

# FOOTE TRUST DONOR ADVISED GRANT GUIDELINES



## Background

In 2000, Mr Eldon Foote and his wife Anne established the Eldon & Anne Foote Trust with Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation. Mr Foote was a successful Canadian lawyer, entrepreneur, and businessman and later, a very generous philanthropist.

Upon his passing in 2004, Mr Foote's estate provided for further distributions of funds to Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation through the Eldon & Anne Foote Trust, making him the largest donor to the Foundation.

Today, grants are made in many areas of interest as specified in the Foote Trust Deed of Gift. Under the Deed, the Board of the Foundation has the overall responsibility for final grantmaking decisions.

The Foundation recognises Mr Foote's exceptional philanthropic spirit. His gift has enabled the Foundation to have a greater impact on community needs through grantmaking, and through inspiring others to also become philanthropists.

## 1. Grant Types

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### Areas of interest are:

- Arts
- Athletics
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Heritage
- Medical Research
- Recreation
- Social Causes

## 2. Eligibility

Organisations seeking to submit an enquiry for funding under the [Foote Trust Donor Advised Grant Round](#) must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Grants of a maximum of \$50,000, with a likely provision of partial funding.
- Applying organisations must have Tax Concession Charity (TCC) Endorsement and be up to date with ACNC reporting.
- Applications will be accepted for projects delivered in Melbourne, and Australia wide, including Norfolk Island.
- Applications must directly align to the areas of interest mentioned above.
- Funding will be prioritised towards small to medium sized organisations, as per [ACNC charity size definitions](#).

*Exceptions to the noted eligibility criteria may be made at the discretion of the Trustee and by invite only.*

## 3. Application Process

The Eldon & Anne Foote Donor Advised grant round is an invitation-based round. All enquiries received are reviewed, and those selected are then invited to submit a full application.

Final recommendations are then submitted to the Foundation's Board for approval, after which all applications will be notified of the outcome

### Timeline

- **ENQUIRIES OPEN**  
14 January – 3 February 2025
- **FULL APPLICATIONS INVITED**  
17 February – 7 March 2025
- **OUTCOME NOTIFICATIONS**  
Mid-April 2025