



GrantSeekers Forum

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Key Changes in 2012



- Direct Aid & Equipment Grants
- Key principles will guide all of our grantmaking
- Homelessness, Ageing and Youth have been integrated into the General Grants program
- Funding will be distributed following Board approval
- Applications to be submitted online

Grant-Making Principles



- Increase life opportunities
- Promote social inclusion
- Engage beyond grants
- Knowledge creation and dissemination
- Transparency and accountability
- Sustainability
- Balanced giving

Who can we fund?



- All charitable organisations big and small as long as they are endorsed as a:
 - Tax Concession Charity; and a
 - Deductible Gift Recipient Item 1
- See www.abr.business.gov.au

Funding Available



- Direct Aid & Equipment Due March 16
- General Grants Due March 30
 - Ageing & Health, Youth & Family, Environment and Arts, Sport & Education
- Major Grants Due February 17
 - Ageing, Youth & Homelessness

Direct Aid & Equipment



- Up to \$10,000
- Specifically for emergency relief items, material aid and equipment
- Successful applicants will be notified in July and funding distributed
- A second round of Direct Aid & Equipment Grants will be advertised in August with successful applicants notified in December

General Grants



- Up to \$40,000
- Can be for 1 to 2 years
- Current areas of interest:
 - Youth & Family
 - Youth mental wellbeing
 - Out of home care
 - Multicultural youth
 - Children, youth and family services
 - Ageing and Health
 - Ageing with a lifelong disability
 - Cultural diversity
 - Health services and public hospitals
 - Disability services

General Grants



- Areas of interest
 - Environment
 - Research leading to community education
 - Community education
 - Grass roots action groups
 - Arts, Sport and Education
 - To improve, through arts, sport and education, the lives of those people who are socially or physically disadvantaged;
 - Community development and engagement activities to increase participation by disadvantaged groups
 - Successful applicants will be notified early September and funding distributed.



General Grants 2011



- 524 applications received
- 249 Successful Grants
- \$3.5M distributed in General Grants
- Average grant was around \$14,000

Major Grants



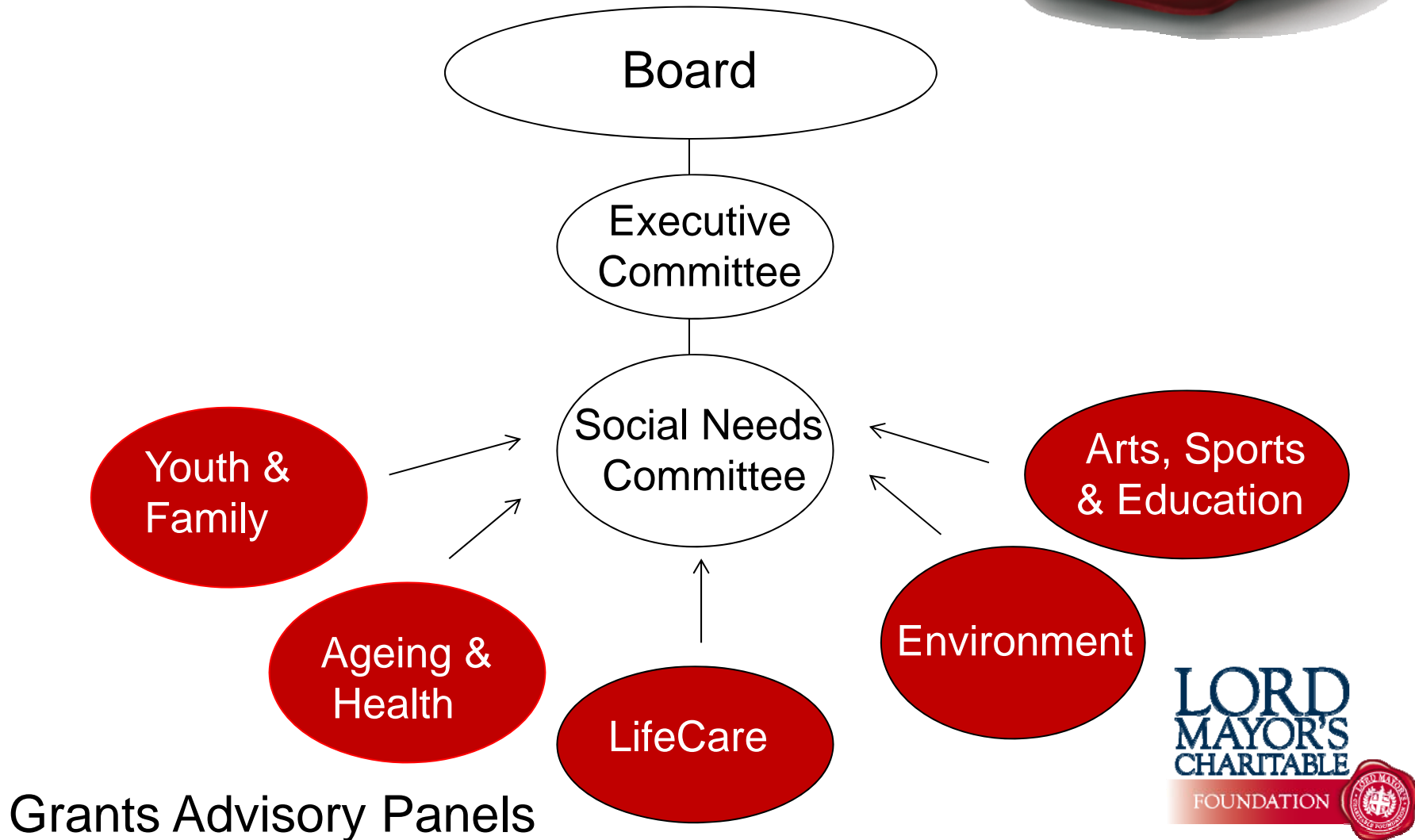
- Expression of Interest and Full Application.
- Approx. 6 organisations will be short-listed.
- 4 – 5 Major Grants will awarded in 2012.
- Successful Grants will be distributed in July.
- In 2011 we had over 95 applications for Major Grants, and five Major Grants awarded.

Major Grants

- Up to \$150,00 a year
- Can be for 1 to 2 years
- Current Areas of Interest:
 - Homelessness
 - Early intervention
 - Employment and training
 - Youth
 - Youth mental wellbeing
 - Young people in out-of-home care
 - Multicultural youth
 - Ageing
 - Ageing with a lifelong disability
 - Cultural diversity in ageing



How will your application be assessed?



Assessment Criteria



- Is it eligible (i.e.. TCC/ DGR 1)
- Does it align with key areas / grant-making principles?
- Need or importance to community?
- Has it demonstrated that the organisation has the capacity to undertake the project?
- Are the beneficiaries of the project clearly identified?
- Is it cost-effective and/or sustainable?
- Is it transferable across different contexts?
- How will the outcomes be disseminated?

Exclusions -

- Clinical or medical research
- Capital or endowment funds;
- Conferences, events or fundraising;
- Retrospective funding;
- Recurrent expenditure where there is no plan in place for the long-term sustainability of the project or program;
- Auspicing – the organisation applying must be the organisation undertaking the project or program.



Tips for Applying



- Visit www.lmcf.org.au
- Read the guidelines..... Read them again....
- Make sure you're eligible - If you're not sure, call us
- Most important - how your project will benefit the community

Tips for Applying



- What is unique or important about the project?
- Does the project make sense to somebody who is not in your field?
- Be clear about what the funding is for;
- Be clear about how it will be evaluated