

2026-27 Major Grant application

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About Major Grants

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Objectives

Our Major Grants program supports projects that build capability to understand and respond to legal need. These grants aim to:

- develop new understandings of the legal needs and capabilities of particular clients and communities in Victoria
- improve the Victorian justice sector's data and research capabilities
- support the community to navigate the Victorian justice system and access relevant and accessible legal information
- expand knowledge across the Victorian justice and community sectors through sharing project outcomes and insights.

Eligibility

Before proceeding, please check that you are eligible to apply for a Major Grant.

If you are unsure or unable to meet all of the following criteria, please contact the Grants Team at grants@victorialawfoundation.org.au to discuss your proposal.

Grants eligibility criteria *

- ☐ You, the applicant, are a not-for-profit legal assistance organisation or a community organisation with a legal partner
- ☐ The proposal addresses an area of civil law or access to justice issue
- ☐ The proposal addresses at least one of the above funding objectives
- ☐ The project will primarily benefit Victorians

Applicant details

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Organisation details

Organisation name *

Organisation Name

ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register

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ABN
Entity Name
ABN Status
Entity Type
Goods & Services Tax (GST)
DGR Endorsed
ATO Charity Type
ACNC Registration
Tax Concessions
Main Business Location

[More information](#)

Must be an ABN.

Address

Address

Web address

Must be a URL.

Contact details

Head of Organisation *

First Name

Last Name

Head of Organisation Position *

Head of Organisation phone *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Head of Organisation email *

Must be an email address.

Key Project Contact

First Name

Last Name

Key Contact Position

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Key Contact phone

Must be an Australian phone number.

Key Contact email

Must be an email address.

Project overview

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Project Title *

Short project description *

Must be no more than 100 words.

Provide a short description of your project.

Start Date *

Must be a date.

End Date *

Must be a date.

Total Amount Requested *

Amount excluding GST.

Who is the primary cohort expected to benefit from the project? *

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| ☐ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people | ☐ People experiencing disadvantage |
| ☐ Children/young people | ☐ People with a disability |
| ☐ LGBTI+ people | ☐ People with experience of family violence |
| ☐ Migrants, refugees, people seeking asylum | ☐ Regional/rural |
| ☐ Older people | ☐ Other: <input type="text"/> |

No more than 1 choice may be selected.

What is the main area of law or access to justice issue the project will focus on? *

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| ☐ Consumer - credit and debt | ☐ Housing and tenancy |
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- ☐ Discrimination
- ☐ Employment
- ☐ Environmental justice
- ☐ Family law/family violence
- ☐ Fines and infringements
- ☐ Human rights

- ☐ Immigration
- ☐ Mental health
- ☐ Social security
- ☐ Legal practice (multiple areas of law)
- ☐ Processes and systems
- ☐ Other:

No more than 1 choice may be selected.

Partners and supporters

Partner organisation/s

We encourage partnerships and collaboration with other organisations to explore a shared issue or need or where a partner can provide specialist information or expertise in a specific area. This could include a university, statutory body, another community legal service or not-for-profit organisation.

Please only provide details of project partners which will contribute to the project.

You may attach letters of support from stakeholders and/or partners in document upload section (this is optional).

Partner

☐ Individual ☐ Organisation

Organisation Name

Title	First Name	Last Name
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Partner Primary Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Partner Primary Email

Must be an email address.

Partner Primary Website

Must be a URL.

Outline how this partner will contribute to the project.

Project description

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Project purpose and outcomes

Describe the legal or access to justice issue you have identified? *

How will the project respond to the issue? *

Do you have evidence to support the need for this work? *

This might include service or administrative data, publicly available data or research, program evaluation.

What are the expected outcomes of the project? *

Please select the grant outcomes the project will primarily contribute to? *

- ☐ New insights into civil legal needs and capabilities of particular clients and communities
- ☐ Improved research and data skills
- ☐ Strengthened data systems and processes
- ☐ Improved capability to respond to legal need
- ☐ Increase Victorians capability to understand legal issues and rights
- ☐ Increase Victorians ability to navigate the justice system and find services and support
- ☐ Tools to deliver legal information that meets community need
- ☐ Evidence to extend, scale or develop new legal projects or interventions
- ☐ Strengthened partnerships and collaborations
- ☐ Contribute to sector knowledge and understanding

No more than 3 choices may be selected.

Project plan

Outline the key project activities? *

You may attach a more detailed project plan to support your application in the Document Upload section.

