

Introduction

This policy applies to all grants provided by United Way Glenelg (UWG) to community organisations for agreed purposes. UWG provides funding to support programs and services that strengthen the Glenelg Shire community that aligns with its mission and vision.

Purpose

This policy outlines UWG's commitments and responsibilities in providing grants to the community and ensures a consistent, transparent, and accountable approach to grantmaking.

Scope

This policy applies to all funding provided through the

- Community Grants
- Lewis Court Grants
- School Resilience Grants
- Community Resilience Grants
- SharkPitch.

Funding Approach

UWG distributes funds to support projects that respond to community needs and align with its strategic priorities. Funding is determined annually through the budget process and approved by the Board, informed by investment income, workplace giving and community contributions.

Grant Structure

Each grant operates under its own Guidelines Document outlining purpose, eligibility, assessment criteria and conditions. These guidelines are reviewed bi-annually and updated as required.

Application Process

All applications must be submitted through the approved online platform Good Grants. Opportunities will be widely promoted, and application requirements will be proportional to the funding amount.

Assessment Process

Applications are assessed against published criteria outlined in each fund's guidelines. Assessment processes vary depending on the grant:

Community Grants

Applications reviewed by a Volunteer Allocations Panel, with recommendations provided to the Community Partners Subcommittee, ratified by the Board.

Lewis Court Grants

Applications reviewed by the Community Partners Subcommittee, with recommendations provided to and ratified by the Board.

School Resilience Grants

Assessed administratively in line with agreed criteria, ratified by the Board.

SharkPitch

Determined through a structured Volunteer Allocations Panel of stakeholders, recommendations provided to the Community Partners Subcommittee, ratified by the Board.

All decisions are documented to ensure transparency and consistency.

Accountability and Funding Conditions

Successful applicants are required to:

- Acknowledge acceptance of funding conditions prior to payment
- Use funds for the approved purpose only
- Provide an acquittal/report outlining outcomes

United Way Glenelg may:

- Withhold funding until acceptance conditions are met
- Withhold future funding where acquittals are outstanding or inadequate
- Maintain communication with funded organisations to support delivery of outcomes

Managing Changes and Risks

Where project circumstances change (e.g. staffing changes, project scope, or feasibility), organisations are expected to notify United Way Glenelg.

United Way Glenelg will work collaboratively with organisations to determine an appropriate course of action, which may include:

- Adjusting project scope
- Reallocating funds
- Returning unspent funds

Concerns or Queries Regarding Outcomes

Organisations may seek clarification on funding decisions by submitting a request in writing.

Requests will be reviewed by the Community Partners Subcommittee, communicated to the Board, with outcomes provided in writing.

While feedback may be provided, funding decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

Related documents/references:

Grants Guidelines

Privacy Policy

Transparency and Accountability Policy

Conflict of Interest Policy and Procedures

Acknowledgement of funds contract

United Way Glenelg Mission & Vision