

## News Release

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### Applications open for ANZ Community Foundation grants program

Applications are now open for ANZ's Community Foundation program, with charitable organisations around Australia invited to apply for grants of up to \$30,000.

ANZ's Community Foundation will work in partnership with local organisations to provide funding for projects that support financial wellbeing, housing, environmental sustainability or other initiatives that assist communities to thrive.

In 2021, \$316,000 was granted to 16 community organisations. Since 1988, more than 900 grants valued at more than \$6 million have been distributed across Australia.

This year, all money raised will be awarded to organisations that aim to assist their community in the following areas:

- **Financial wellbeing**, particularly for under-represented and disadvantaged people in the community, including initiatives that improve economic participation. For example, building financial literacy and vocational skills and providing access to meaningful work
- **Environmental sustainability** through initiatives that restore and conserve the natural environment or which contribute to water stewardship, lower carbon emissions, and waste minimisation
- **Housing access** through initiatives and programs that support those experiencing or at risk of homelessness or that provide support for people living with disability
- **Other community projects** that assist local communities to thrive

Chair of the Foundation Sarah Stubbings said: "Every year, we are impressed by the ingenuity and passion that these groups have to build strong foundations that help people and their communities to thrive.

"We're proud to be able to support organisations to deliver programs which make a real difference. The most rewarding part of this program is seeing the ideas come to life," Ms Stubbings said.

The Community Foundation is funded by ANZ employees, and for every dollar they contribute through the workplace giving program, the Bank matches it with an additional two dollars.

Applications are open from today until 5pm on 17 March, with a National Advisory Board and State Committees comprising ANZ employees to decide the granting rounds each year.

To find out more or to make an application please visit [Equity Trustees](#).

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**About ANZ Community Foundation:** ANZ Community Foundation uses regular donations of ANZ Staff to provide grants to small yet impactful charities and organisations in local communities. The Foundation is a charitable trust funded by staff payroll donations and managed by ANZ staff – a National Advisory Board and State Committees. ANZ staff can join the Foundation and make regular donations from their pay which is matched by the bank at the rate of \$2 for every dollar donated. ANZ covers all administration costs so your donation is tripled and goes straight to charities across Australia.

**About ANZ Workplace Giving:** Since inception, ANZ's Workplace Giving program has distributed more than \$18.6 million to our community partners. At the 2020 Workplace Giving Excellence Awards, ANZ won the [Best Employer Response to a Crisis](#) category, and recognised with Silver in the [Most Innovative Charity & Employer Partnership](#) together with The Smith Family.