



A Call to Action - Australian Philanthropy's Response to the COVID-19 Crisis

Australia's diverse not-for-profit sector has been hit hard by the COVID-19 crisis, and the rapidly evolving situation is having major impacts on their work in the community.

As leaders in Australia's philanthropic sector, we are determined to step up and act with urgency and purpose, to stand alongside our grantees and partners, and the people and communities dealing with the deep and enduring challenges of COVID-19. The following principles are offered as a guide for grantmakers and supporters of the not-for-profit sector and equip us to respond to this unparalleled challenge so that the organisations we fund can continue their important work in our communities during and after the crisis.

We invite all members of Australia's philanthropic sector to adapt these principles to their own context and join us in their implementation by signing on to this joint statement.

Australian Philanthropy's Pledge

Proactively consult and listen

Understanding the impact COVID-19 is having on grantee and partner operations, the ability to deliver services and the increased needs to which they are responding.

Reduce or remove restrictions on current grants

Converting project-specific grants to untied funding where possible.

Make new grants as unrestricted as possible

Providing additional funding that can be used more flexibly.

Adopt more flexible reporting arrangements

Adopting more flexible reporting requirements including adjusted reporting timetables and conditions.

Communicate effectively and proactively

Being open and transparent and providing clear and timely information.

Maintain or increase grant funding

Fulfilling existing grant commitments and increasing the funding available for new grants where possible.

Offer funding loans and impact investments

Using assets to assist cash flow and preserve operations where possible.

Offer support in addition to funding

Sharing skills, expertise and/or technology to assist with modifying business models in response to the changing environment.

Provide support to emergency and other relief efforts

Working to promptly respond to initiatives seeking to address areas of immediate need.

Amplify community voices

Supporting efforts to inform and influence public policy in the wake of the pandemic's impact on communities.

Learn from this crisis

Using the lessons from this crisis as an opportunity to change and evolve our practices to support social change in Australia.

Signatories

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