

Knowledge Grant guidelines

Grant priority

Exploring civil legal rights, responsibilities and problems in the community.

Knowledge Grants are about data – both qualitative and quantitative. These grants will support organisations to:

- better understand and use their data and information and/or
- use it to investigate a legal problem or issue which is of real importance to their communities.

The types of applications we might fund include:

- capacity building - for example professional development for staff or engaging a consultant with specific expertise to help organisations build sustainable data collection and/or develop research skills
- organisations collaborating to develop a new understanding of a legal problem or issues for a specific audience - for example collecting/collating/analysing data and information in a new way
- scoping projects – to gather evidence on an issue or problem which may inspire further research, programs or interventions
- or other projects which meet the priority.

Guiding principles

Priority will be given to applications that can demonstrate the following:

Impact

How the project might lead to better programs or interventions for your community.

Sustainability

How your ability to collect, analyse and/or integrate data and information in a rigorous way will sustain beyond the project.

Submitting your application

The Knowledge Grants program will open 1 July 2019. Applications for grants up to \$50,000 will be accepted until **Monday 26 August 2019**. Applications must be submitted online via the Foundation's website.

You should contact the Grants Manager prior to submitting your application. The Grants Manager can provide feedback on your project proposal and indicate if it meets selection criteria, giving your application the best chance of success.

Assessment process

The Grants Subgroup of the Foundation's Board makes funding decisions, and applicants can expect to hear the outcome by November 2019.

In addition to the priority and guiding principles above, the following criteria are also considered as when assessing grant applications:

- clear identification of the legal issue you will investigate
- clear description of the difference this will make to your organisation
- partner organisations or other agencies that might benefit from this work have been identified
- the budget is realistic and offers value for money.

Who can apply?

We are seeking applications from community legal centres and not-for-profit community organisations.

Grants can only be made to organisations not individuals, and the outcomes of the project must primarily benefit Victorians.

We will not accept applications from organisations which have a primary and/or existing role to undertake research, however such organisations may partner with the applicant organisation to provide skills and expertise.

If you are unsure if you are eligible, please contact the Grants Manager on 9604 8100.

Grant exclusions

Generally, we do not fund:

- studies to obtain a degree or diploma
- government organisations with the exception of independent statutory bodies
- recurrent or core operational costs
- purchase of major items of equipment
- international travel costs
- commercial or profit-making activities
- litigation of any kind
- projects that primarily support political activity and lobbying
- costs incurred prior to grant approval
- grant applications previously deemed unsuccessful by the foundation unless invited to reapply.

Conditions of grant

Victoria Law Foundation places conditions on the grants it makes. Some of the grant requirements include:

- successful applicants enter into an agreement with the Foundation
- a final report is to be submitted on completion of the project
- agreement between the parties to share information and data outcomes with the Foundation and other relevant organisations
- acknowledging the support of the Foundation.