

2026 IMPACT100 SYDNEY NORTH GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

IMPACT100 Sydney North is a collective giving group providing annual impact grants totaling at least \$100,000 as a Primary Grant and three smaller Impact Grants to for-purpose organisations in the **Greater Sydney** region. IMPACT100 Sydney North is a sub-fund of **Australian Communities Foundation**. **If you applied in previous years, please do apply again.** (See Expenditure Guidelines below.)

GRANT FOCUS

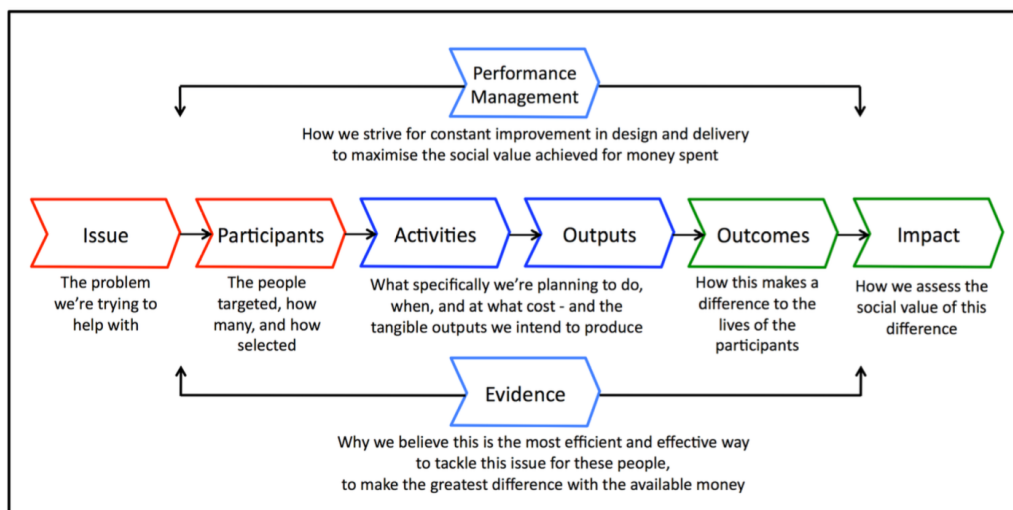
Applications for our 2026 grants are invited from organisations assisting vulnerable **children, youth and people at risk**. This encompasses key areas of need such as **domestic and family violence, women’s shelters, refugees and asylum seekers, homelessness, poverty, disability, drug and alcohol abuse, mental health, etc.** These are examples only and not intended to limit the scope of applications. Requested funding may be to support your existing operations, or for a specific project to expand/improve your impact.

SOCIAL IMPACT

We recognise applying for grants can consume valuable time and divert resources from core activities, so we encourage concise applications. We are looking for applications that:

- meet a compelling need
- demonstrate high social impact
- make a measurable difference.

We use the following model to understand and assess the potential to make the greatest difference to people’s lives for the money spent.



ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- have Income Tax Charity endorsement from the Australian Taxation Office
- have Deductible Gift Recipient Item 1 status or an auspicing arrangement with a DGR1 status organisation
- have been operating for at least 36 months
- operate in the Greater Sydney region.

EXPENDITURE GUIDELINES

We want our grant money to target a specific need with specific measurable goals. It is expected the grant funds will be expended within 12-24 months.

- IMPACT100 Sydney North has a Management Committee made up of donor members which calls for and reviews all applications and makes recommendations for funding to be approved by Australian Communities Foundation as Trustee.
- We generally do not accept applications from organisations with an operating budget of over \$6-7million. Applications from organisations with an operating budget over this amount should contact us before submitting a grant application.
- If your organisation is shortlisted by our members, you will be invited to provide additional information and host a virtual site visit, and if you are selected as a Finalist, give a presentation to our members.
- Previous recipients of our Primary Grant (\$100,000) are asked to wait 2 years before applying again, as are previous recipients of two or more smaller Impact Grants (\$10,000 - \$40,000). If you have only received one of our smaller Impact Grants, please apply again this year.

INELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

Funding will not be considered for the following expenditure:

- debt reduction or operational deficits
- religious organisations where the grant is intended for the principal benefit of the organisation's own members or adherents, or where the grant is intended for inherently religious activities
- legal expenses
- general construction, capital campaign or renovation that is unrelated to the grant request
- travel outside Australia.

Our guidelines continue to evolve and IMPACT100 Sydney North reserves the right to change its criteria without notice at any time.

TIMING

Key dates in 2025:

DATE	ACTION
1 May	Applications open
6 July	Deadline for Applications
July	Shortlisting to determine 8 Semi-finalists
August/Sept	Virtual site visits to Semi-finalists and shortlisting to 4 Finalists
October	Preparation of presentations for 4 Finalists
5 November	Members vote for the recipient of our Primary Grant at our annual Grants Celebration

APPLYING FOR FUNDING

Applications should address all the following points/questions, **in the listed order**. Please submit via email to grants@impact100sydneynorth.org by **Monday 6 July 2026**.

Applications and relevant documents should be submitted as Word or PDF attachments with file names that include the name of your organisation. We only require answers in a few sentences – indicative word counts have been provided for guidance, we encourage brevity.

Organisational details including:

- Legal name, ABN, address, telephone, email, website address, date of establishment
- Contact for the application: name, title, phone and email
- Confirmation of your organisation's DGR Item 1 status and Tax Concession Charity status
- Confirmation you operate in the Greater Sydney Region
- Your annual revenues for FY 2023-24 and 2024-25
- Your organisation's top five funding sources and amounts for the last completed financial year

1. What problem/issue is your organisation tackling? (200 words)
2. How are you tackling this problem and why is this the best approach? (300 words)
3. Who, and how many people, are benefitting from your services? (200 words)
4. How are the lives of participants changed and how do you intend to measure the outcomes? (300 words)
5. What is the timeline and budget for this work?
6. How would you spend our grant and what difference would it make? (250 words)
7. Outline any collaborations with other organisations, including their details. (200 words)

SUPPORTING INFORMATION/DOCUMENTS

Please provide as attachments:

- your two most recent full financial statements
- your most recent published annual report

QUERIES AND FURTHER INFORMATION

For any queries, email grants@impact100sydneynorth.org or call Chris Lee on 0419 536 611 or Kate Saunders on 0419 253 317.

THANK YOU FOR APPLYING.