

HUMANISTS VICTORIA HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE GRANTING GUIDELINES 2024

Humanists Victoria exists to help create a civil society in which people can lead an ethical and fulfilling life, relying co-operatively on reason, ingenuity, creativity, and compassion, free from discrimination or supernatural beliefs.

This philosophical approach to life respects the dignity of every individual and is called Humanism.

In pursuit of this vision, Humanists Victoria supports initiatives in Victoria that are working to promote and/or protect the human rights and civil liberties of individuals and groups, especially those experiencing discrimination.

NOTE: If your initiative directly focuses on Humanistic education, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us to discuss a partnership.

Focus areas

Funding is available to initiatives that promote and/or protect human rights and civil liberties, including but not limited to those that focus on:

- strengthening democracy
- promoting social justice, inclusion or civic opportunities for marginalised groups
- addressing poverty or inequality
- addressing environment and climate change
- opposing religious privilege

Geography

Funding is available to Victorian-based initiatives of any scale that seek to have a positive impact on the Victorian community. Activities and impacts do not need to be limited to Victoria.

Target populations

Marginalised groups and those experiencing discrimination, including but not limited to:

- Women
- Youth
- Refugees and people seeking asylum
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- Non-religious people

Use of funds

Funding can be used for:

- Advocacy (including policy development, lobbying, litigation, community organising)
- Capacity building
- Program development

Funding cannot be used for:

- Ongoing program or service delivery
- General fundraising appeals
- Projects or organisations that are partisan in nature
- Retrospective activities
- Non-charitable activities

Priorities

We prioritise initiatives that:

- are innovative
- present an evidence-based solution to an aligned and legitimate issue
- have the capacity to achieve the outcome/s sought
- embody Humanists Victoria's Policy Principles in respect of ethics, education or the environment (the Policy Principles can be found [here](#))
- demonstrate possibilities for an engaged partnership with Humanists Victoria and/or opportunities to promote Humanism more broadly

These are priorities only, and projects that possess some or all the above attributes are eligible to apply.

Eligibility

Recipient organisations must be:

- Based in Victoria
- Not-for-profit, incorporated or unincorporated entities

Grant values and timeframes

Initial one-off grants of between \$5,000 and \$20,000 are available and amounts will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

The total funding pool this round is \$40,000.

Once grants are fully expended, recipients will be required to submit an acquittal report.

Contact Details

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