



Jamieson House, 43 Constitution Avenue, Reid, ACT
T (02) 6248 0811 F (02) 6247 6829
GPO Box 1981, Canberra, ACT 2601
www.anglicancg.org.au
ABN 31 478 820 508

The Pelican Foundation has been operating since 1983 and in 2008 is being re-Launched to provide a fresh energy and focus to its work across the Diocese. The Pelican Foundation provides a means to give expression to the vision of the Diocese and is a mechanism for “embracing all that might be, new communities of faith..., within existing structures and beyond them.” (Diocesan Vision Statement)

The Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn is called to be part of Christ’s continuing presence in the world. Consistent with Anglican practice and tradition the people of the diocese are called to respond to human need through loving service. This loving service helps to strengthen the sense of community wellbeing that comes from our collaborative efforts to enhance community through service that builds on our Christian faith and peoples’ connectedness with each other.

The Pelican Foundation provides the opportunity to deliver against the specific Diocesan objectives of:

- Growing new communities in faith;
- Actively working for social and environmental justice;
- Engaging new models of ministry; and
- Enabling the mission through effective resourcing.

1.2. The Symbolism of the Pelican

The symbolism of the pelican originates from Medieval Europe where the mother pelican is seen as sacrificing herself to feed her young. Her devotion and attentiveness is to the extent of providing her own blood when no other food is available. Within Christianity this imagery became a symbol of the passion of Jesus and of the Eucharist. The Pelican symbolizes Jesus our Redeemer, the One who gives His life for our redemption. The Pelican also became a symbol for charity as cited throughout Renaissance Literature. For example, Dante in the *Paridiso* of his *Divine Comedy* refers to Christ as our Pelican. As part of Liturgical Tradition the pelican is a strong reminder of our Lord who suffered and died for us to give eternal life and who nourishes us on our pilgrim way.

1.3. The Structure of the Pelican Foundation

The Pelican Foundation is a trust established in 1983 under the trusteeship of the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, for the purpose of receiving and managing investment and distribution of funds that come from a ministry unit or diocesan agency following the sale of surplus property, or from individuals (Donors) who gift or bequeath money or property to the Pelican Foundation.

The assets of the Pelican Foundation are managed by the Board of the Pelican Foundation and the Registrar of the Diocese or the nominee of the Registrar is the Secretary of the Board.

2 Key Objectives of the Pelican Foundation

The primary objective of the Pelican Foundation is to fund projects that engage the wider community, both churched and unchurched, in order to respond to human need through loving service.

Preference for funding is given to projects that:

- expand the Church's ministry to this broad community by:
 - expanding existing ministries; and
 - establishing new ministries that grow new communities in faith;
- develop partnerships between the Church and the community;
- are innovative and engage new models of ministry; and
- facilitate education and training.

3. Funding Principles of the Pelican Foundation

3.1. There are four key funding principles guiding the grant making of the Pelican Foundation

These are:

1. **A focus on the expansion of ministry**

The funding principle relating to the expansion of ministry consists of two parts: expanding and supporting existing ministry already established within the Church; and encouraging new ministry through supporting innovative initiatives that respond to emerging needs within the wider community.

2. Developing Partnerships

The Pelican Foundation provides grants that help develop the relationships between church members and the wider community, both churched and unchurched, in a way that enhances community wellbeing.

3. A Focus on Innovation

The Pelican Foundation provides grants for projects that are new and innovative in their design.

4. A Focus on Facilitating Education and Training

The Pelican Foundation provides grants to support education and training that facilitates pathways for those wishing to further their understanding of their faith and how it can best impact the provision of loving service through engagement with the wider community, in the application of that faith in relevant ministries.

3.2. Details of the funding principles and their categories:

1. A Focus on the Expansion of Ministry

The funding principle relating to the expansion of Ministry consists of two parts: expanding and supporting existing ministry already established within the Church; and encouraging new ministry through supporting innovative initiatives that respond to emerging needs within the wider community. Projects that characterize this principle will bring the ministry of the church to the community in meaningful and practical ways.

The Pelican Foundation provides grants that represent a commitment to community activities that promote positive interaction between the liturgical and social life of the church and the wider community. This involves support for projects that are inclusive, culturally sensitive and work to strengthen individuals and families within the wider community.

