



Young Changemakers Grant Program

2021 Grant Guidelines

The Inner North Community Foundation acknowledges the traditional owners of the land where we work, live, study and volunteer, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging, and give thanks to other first nations people in our community, especially Elders.

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Grant Guidelines may be changed from time to time. Prior to applying please ensure you have the most recent version of Young Changemakers Grant Guidelines which can be found on the 'Apply for Funding' section of [the website](#).

Who we are

The Inner North Community Foundation (the Foundation) is a unique model of social investment and partnership. In the early 1980s, the predecessor Local Government Authorities of Moreland, Darebin and Yarra established a not-for-profit training group, now known as IntoWork Australia, to deliver greater employment and economic opportunities across the inner northern region of Melbourne. Over time, IntoWork has grown and today it consists of ten businesses that have a national profile. It is a national leader in specialist recruitment, employment and training services. In 2007 IntoWork established the Inner North Community Foundation in perpetuity, with a financial commitment of \$5m as well as providing operating costs.

The Foundation's mission is to increase economic participation, strengthen people's networks, and promote social inclusion through partnerships and philanthropy. It achieves this by:

- Funding community projects that support local community members to develop the work and life skills necessary to gain access to employment;
- Expanding community leadership through partnerships which increase the effectiveness of philanthropic outcomes for our community;
- Growing philanthropy through linking donors and grantees.

Since starting, the Foundation has granted over \$4 million in the LGAs of Yarra, Darebin and Moreland. From Fitzroy to Fawkner, Richmond to Reservoir, and Brunswick to Bundoora, we've given grants across 30 different suburbs to more than 180 organisations running innovative and creative programs for local people facing disadvantage.

Program purpose

The Young Changemakers Program was established by the Inner North Community Foundation (the Foundation) and the Clifton Hill / North Fitzroy Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank (Clifroy) in 2015 based on similar initiatives run by other community foundations across the globe. Further support from the Ecstra Foundation was received in 2020 to expand the program.

In 2020/21 The Foundation together with Inner Northern Local Learning Employment Network (INLLEN) have mapped out the the Young Changemakers Program to the VCAL curriculum.

The program aims to provide leadership opportunities to young people to grow awareness of the role of financial literacy, learn about philanthropy and contribute to social issues that are important to them. This program runs over one semester, and aids VCAL teachers to support students to learn how to be philanthropists and grant makers.

In 2021, students will undertake research and analysis of the organisations supporting vulnerable communities whom have been impacted by Covid-19. The students of the Young Chanemakers Program will:

- Distribute a total of \$90,000 to 6 eligible organisations. A minimum grant of \$1,000 and maximum of \$13,000 will be distributed to each successful charitable organisation.
- Evaluate applications in accordance with these guidelines.
- Visit (where possible) successful applicant organisations and discuss the proposed projects for funding. (1 hour visit)
- Work in teams and decide how much each successful organisation will be awarded and present grant recommendations to the Foundation's board for approval.
- Celebrate with successful participating organisations in July/August.

Funding priorities

Priority will be given to a broad range of charitable projects which demonstrate:

- Support for vulnerable groups impacted by Covid-19
- Strong geographic focus on either or all of Darebin, Moreland and Yarra
- Ability to leverage other funds and resources where appropriate

Previous Young Changemakers programs have funded a variety of activity, including food drives, organizational capacity building projects, and purchasing computer hardware for new programs. The Foundation also focuses on whether government funding is already available to support this kind of project and whether the organisation applying for the grant is appropriately equipped to deliver the project.

Eligibility for funding

Applicants must be organisations that:

- Are located in the municipalities of Darebin, Moreland or Yarra or the majority of participants live in those areas.
- Are not-for-profit organisations endorsed as a Charitable Institution, Public Benevolent Institution, or Health Promotion Charity by the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission. Organisations are not required to have DGR status.
- Available for students to visit the applicant organisation where possible for one hour to answer questions about the project and generally.

What will not be funded

Generally speaking, funding is not available for:

- Projects that will take place outside of Darebin, Moreland, or Yarra
- Individuals, 'for profit' organisations, sports clubs, government bodies, political parties or their candidates
- Capital works (such as buildings and cars) and conferences
- Personal expenses (such as living, educational, travel expenses etc)
- Funding for projects that have already been completed
- Existing salaries

How to apply

In previous grant rounds applications have exceeded funding available. We expect this to continue, and encourage interested organisations to discuss their project idea with Bianca Maciel Pizzorno on 0478 174 116 before applying to ensure eligibility. Follow these three steps to apply:

1. Read these Granting Guidelines in detail.
2. Register your organisation with our grants management software, Foundant using this link: <https://www.grantinterface.com.au/Home/Logon?urlkey=incf>
3. Once your organisation profile is complete, please fill in the application process titled “Young ChangemakersProgram 2021” and submit **by close of business on Thursday 29 April 2021**.

Below are step by step guides on how to apply for funds using our grants management software, Foundant:

- [Written Tutorial](#)
- [Video Tutorial 1: Site Access & Account Creation](#)
- [Video Tutorial 2: Applying for Funding](#)
- [Video Tutorial 3: Your Applicant Dashboard](#)
- [Apply for a Grant - Applicant Overview Video](#) - This video covers the content above in an overview format.

Please contact Bianca Maciel Pizzorno, Community Philanthropy Coordinator, on 0478 174 116 Bianca.macielpizzorno@innernorthfoundation.org.au should you have any queries.

Note: We aim to notify applicants successful or otherwise by Friday 25 June 2021.