Does the project involve the design or development of information, programs or services for the community? *

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☐ No

Does the project involve using data or information in research, data collection, collation and/or analysis. *

☐ Yes

☐ No

What will be produced as a result of the project? How will project outcomes be shared? *

Describe the format and means by which you intend to make the project's results public.

Project design

You must complete this section if the project involves the design or development of information, programs or services for the community.

Proposals piloting new initiatives or approaches must include evaluation as part of the project activities.

See our research report: [Measure for Measure: A People-Centred Approach to Tailoring Justice](#) that explores the elements seen to help legal initiatives succeed. For further support to complete this section, please contact the Grants Team.

Please outline what steps you will take to ensure the project meets the needs of the target audience.

Consider the following elements: design and consultation, collaboration and partnerships, accessibility and timely pathways to legal help, embedding capability.

Please outline learning, monitoring and evaluation activities.

Evaluation should be reflected in the budget. A more detailed plan can be attached in the Document Upload section.

Research design and methodology

You must complete this section if the project involves the use of data. This includes research, data collection, collation and/or analysis.

If you already have a research plan, data collection and/or research policies and procedures that respond to the questions below, please attach files in the Document Upload section.

See our guide on [ethical research and data collection practices](#). For further support to complete this section, please contact the Grants Team.

1. What is your key research question/s?

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What question, or questions, does the project intend to examine?

2. Information collection methods and data sources

Summarise the approach to data/information collection, including what type of information will be collected, the ways in which information will be collected, and the location and timing of information collection activities. If the project involves using records or previously collected data/samples, eg secondary data or administrative data, explain how the records/data will be identified, collected and accessed?

3. Recruitment and participant details

Describe the intended participants including the number and any relevant demographic characteristics of participants. Describe how recruitment will occur and any eligibility constraints (i.e. inclusion/exclusion criteria).

4. Data analysis

Provide details of the data analysis methods that will be used. For example, thematic (qualitative) analysis, quantitative analysis, mixed methods.

5. Ethical considerations

What are the ethical issues identified and how will they be mitigated? Additional documentation can be attached in the Document Upload section.

6. Data privacy, storage, retention and disposal

What policies or procedures are in place to safely collect, store and dispose of data?

About your organisation

What experience or expertise do you (and your partner/s) have in the proposed field of work or with the target audience? *

How might the project benefit your organisation beyond the funding period, e.g. enhanced capability, new data or information, systems/processes, tools? *

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Budget

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Please include all income and expenditure. This helps us understand the true cost of delivering the project.

Budget information is used to assess your application so please include detailed information where possible.

Income

Include:

- the amount you are requesting from Victoria Law Foundation
- other grants (include grants you have applied for and/or secured) that relate to the proposed project
- cash contributions from your organisation
- in-kind contributions.

Expenditure

Budget items might include:

- salaries (hrs/rates/time period)
- consultant or consultation fees
- administration costs
- project costs, e.g. report design, focus or reference group costs, resource development, marketing, interpreters/translation.
- evaluation.

Where possible please include quotes or previous costings for similar items from external suppliers. These can be uploaded in the document upload section.

Income (excl. GST)	\$	Expenditure	\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$

Budget Totals

Total Income Amount

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Expenditure Amount

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Income - Expenditure

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

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Document upload

Please attach or provide a link to any documents or information that directly support your application. This might include a detailed project plan or monitoring and evaluation framework.

You may also attach letters of support from partners or stakeholders. These are optional.

If we need more information to assess your application, we will contact you.

Support material

Attach a file:

A maximum of 5 files may be attached.

Link to online information

Must be a URL.

Declaration

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I declare that the information in this application and any attachments are to the best of my knowledge true and correct and I am authorised to submit the application on behalf of the organisation.

I consent to Victoria Law Foundation referring this application to third parties to assist in the assessment of this application.

I consent to my contact details being used by Victoria Law Foundation to keep me up to date about research, grants and education activities and events.

I understand that Victoria Law Foundation uses Microsoft Copilot to support its work. People remain at the centre of its work, with human review, decision-making and accountability at every stage.

I have the authority to submit this application and have read and understand the declaration. *

☐ Yes

Organisation Name

Name

First Name

Last Name

Position

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Date

Feedback and suggestions

Please provide any feedback about applying for a grant or the application form that might help to improve our grant processes.

How did you find out about this year's grant opportunity? *

- ☐ VLF email
- ☐ VLF website
- ☐ Social media
- ☐ Previously applied for a grant
- ☐ VSLB+C Grants Program
- ☐ Other: