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Permaculture Victoria Grants & Scholarship Policy

This policy covers how Permaculture Victoria (PcV) shall make funds available to individuals and groups, both internal and external, by way of scholarship, grant, seed funding and donation.

Permaculture Victoria Committee (Trunk) will maintain two (2) funds, the Clarkson Education Fund, and the Special Projects Fund.

A quorum of Trunk will consider all applications and it's decisions will be final.

All applications for grants must be submitted via the Permaculture Victoria grants form and will only be accepted via email to: grants@permaculturevictoria.org.au

I. Clarkson Education Fund

The Clarkson Education Fund provides Scholarships for the Education of Permaculture Victoria Members. All requests are determined on a case by case basis.

- a) Applicants must be up-to-date financial members of PcV and need to have been a financial member for a minimum of two years to qualify.
- b) Scholarships will be granted in order of priority to learning within Victoria, then interstate and then overseas.
- c) Scholarships are for course fees only and exclude travel, accommodation and other related expenses.
- d) Scholarships will be granted for the learning of a skill which relates to the Permaculture Ethics and Principles. In particular, the chosen topic should be at a low level of expertise within the association at the time of the application and thus expand the depth of permaculture knowledge within the association.
- e) Preference will be given to applicants whose indicate a willingness to share their gained knowledge with our PcV groups and community and include but is not limited to: talks, workshops, webinars and an article in the Members Newsletter – The Buzz.

- f) Scholarships will be paid directly to the service provider for governance and auditing purposes.
- g) Scholarships are limited to a maximum of \$500 per grant.
- h) A total of 30% of the Clarkson Fund will be made available each financial year for scholarship purposes.

Approvals for this fund will be advised within 6 weeks of grant application being received. The grants budget will be allocated on the 1st January each year.

2. Special Projects Fund

The Special Projects Fund will provide Grants for Asset Acquisition or Event Participation, Seed Funding for major events, and Donations to worthy Permaculture related causes.

- Applicants must be up-to-date financial members of PcV and need to have been a financial member for a minimum of two years to qualify.
- Applications will be granted in order of priority to learning within Victoria, then interstate and then overseas.
- Grant funds are for course fees only and exclude travel, accommodation and other related expenses.
- Special Projects fund will Open each year on the 1st July. Applications will be advised within 6 weeks of application close.

2.1 Grants for Asset Acquisition and/or Event Participation

- a) These grants are available to a PcV Group to facilitate acquisition of equipment or hardware, or to assist in participating in an event where these relate to the Permaculture Ethics and Principles.
- b) Grants are available to groups who do not have sufficient funds for the intended purpose. Preference will be given to groups who can demonstrate efforts to raise funds prior to making an application.
- c) Individual grants are limited to \$500, with a total of 5% of Special Project Fund funds held to be made available per financial year.

2.2 Grants for Seed Funding

- a) Seed Funding is available to wholly or partially facilitate a major event or conference.
- b) Applicants should present a Business Case for the funding, demonstrating that there is good expectation of returning the seed funding and a fair expectation of profit.
- c) The granting of Seed Funding carries an expectation of the return of the grant into the Special Projects Fund at the very least, and a profit return if possible.
- d) In the case that a profit is returned, the applicant may apply for a specific share of the profits. In the case that no such application is made, the profits will be shared 50/50 between the applicant and the Special Projects Fund.

2.3 Donations

- a) Members may apply to Permaculture Victoria to have a dollar for dollar matched donation made to a cause that is in line with Permaculture Ethics and Principles.