

2024/25 Queensland Gives General Fund Grants

The General Fund grant program supports organisational capacity building of mid-tier organisations and this year was focused on, but not limited to, projects that impacted Youth, Women and Families at Risk.



Grants are available up to a maximum of \$30,000 per individual grant. 179 Applications were received with \$911,321.84 as the total allocated funds.

Animal Therapies Ltd (ATL)

Project Title: ATL New Website Development

Grant Amount: \$29,000.00

to Enhance Functionality, User Experience, and Build Operational Capacity

Region: Queensland Wide



Animal Therapies Ltd (ATL) is a Queensland-based health promotion charity and the lead organisation for the animal-assisted services sector. They work to make animal-assisted mental health services more accessible for vulnerable Queenslanders, including women, single-parent families, and at-risk youth.

Queensland Gives is delighted to support the redevelopment of ATL's website to enhance user experience, improve accessibility, and build operational capacity to deliver critical mental health support services.

This grant will enable ATL streamline services for at-risk Queenslanders, empower practitioners through better tools, and grow ATL's reach across the state. With traffic expected to double within two years, the impact of this project will be far-reaching—strengthening the mental health and wellbeing of thousands through animal-assisted care.

Bayside Community Legal Service Inc.

Project Title: Domestic Violence Legal Support Initiative

Grant Amount: \$20,689.42

Region: Brisbane



Bayside Community Legal Service (BCLS) is the only free legal service in the Brisbane Bayside area, supporting more than 1,000 vulnerable individuals annually with legal advice and referrals. Their services are particularly critical for women and families navigating domestic and family violence.

Queensland Gives is proud to support BCLS's Domestic Violence Legal Support Initiative, which offers two essential outreach services: the Domestic Violence Forms Assistance Service and the Domestic Violence and Family Law Outreach Service on the Southern Moreton Bay Islands.

This project will fill a significant gap in legal services, ensuring women at risk can access legal protection through tailored, accessible, and face-to-face support. It is expected to directly support 600 women over 12 months, improving safety, reducing isolation, and building legal confidence. This grant will ensure that more Queensland women have access to life-changing legal support when they need it most.

Roy and Nola Thompson Charitable Trust (Buderim Foundation)

Project Title: Review of Strategy, Marketing, and Website

Grant Amount: \$30,000.00

Region: Sunshine Coast



The Buderim Foundation is dedicated to supporting communities across the Sunshine Coast. With three separate trusts under management—including the Roy and Nola Thompson Charitable Trust—it provides grants to support individuals and charities working with women, youth, and families in need.

Queensland Gives is thrilled to fund a strategic, marketing, and digital review to support the Foundation's transition from a Buderim-focused organisation to one with a broader Sunshine Coast mandate. The review will clarify messaging, update branding, and refresh the website to reflect their expanding geographical and social impact.

This work will enable the Foundation to strengthen relationships with donors, grant recipients, and community organisations across the region. By improving visibility and alignment, the grant will help the Buderim Foundation expand its philanthropic footprint and better serve communities in necessitous circumstances.

Cairns and Far North Environment Centre (CAFNEC)

Project Title: Strategic Plan 2025 to 2030 – Stabilising Growth to Lead

Grant Amount: \$29,826.50

Region: Far North Queensland



CAFNEC is the peak environmental body for Far North Queensland, advocating for the protection of natural ecosystems and empowering local communities to take action. With a proud 43-year history, they support over 47 member organisations from Cardwell to the Torres Strait.

Queensland Gives is honoured to support the development of CAFNEC's 2025–2030 Strategic Plan to help stabilise and guide the organisation's rapid growth. This process includes deep engagement with First Nations partners and environmental groups to ensure the plan reflects regional needs and community aspirations.

The impact of this initiative will extend beyond the organisation itself—strengthening strategic advocacy, environmental protection, and climate resilience for some of Queensland's most vulnerable and remote communities.

Central Highlands Science Centre (Outback Exploratorium)

Project Title: Outback Exploratorium Governance and Strategy Review **Grant Amount:** \$30,000.00

Region: Central Queensland



The Central Highlands Science Centre, trading as Outback Exploratorium, is a science museum based in Emerald, dedicated to STEAM education for rural and regional youth. For 30 years, they have delivered inclusive after-school programs, workshops, and discovery events across Central Queensland.

Queensland Gives is pleased to fund a comprehensive governance and strategy review to strengthen the organisation's future direction, improve fiscal sustainability, and ensure their constitution reflects current needs. With no baseline government funding, this project will support OutbackXP in refining its structure, improving leadership effectiveness, and expanding its reach.

