Australian Volunteers Program
Impact Fund

Purpose

To support Partner Organisations to deliver projects and activities assisting their local communities.

Themes

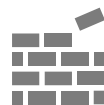Our round themes reflect program priorities.

COVID-19 Response

Assignment Support

Climate Action

Organisational Strengthening

GEDSI

Impact

Over **5 rounds** the Impact Fund has funded:

295 Projects across **212** Partner Organisations in **26** Countries
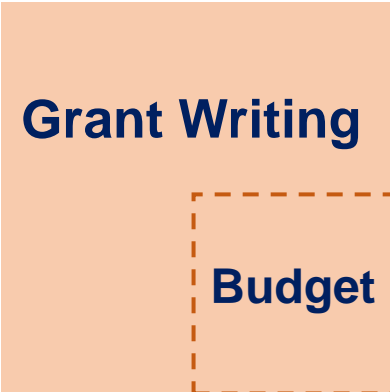
Funding

The Impact Fund is part of the Australian Volunteers Program which is funded by the Australian Government through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

Considering a grant application

Key Elements

Read about previous Impact Fund projects on the website.

Idea

Consultation

Grant Writing

Budget

Understanding the Application Form

Grant Writing

Idea

Clearly address the round theme!

Project Overview & Outcomes & Activities

Climate Action

Problem statement

Project summary

Details

30%

Outcomes

20%

Activities

Set out the wider context and problem which your project aims to address.
Outline a summary of your project, how it will address the problem, and high level details including the target group, location, number of participants/facilitators, etc.

The positive impacts to your beneficiaries.
Frame as increases or decreases in skills, behaviour, conditions, etc.
Consider short, medium and long term.

Map out a plan of the project by each activity and note how these are connected to outcomes.

%   Criteria weighting %

Understanding the Application Form

20%

Engagement and Inclusion

- **Engagement**: How has your target community been engaged and factored into the design, delivery and feedback loop of the project?

- **Inclusion**: How does your project promote gender equality, women's rights, disability inclusion, LGBTIQ+ inclusion, and or indigenous inclusion?

Promoting gender equality, diversity and inclusion is a program value and priority.

Understanding the Application Form

Risk

10%

Types of risks

COVID-19

Extreme weather

Political instability

Other commitments

Other funding

Equipment safety

Impact

What is the potential impact to the project?

Mitigation

How will risks be managed?

Understanding the Application Form

Grant Writing

Sustainability

10%

Increasing resilience

Sharing resources

How will your outcomes continue to positively impact the community beyond the life of the project?

Increasing skills

Expanding network

Sharing knowledge

Changing behaviour

Include a plan for storage and maintenance of any equipment included in the budget.

Updating systems

Changing policy

Increasing awareness

Strengthening capacity

Strengthening leadership

Strengthening management

Funding opportunities

Volunteer opportunities

Understanding the Application Form

Budget

10%

Item	Units	Cost per unit	Total cost	Partner Organisation contribution	Other donor contribution	Requested funds (AUD)
Venue hire for 3 workshops (Activity 1)	3	8,000	2,400	0	0	**2,400**
Printing costs for brochures (Activity 1)	60	20	1,200	0	0	**1,200**
Design and publishing of case study (Activity 2)	1	1,500	1,500	500	0	**1,000**
Etc.						

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Project	1	10,000	10,000	0	0	**10,000**

Recapping the Criteria

Criteria

Criteria		Weighting
Climate Focus & Outcomes	• Problem statement and context • Outline positive outcomes to beneficiaries • Clearly address climate action	**30%**
Activities	• Map out a project plan • Connect to outcomes	**20%**
Engagement & Inclusion	• Factor in your target community • Demonstrate promotion of inclusion and diversity	**20%**
Risk	• Show understanding of risks • Outline a plan to manage risks	**10%**
Sustainability	• Positive impacts beyond the project lifespan	**10%**
Budget	• Detail and link to activities	**10%**

Top tips for a smooth and successful grant application

Tips

1   Give yourself plenty of time to write and submit the application. Aim to submit before the closing day to mitigate unexpected disruptions (like power or internet outages).

2   Read the questions in the Application Form carefully.

3   Be specific and provide detail.

4   Use the resources available. There is plenty of guidance to support you.

5   Ask questions. Contact the Impact Fund team, or your In-Country Team for queries or if you encounter any issues.
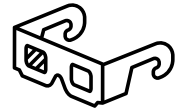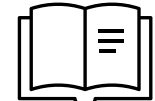
What other resources are available?

Grant Writing

Resources

Watch

[Global Webinar Series Recording](#)

[Tips for Writing Great Grant Applications for Round 6 – Webinar Recording](#)

[Grant-Writing Video Series](#)

Read

[FAQs](#)

[Applicant Guidelines](#)

[Annotated Application Form](#)

[Previous Impact Fund Projects](#)