

Establishment of the Foundation

The Frances & Harold Abbott Foundation ("Foundation") was established by the Will of prominent Bendigo businessman Harold Athelstane Abbott who died in 1979.

The Foundation has made grants annually since 1983 to support charitable organisations operating in Victoria. Sandhurst Trustees Limited is the trustee of the Foundation and reviews all grant applications.

Abbott family background

Harold Athelstane Abbott, a descendant of one of Bendigo's pioneer families, died in his 90th year on 30 January 1979. Mr Abbott was a member of the Board of Directors of the Sandhurst Mutual Permanent Investments and Building Society and Chairman of Directors of Sandhurst Trustees. He served in World War I during which he sustained permanent injuries.

During World War II he turned inventor and in 1940 the Australian Government accepted an invention of his for use in the Australian Army. This was the anti-tank wire known as "Barblok". Mr Abbott was a prominent businessman who, along with his family, owned and operated the Abbott Supply Company, still in operation today.

Grant conditions

1. The grantee will use the whole of the grant for the purpose described in the application for the grant and not for any other purpose (the "specified purpose").
2. The grantee will use its best endeavours to expend the monies granted for the specified purpose within twelve months from the date of receipt of the grant ("the specified period").
3. The grantee will advise Sandhurst Trustees Limited as trustee of the Foundation ("the grantor") of any material change which may affect the grantee's ability to direct the monies for the specified purpose.
4. The grantee will keep records adequate to enable the use of grant funds to be checked readily and provide the grantor reasonable access to inspect the grantee's books where reasonably required, including but not limited to complying with the grantor's own audit, tax and compliance obligations.
5. Any payment made by the grantor is made as a gift and is not a financial supply. No GST is payable by the grantor on the payment.
6. The grantee will acknowledge the assistance of the Foundation in any published or display material, and will advise the grantor as to how the grantee proposes to recognise the Foundation.

7. The grantee will provide the grantor a report (in a form approved by the grantor) within two months from the end of the specified period. Where an applicant received a grant in the previous annual distribution but has not provided a report on the previous grant, payment of any new grant may be postponed until a report on the previous grant is provided to the satisfaction of the grantor.
8. Applications will be called for by an advertisement in the *Bendigo Advertiser*, one month prior to the closing date.

Application and Review Process

1. Grant applications may be downloaded from the Sandhurst Trustees website (www.sandhursttrustees.com.au) or obtained in hard copy from Sandhurst Trustees' offices at 18 View Street, Bendigo, Victoria (telephone 03 5485 7814).
2. Complete and submit the form and attach any additional relevant information to:

The Frances & Harold Abbott Foundation
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in person or by post to 18 View Street, Bendigo, Victoria 3550
3. All applications are reviewed by Sandhurst Trustees.
4. All applicants are notified of the outcome of their application. Reasons are not provided by Sandhurst Trustees.

Grant Eligibility Criteria

Subject to the requirement that the recipient be a charitable organisation **in Victoria**, the Foundation is able to make grants to the following organisations or charitable purposes:

1. Religious or public scientific or public educational purposes in Victoria, or a hospital not conducted for profit or any public benevolent institution or public benevolent society in Victoria; or
2. Any organization or fund established and maintained for the purposes of providing money for any of the foregoing purposes, or for the use of any such hospital institution or society, or for the relief of persons in necessitous circumstances in Victoria, or for the amelioration of the condition of the dependants of any member or ex-member of Australia's naval military or air forces or the naval military or air forces of the Commonwealth; or
3. The following organisations:
 - (i) the Australian Red Cross Society;
 - (ii) the Lord Mayor's Fund;



- (iii) the Victorian Bush Nursing Association;
 - (iv) any ambulance association or service in Victoria not conducted for profit;
 - (v) any municipal council in Victoria;
 - (vi) the Youth Affairs Council of Australia; or
 - (vii) the State of Victoria or the Commonwealth of Australia to be applied in Victoria.
 - (viii) the National Trust of Australia (Victorian Branch);
 - (ix) The Victoria Conservation Trust;
 - (x) the Council of Trustees of the National Gallery of Victoria;
 - (xi) The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust;
 - (xii) the Library Board of Victoria;
 - (xiii) The Australian Conservation Foundation;
 - (xiv) the Council of the Museum of Victoria;
 - (xv) the National Art Gallery and Cultural Centre Building Committee
 - (xvi) the Trustees of any public art gallery, public library, public museum or public cultural centre in Victoria not conducted for profit;
 - (xvii) a University in Victoria or a residential college affiliated under statutory provision with a University in Victoria;
 - (xviii) any school in Victoria not conducted for profit; or
- 4 (a) the following institutions:
- I. a public hospital;
 - II. a hospital which is carried on by a society or association otherwise than for the purposes of profit or gain to the individual members of that society or association;
 - III. a public benevolent institution;
 - IV. a public library;
 - V. the Australian Council for Educational Research;
 - VI. the Australian Council of National Trusts; or
- (b) the establishment and maintenance of a fund for the purpose of providing money for the benefit of an institution referred to in paragraph 4(a) or for the relief of persons in necessitous circumstances in Australia.