This investment will ensure continued access to inspiring STEAM education for thousands of children across remote and outer regional Queensland—building skills, curiosity, and confidence in the next generation.

Chance Creators (Seconds Out Round 2 Pty Ltd)

Project Title: Closing the Skills Gap

Grant Amount: \$15,000.00

Region: Brisbane



Chance Creators is a social enterprise supporting at-risk youth through employment readiness programs focused on boxing, mentoring, and job skills training.

Queensland Gives excited to contribute to the 'Closing the Skills Gap' project, which will enhance participant outcomes by strengthening program delivery and measuring impact. This initiative will enable Chance Creators to refine and expand their model, helping young people gain the confidence, skills, and pathways they need to move into sustainable employment.

This grant will directly impact the lives of disadvantaged youth by equipping them with life skills and work opportunities that reduce long-term social and economic exclusion.

Coffee Brigade Brisbane

Project Title: Uplifting systems and Processes as we Increase our Impact **Grant Amount:** \$30,000.00

Region: Brisbane



Coffee Brigade provides food, support, and connection to Brisbane's most vulnerable, including those experiencing homelessness or extreme disadvantage.

Queensland Gives is pleased to invest in the Coffee Brigade in upgrading their internal systems to better manage volunteers, resources, and service delivery. This project will enable the organisation to meet growing demand while maintaining personalised, compassionate care.

The grant will enhance operational efficiency, streamline processes, and allow Coffee Brigade to continue offering dignity and support to people doing it tough across Brisbane.

DV Safe Phone

Project Title: Help Us Connect for Change:

Grant Amount: \$30,000.00

Empower DV Safe Phone with a CRM

Region: Queensland Wide



DV Safe Phone repurposes mobile phones to connect domestic violence victims to emergency support, offering a vital lifeline in times of crisis.

Queensland Gives is thrilled to support DV Safe Phone's implementation of a CRM to manage donations, phone logistics, and community engagement. This upgrade will allow the team to process, track, and distribute phones more efficiently, ensuring safety and connectivity for people in urgent need.

The project will strengthen DV Safe Phone's capacity to help more women and families escape dangerous situations and rebuild their lives.

Esther's Australia Ltd

Project Title: Implementing a CRM to Enhance Donor Retention, Streamline Efficiency and Expand Support for Vulnerable Women & Their Families **Grant Amount:** \$13,133.92

Region: Sunshine Coast



Esther's Australia offers a safe and supportive environment for vulnerable women and families, focusing on recovery, empowerment, and healing.

Queensland Gives is pleased to support investment in a CRM implementation project that will improve Esthers' ability to engage donors, report outcomes, and streamline their operations. With a small team managing complex care needs, this system will ensure more efficient delivery of support services.

The impact of this grant will be to expand support for women escaping violence or hardship, providing pathways to stability and strength.

Fierce Females Ltd

Project Title: Fierce Females CRM **Grant Amount:** \$10,036.00

Region: Gold Coast



Fierce Females supports teenage girls through empowerment workshops, mentorship, and leadership training.

Queensland Gives is proud to support the development of a CRM to improve program delivery and stakeholder engagement. This project will enable the organisation to track participant progress, improve mentor coordination, and streamline reporting.

By investing in these systems, the grant will help Fierce Females reach more young women, build confidence, and shape future leaders.

Foodbank Queensland

Project Title: To Deliver an Impact Measurement, Evaluation and Learning Framework **Grant Amount:** \$30,000.00

Region: Queensland Wide



Foodbank Queensland is a key food relief organisation providing millions of meals to people in need across the state.

Queensland Gives is thrilled to fund the development of a robust framework to evaluate Foodbank's social impact. This project will support strategic decision-making and enhance accountability, helping demonstrate the value of food relief in reducing hunger and supporting wellbeing.

The framework will also guide program improvements and ensure resources are directed where they are needed most.

Ipswich Hospital Foundation

Project Title: IHF Data Improvement Project

Grant Amount: \$30,000.00

Region: Ipswich



Ipswich Hospital Foundation supports health promotion and hospital services across the West Moreton region.

Queensland Gives is proud to support IHF's data improvement project, which will modernise donor and stakeholder records, enable better insights, and improve engagement strategies.

This investment in data capability will help the Foundation raise more funds for local health projects and deliver greater outcomes for the Ipswich community.

