



Canberra Foundations Collaborative

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ANNUAL GRANT ROUND TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY SECTOR WITH \$1 MILLION

The Canberra Foundation Collaborative has announced the launch of its third annual grant round, offering \$1 million to local community-led initiatives aimed at creating positive change from the ground up.

This year, the Collaborative, which includes Hands Across Canberra (who administer the Chief Minister's Charitable Fund), The Snow Foundation, and the John James Foundation, will continue to support the Canberra community through strategic funding and capacity-building efforts.

Understanding the diverse needs of the Canberra community, the Collaborative focusses on grassroots projects with the potential to assist the vulnerable in-need members of their community, not just with short term assistance, but also long-term, sustainable change.

“The Collaborative is not just about funding; it's also about building a stronger, more interconnected community sector,” The Snow Foundation CEO Georgina Byron said. “By building their networks and capabilities, and sharing and learning together, we hope to create a more resilient community sector in the region, which will have positive long-term flow on affects for people in need.”

With grant amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000, and an openness to considering larger funding requirements, the initiative is set to support a broad spectrum of impactful projects.

The Snow Foundation aim to respond to the needs in Canberra across a range of cause areas with a deeper focus on at-risk youth and preventing family and domestic violence, while the John James Foundation prioritises health and disability, and Hands Across Canberra tailors its support to enhance community wellbeing in unique ways. However, organisations from all areas of need are encouraged to apply.

“We want everyone to consider applying for this grant round, and we've made it as easy as we can. Streamlining the application process and reducing administrative burdens, in particular, has been a focus for us,” Hands Across Canberra CEO Peter Gordon said. “This tried and tested approach has received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the community sector, simplifying their access to multiple funders and enabling a more efficient allocation of resources. This will result in more services for more people.”

Two online information sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, 27 February at 11 am, and Wednesday, 6 March at 2 pm. These sessions will provide valuable insights into the application process and offer a platform for questions. Registration is required via any of the Foundation's websites.

In addition, the Collaborative will host networking and capacity-building events throughout the year, kicking off with a session on "Measuring Impact" to empower organisations with the tools to quantify their contributions to social change.

“Over the past two years, the Canberra Foundation Collaborative has supported 128 projects with \$2.8 million. This action shows our joint commitment to addressing the needs and challenges of the Canberra community,” John James Foundation CEO Joe Roff said. “This year, with the same level of support and dedication, the Collaborative hopes to further our impact and build a resilient, inclusive, and vibrant Canberra. That’s why we are encouraging everyone to come to an information session and find out more.”

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Grant applications, criteria and guidelines and Information on the Grant Writing Seminar can be found at

www.handsacrosscanberra.org.au

www.jjf.org.au

www.snowfoundation.org.au

Expressions of Interest are open from 21 Feb and close 18 March 2024.

About the Canberra Foundations Collaborative

Hands Across Canberra is an independent philanthropic community foundation, working with more than 300 local community organisations. Funds for this grant round are being provided by *the Chief Minister’s Charitable Fund* which is delivered in partnership with Hands Across Canberra. The foundation is currently running the Canberra Day Appeal, all donations to Hands Across Canberra will go to support organisations through grants. To donate to the appeal visit canberraday.org.au and for more information about Hands Across Canberra visit www.handsacrosscanberra.org.au

The Snow Foundation is a family Foundation that focuses on supporting the Canberra community and the surrounding region and beyond. They support health, education and employment pathways, economic justice, and safety, with a deep interest in youth at-risk and domestic and family violence. For more information visit www.snowfoundation.org.au

John James Foundation is an independent broad-based healthcare charity providing a range of programs and assistance to the people of Canberra and beyond. Keep up to date on their activities on www.jjf.org.au

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