



Community Grant Review Panel Volunteer Opportunity 2025

Overview:

The Give Where You Live Foundation is looking for passionate and motivated people to review and assess community grant applications as part of our Community Grant Review Panel.

Our grants seek to build a fairer community in the G21 region. As a Community Grant Review Panellist, you will learn more about your community, including the issues some people are facing and the solutions community organisations are proposing to resolve these issues.

The Community Grant Review Panel is an excellent opportunity for you to meet new people, learn new things and develop new skills.

Give Where You Live Foundation

Vision:

To be recognised as one of the most progressive foundations in Australia.

Purpose:

To use all of our energy and resources, in partnership with the community, so that all people and all places thrive.

Values:

- Trust** At the core of every relationship is trust. We choose to start from trusting in other's motivations, knowledge, expertise and experiences.
- Together** We're better together. The best outcomes come from partnerships and collective know how and action
- Driven** We value actions and are driven by achieving outcomes that match our purpose.
- Bold** We value the imaginative. Those that can imagine a better way and then pursue that with courage and care.
- Fun** We value the perspective that fun and good humour brings.

Impact Areas:

To achieve our ambitions, we believe we need to:

- Identify and address underlying systemic and structural barriers that inhibit opportunity and contribute to social and economic inequity in our region.
- Take a whole of community approach to strengthen our empathy and understanding, community connections and resilience - ultimately building a movement for change.
- Support the self-determination of Australia's First Nations people, supporting Indigenous communities to meet their social, cultural and economic needs.

These principles underpin and inform all areas of our work, as well as being key considerations for our grants program, cutting across our priority focus areas of food security; homelessness assistance; inclusive employment; and regenerative, inclusive and sustainable economic development.

The 2025 Annual Grant Round will focus on our **Food Security** and **Homelessness Assistance**.

The Foundation will prioritise grant funding for organisations and/or initiatives that are assisting our G21 community through food security and homelessness focused:

- social safety net services and supports; and/or
- social and economic change ideas, to drive increased fairness and equity.

Food Security

The long-term outcome we seek through our work, including our own initiatives and our grant making, is to **ensure all people at all times have access to sufficient and healthy food**. To achieve this outcome, the Foundation prioritises working with and funding organisations and initiatives which contribute towards:

- Increasing choice, diversity and access to food relief;
- Addressing immediate food security emergency relief needs;
- Transforming the underlying systems and structures contributing to inequitable food systems and food; and
- Strengthening food relief service coordination and collaboration.

Homelessness Assistance

The long-term outcome we seek through our work, including our own initiatives and our grant making, is to **ensure that when homelessness occurs, it is rare, brief and non-recurring**. To achieve this outcome, the Foundation prioritises working with and funding organisations and initiatives which contribute towards:

- Addressing immediate homelessness emergency relief needs.
- Transforming the underlying systems and structures contributing to homelessness; and
- Strengthening homelessness service coordination and collaboration.

What is required?

- Watch a Community Grant Review Panel Orientation Session (a recording and instructions will be emailed to you to understanding of the purpose of the grant round and what Give Where You Live Foundation is looking for in the applications)
- Read, and review a maximum of 4 grant applications (estimated time of 1 hour per application, provided to you mid-April)
- Submit online feedback on the applications to Give Where You Live Foundation by Monday 12th May
- Optional attendance and participation at a workshop to discuss the applications with other panellists and meet Give Where You Live staff at either;
 - The Paddock 10am-12pm on Thursday 1st May
 - Online via TEAMS 7-8pm Wednesday 7th May
- Provide feedback on the Community Grant Review Panel process.

Key Attributes

The Give Where You Live Foundation invites all people living within the G21 Region to apply for this opportunity, regardless of qualifications and experience.

Knowledge and skills

- Ability to draw on own life experience to support your individual recommendation for funding.
- Ability to assess an application against set criteria (we will cover how to do this in the orientation session)
- Basic computer skills

Attributes

- Personal alignment with Give Where You Live Foundation's values and vision for the G21 region
- Understanding the importance of confidentiality in the grant assessment process
- Willingness to help to determine what will work well in our community.

Privacy and conflict of interest

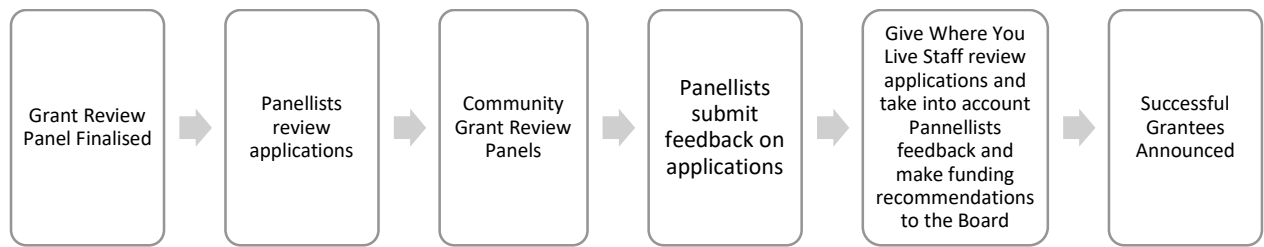
All Community Grant Review Panellists must declare any actual or perceived conflicts of interest and sign a Privacy declaration prior to assessing any application. The Community Impact and Grants Team are more than happy to assist you in identifying any conflicts of interest.

Does this sound like you?

Register your interest with us by completing this [form](#)

Further information: Grants team on 03 5229 4364 or grants@givewhereyoulive.com.au

Give Where You Live Community Grant Review Process



Community Grant Review Panel Timelines

Estimated timelines are included below for your information.

2025 Community Grant Round	
Applications for CGRP close	10 th March
Notification on outcome of Panel expression of interest	27 th March
Grant round closes	21 st March
Review applications	14 th April -12 th May
Panel Review Sessions	1 st May OR 7 th May
Recommendations due	12 th May
Grantees Announced	Mid-June