Ladybird Care Foundation

Project Title: Skilling and Empowering Volunteer Parent Peer Mentors

Grant Amount: \$27,795.00

Region: Queensland Wide



Ladybird Care Foundation supports families navigating the loss of a child through peer-led support and counselling.

Queensland Gives is thrilled to fund training for new volunteer parent peer mentors, who play a critical role in offering comfort and understanding to grieving families.

The impact of this grant will be to expand Ladybird's reach and provide high-quality support for more parents during one of life's most heartbreaking experiences.

LawRight

Project Title: Increasing Pro Bono Capacity
through Best-Practice Processes

Grant Amount: \$30,000.00

Region: Queensland Wide



LawRight is a community legal centre that improves the lives of vulnerable people by increasing access to justice through strategic partnerships with pro bono lawyers. Each year, LawRight members deliver 22,750 hours of pro bono help to resolve complex legal issues that compound existing disadvantages for marginalised Queenslanders.

Queensland Gives is honoured to fund Increasing Pro Bono Capacity through Best-Practice Processes: training pro bono volunteers to use LawRight's new legal management software.

Liver Foundation

Project Title: Empowering Liver Health in Queensland

Grant Amount: \$27,500.00

Region: Queensland Wide



The Liver Foundation is committed to improving liver health through education, early intervention, and community support.

Queensland Gives is proud to support a project that will expand outreach and educational resources to individuals at risk of liver disease. This initiative will improve awareness, promote healthy lifestyles, and connect people with vital healthcare services.

The impact of this grant will be to reduce preventable liver disease through targeted programs and community engagement.

Murrup (Community Spirit Foundation)

Project Title: Listening, Hearing and Adapting: Effective Data Collection **Grant Amount:** \$28,309.00

Region: Central Queensland



The Community Spirit Foundation works with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to enhance cultural identity, resilience, and educational outcomes.

Queensland Gives is grateful for the opportunity to support the development of a culturally responsive data collection framework that ensures community voices shape program design. This initiative will strengthen service delivery and accountability.

The impact of this grant will be to empower First Nations communities through better-informed, community-led solutions.

Older Women Co-Housing Association Qld Inc

Project Title: Sharing with Friends Needs Analysis

Grant Amount: \$30,000.00

Region: Central Queensland



Older Women Co-Housing Association Qld is working to address homelessness and housing insecurity among older women.

Queensland Gives is honoured to fund a feasibility and needs analysis for their "Sharing with Friends" co-housing model, which aims to provide safe, affordable housing for women aged 55+.

This project will lay the groundwork for long-term housing solutions that offer independence, dignity, and community for older women across Queensland.

Open Haven Ltd

Project Title: Open Haven - Digital Presence Enhancement

Grant Amount: \$22,100.00

Region: Brisbane



Open Haven supports women survivors of domestic violence with practical support as they transition from crisis to independence.

Queensland Gives has provided funding to enhance Open Haven's digital presence—enabling the organisation to reach more women, increase engagement with donors, and streamline communications. A new website and upgraded communications infrastructure will improve visibility and make critical services more accessible.

This investment will empower Open Haven to connect with more women seeking safety and security, while also strengthening community awareness and donor relationships.

Perry Cross Spinal Research Foundation

Project Title: Supporter Engagement Platform Transformation

Grant Amount: \$30,000.00

Region: Queensland Wide



Perry Cross Spinal Research Foundation drives world-leading research into curing paralysis and advocates for those with spinal cord injuries.

With Queensland Gives funding, the Foundation will implement a modern supporter engagement platform to improve donor management and communication. This project replaces aging systems and enhances the ability to build deeper, more meaningful relationships with supporters.

Increased efficiency and improved data insights will directly benefit the Foundation's mission to accelerate spinal research and provide better advocacy for the community it serves.

Rally for a Cause Ltd

Project Title: Dedicated Rally for a Cause Website

Grant Amount: \$20,000.00

Region: Wide Bay Burnett



Rally for a Cause provides urgent financial support to individuals and families experiencing serious illness, disability, or other significant hardships.

Thanks to funding from Queensland Gives, the organisation will build a dedicated website to centralise donations, event information, and recipient stories. This platform will not only streamline operations but also strengthen connections with the community and donors.

The website will increase visibility and engagement, ensuring more people in need can access support and more community members can participate in giving back.

Red Frogs Australia

Project Title: 'The Pond' Upgrades and CRM Integration

Grant Amount: \$30,000.00

Region: Queensland Wide



Red Frogs is a nationally recognised youth support organisation, known for keeping young people safe at festivals, universities, and schoolies events.

