STRATEGY 2026-29

Vision & Purpose

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

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.

Our approach to philanthropy

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.

Five Issue Areas

Celebrating Arts & Culture

A vibrant and creative arts sector is essential
for a thriving society. The Gandel family has a
proud history of supporting the arts through
championing Melbourne and Australia's world
class institutions, nurturing Jewish arts and
cultural heritage, and recognising the role
of arts in building strong communities

Promoting Health

Philanthropic grantmaking 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

Strengthening Jewish Life

Gandel Foundation aspires to elevate Jewish
life in Melbourne and beyond through
investing in initiatives that promote Jewish
identity, nurture leadership, and strengthen the
resilience and vibrancy of the community

Empowering People

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

Gandel Foundation invests in initiatives
that promote tolerance and understanding,
combat the root causes of hate, and foster
connections. We are proud of our long-standing
dedication to educating on the lessons of the
Holocaust, combatting modern antisemitism
and hate, and building cohesion in Australia

Grant Levels

Gandel Foundation has three
levels of grant giving that apply
to all our issue areas:

Flagship Grants

Leadership-type grants that support
ambitious efforts to deliver transformative
impact. Gandel Foundation makes
a limited number of Flagship Grants
through proactively identifying the
projects and partners who can
help make lasting change in priority
areas. Flagship Grants are typically
funded over extended periods.

Major Grants

Grants that reflect Gandel Foundation's
wish to provide substantial and
meaningful support to our not-for-profit
partners. These grants can be allocated
as a single, one-off contribution or
through multi-year support. Major
Grants are made proactively and
our decisions are evidence-based to
ensure we support initiatives that deliver
defined outcomes and lasting benefits.

Community Grants

Grants that enable Gandel Foundation
to support a range of partners across
our five issue areas. Community
Grants are typically allocated up to
a maximum amount of \$40,000 and
envisaged as one-off grants aimed
at providing support for a defined
program or smaller community
organisations. Community Grants are
implemented through proactive granting
and targeted open grants rounds.