This grant from Queensland Gives will allow Red Frogs to upgrade their volunteer management platform and integrate CRM systems. The project will boost capacity to onboard and manage the thousands of volunteers who are the backbone of Red Frogs' impactful work.

With better systems, the organisation can grow its volunteer base and expand its reach across Queensland, creating safer environments for young people in vulnerable situations.

Romero Centre

Project Title: Volunteer and Staff Training

Grant Amount: \$22,500.00

Region: Brisbane



Romero Centre assists people seeking asylum with urgent needs such as housing, food, healthcare, and legal connections.

Support from Queensland Gives will allow Romero Centre to deliver trauma-informed, culturally safe training for volunteers and staff. This professional development will build capacity within the organisation and enhance the quality of care provided.

As demand for services grows, this initiative ensures that clients receive empathetic, effective, and respectful support on their journey toward safety and independence.

Ronald McDonald House Charities SEQ

Project Title: Embedding Trauma Informed Care

Grant Amount: \$15,400.00

Region: South East Queensland



Ronald McDonald House Charities SEQ supports families of children undergoing serious medical treatment by providing essential accommodation and care.

Queensland Gives is proud to support specialised training in trauma-informed care for staff, ensuring they can respond sensitively to the emotional and psychological needs of families in crisis. This initiative will improve service quality, support the wellbeing of guests, and ensure that families feel understood and cared for during incredibly stressful times.

Roseberry Community Services Ltd

Project Title: Roseberry Qld

Grant Amount: \$30,000.00

Region: Central Queensland



Roseberry provides crisis accommodation, youth support, family services, and mental health programs to vulnerable communities across Central Queensland.

With funding from Queensland Gives, Roseberry will undertake organisational improvements to strengthen service delivery and build long-term capacity. System enhancements will reduce administrative burdens and improve case coordination.

Ultimately, this support will help more young people and families access timely, holistic assistance when they need it most.

Spring Lifestyle Supports Ltd

Project Title: New IT System

Grant Amount: \$9,000.00

Region: Sunshine Coast



Spring Lifestyle Supports empowers people with disabilities to live their best lives through social inclusion and personalised support.

Queensland Gives is proud to support the implementation of a new IT system that will streamline workflows, simplify reporting, and allow staff to spend more time directly supporting clients.

The new system will improve service quality and reduce overheads, allowing the organisation to scale and respond to rising demand across the region.

StandbyU Foundation

Project Title: Strategic Engagement Plan 2025–2030

Grant Amount: \$20,000.00

Region: Queensland Wide



StandbyU Foundation uses technology-enabled support networks to help people affected by domestic and family violence feel safer and more connected.

With assistance from Queensland Gives, the Foundation will develop a long-term strategic engagement plan to grow its partnerships, deepen community reach, and ensure long-term sustainability.

This work will position StandbyU to expand its impact and offer life-changing services to more people across Queensland.

The Lady Musgrave Trust

Project Title: Building a Blueprint:

Grant Amount: \$28,400.00

The Lady Musgrave Trust's Path to Impact and Sustainability

Region: Brisbane



The Lady Musgrave Trust is Queensland's oldest charity, focused on helping young women experiencing or at risk of homelessness, providing them with safe accommodation and resources.

Queensland Gives is proud to fund the development of a strategic roadmap to ensure long-term impact and sustainability. With the support of Queensland Gives, the Trust will develop a strategic plan to future-proof its services and drive measurable impact. The blueprint will guide governance, resource development, and community partnerships.

This initiative ensures the Trust can continue its vital work—providing housing, support, and hope to young women in need.

Top Livin

Project Title: Training of LIVINWell in Schools Program Facilitators

Grant Amount: \$15,000.00

Region: Queensland Wide



Top Livin delivers mental health awareness programs and encourages early conversations to prevent youth suicide.

Queensland Gives is proud to support facilitator training for the LIVINWell Schools Program, equipping educators with tools to foster open mental health dialogue in Queensland classrooms. The project will equip more educators with tools to engage young people in mental health conversations and reduce stigma.

This program builds resilience and awareness in young people, supporting mental wellness across Queensland's school communities.

Uniting Church in Australia Frontier Services

Project Title: Frontier Services Queensland

Grant Amount: \$30,000.00

Volunteer Recruitment & Upskilling Program

Region: Queensland Wide



Frontier Services supports remote Australians by providing chaplaincy, volunteer assistance, and practical help in isolated communities.

With funding from Queensland Gives, the organisation will strengthen its volunteer program—recruiting and training new volunteers to provide vital services where few exist.

This grant will help maintain essential services in areas where support is otherwise limited. The outcome will see increased resilience in rural communities and improved wellbeing for those doing it tough in isolated communities where support is scarce.

Volunteering Queensland Inc

Project Title: Volunteering & AI

Grant Amount: \$30,000.00

Region: Queensland Wide



Volunteering Queensland is the state peak body for volunteering, empowering thousands of individuals and communities through volunteer engagement.

Queensland Gives is proud to support the exploration of artificial intelligence to enhance volunteer matching, data analysis, and program reporting. The project will improve how people connect with causes and how organisations manage volunteer programs.

By innovating with cutting edge technology, Volunteering Queensland will pave the way for a more responsive, inclusive, and impactful volunteer sector statewide.

Walk 'n' Talk Collective Inc.

Project Title: Strengthening Foundations:
Building Capacity for Sustainable Impact

Grant Amount: \$30,000.0

Region: Central Queensland



Walk 'n' Talk Collective provides free weekly walks that foster connection, mental health support, and inclusiveness in regional Queensland communities.

With the support of Queensland Gives, the organisation will implement a suite of internal systems and strategic frameworks to professionalise operations and enable growth. The funding will support a board governance review, implementation of digital tools, and development of a stakeholder engagement strategy.

These improvements will lay the groundwork for a more sustainable organisation and increase its ability to support people facing mental health challenges and social isolation.

Yalari Limited

Project Title: Website Audit and Accessibility Project

Grant Amount: \$29,000.00

Region: Queensland Wide

Yalari provides scholarships and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from remote and regional communities to attend leading boarding schools.



Queensland Gives is thrilled to support Yalari in undertaking a comprehensive website audit to improve accessibility, navigation, and content delivery. This includes enhancing resources for students, families, donors, and alumni, and ensuring compliance with digital accessibility standards.

The result will be a more inclusive, user-friendly platform that strengthens engagement and promotes educational equity across Queensland.

Yiliyapinya Indigenous Corporation

Project Title: CRM and Impact Measurement

Grant Amount: \$27,632.00

Region: Brisbane



Yiliyapinya delivers brain health and neurodiversity education grounded in Indigenous knowledge systems to support individuals and families in First Nations communities.

Queensland Gives is thrilled to support the investment of a new CRM and impact measurement system that will enable the organisation to improve program tracking, donor communication, and strategic decision-making.

This upgrade will support the scaling of culturally responsive services and expand the organisation's ability to reach more families and communities in need.

Youth Advocacy Centre

Project Title: Vital Capacity and Skill Building

Grant Amount: \$30,000.0

for Suicide and Self-Harm Intervention

Region: Brisbane



Youth Advocacy Centre provides legal, welfare, and family support to vulnerable young people, including those at risk of suicide and self-harm.

With this grant from Queensland Gives, the centre will deliver specialist training to frontline staff and review internal processes to better support youth in crisis. It will also allow the Youth Advocacy Centre to develop trauma-informed procedures and strengthen collaborative partnerships.

The project enhances the Youth Advocacy Centre's ability to intervene early, advocate effectively, and provide critical support when it's needed most.

Youth Flourish Outdoors Ltd

Project Title: Digital Strategy & Website Development

Grant Amount: \$21,000.00

Region: Logan



Youth Flourish Outdoors uses outdoor adventures and experiential learning to improve youth mental health and build life skills in at-risk communities.

Queensland Gives is thrilled to support the funding of a digital strategy and website to improve program promotion, increase participant engagement, and attract new funding.

These tools will allow Youth Flourish Outdoors to expand its reach and better connect with families and community organisations seeking positive mental health alternatives.

Youth Insearch Foundation (Aust) Inc

Project Title: Identifying Opportunities for Queensland Grants,

Grant Amount: \$30,000.00

Funding, and Partnerships to Sustain Support for At-Risk Young People

Region: Bunderberg



Youth Insearch supports at-risk young people through peer-led therapeutic programs that promote healing, resilience, and leadership.

Thanks to this grant from Queensland Gives, the Foundation will conduct a strategic analysis of funding and partnership opportunities across Queensland. This work will build a more sustainable funding base and help secure long-term program delivery.

The initiative ensures that Youth Insearch can continue to support vulnerable youth across the state and scale its evidence-based model of empowerment and change.