Examples

- Assisting people with special needs to become more actively involved in the life of the Parish.
- Establishing an out-reach service for families in crisis.
- Establishing a Kid's Club to help link ongoing contact with "unchurched" children and their families.
- Developing a hobbies club, such as a music club, or supporting the performance of a drama event to enhance positive community engagement.
- Responding to an emerging need with after-school care initiatives; support for refugee families; and disenfranchised youth initiatives.

2. A Focus on Developing Partnerships

The Pelican Foundation provides grants that help develop the relationships between church members and the wider community in a way which enhances community wellbeing. The Pelican Foundation might consider a joint venture project with other church, social welfare, community or government organizations if the outcomes benefit the community and positively promote the Pelican Foundation on a wider scale. External environments may be scanned for opportunities to engage in joint venture projects that aim to assist community wellbeing and enhance the public profile of the Pelican Foundation.

Examples

- Expanding an existing counseling service to train Christian counselors in conjunction with a teaching institution such as a university and provide a Christian service to address spiritual as well as psychological needs.
- Formation of a new community of young adults through the provision of worship, social and small group activities, with linkages to, for example, university colleges in the vicinity.
- Assist a working party travel from Australia to, for example, a developing country to rebuild the infrastructure, as well as fund some building materials costs.

3. A Focus on Innovation

The Pelican Foundation provides grants for projects that are new and innovative in their design. In particular, projects that support and re-engage marginalized peoples back into the community; or identify welfare gaps and work innovatively to live the mission of the Church by responding to human need with loving service.

Examples

- Sponsorship of a choir such as seen with the St Vincent de Paul 'Choir of Hard Knocks', thus providing an example of an innovative project that reaches some of the most vulnerable members of society and re-engages them into the community.
- Sponsorship of a captioning service to both support the deaf and hearing impaired members of a congregation.
- Purchase of equipment and software to create digital visual resources for church devotional and worship life. Completed resources could be made free and accessed on the Diocesan website.

4. A Focus on Facilitating Education and Training

The Pelican Foundation provides grants to support education and training that facilitates pathways for those wishing to further their understanding of their faith and how it can best impact the provision of loving service through engagement with the wider community, in the application of that faith in relevant ministries.

Examples

- Assisting leadership development through sponsorship of educational programs.
- Enabling and supporting knowledge transfer.
- Supporting the engagement of remote communities in knowledge sharing and church life such as providing assistance for remote children to attend conferences like the Youth Faith Exchange.
- Supporting at-risk groups through education and training, for example providing health and well being support groups for men.
- Supporting long term outcome preventative projects such as courses for young mothers to develop positive parenting skills.

3.3. Eligibility

- Under the terms of the Pelican Foundation Deed, the Foundation can only make grants available for purposes that are consistent with the Objectives of the Pelican Foundation and the current Mission Plan of the Diocese.
- Grants are made available to assist the Diocese or a particular parish or diocesan institution for projects that are strictly charitable in the legal sense.
- Grants will only be made available to individuals or groups from within the Diocese who are verified and endorsed by their parish council or governing body. *Declaration to be signed on Page 7.
- Grants will not be made available for capital projects such as building renovations, to fund parish budget deficits, both real and de-facto or to fund Clergy salaries.
- Any project to be considered must be able to be effectively evaluated and the outcomes deemed to enhance the profile and work of the Pelican Foundation.
- The ability of the project to provide opportunities for establishing positive relationships with new publics, and the potential for these relationships to be built upon, will be favorably considered.
- Funding will be made available for projects as one-off grants. Preference will be given to projects that best meet the purpose of the Pelican Foundation. Projects will be evaluated for success and second round offers may be considered on individual merit.
- The Board will assess and allocate funds on an annual basis.
- Generally grant applications will be considered up to and including the amount of \$50,000. Special consideration may be given to amounts exceeding this amount.

4. Application

4.1. Preliminary Information

Please ensure that you have read the *Objectives of the Pelican Foundation* and the *Funding Categories* prior to completion of the Application to ensure that your project falls within the Guidelines of the Pelican Foundation's Grant Process.

The application form is to be used when applying for a grant during a set funding round.

- **Applications Open** on 1 January and close 30 June in a given year.
- **Assessment of Applications** will take place during July to September and successful applicants will be informed at the end of September in preparation for announcement in October.
- **All sections** of the Application Form **must be completed**.
- The **Declaration must also be completed** and submitted together with your applicant.
- The funding application **must be received** by 5.00pm on the funding round closure date.
- **Your application form must be lodged** with the Diocesan Office by 5.00pm on the due date either by post or email.
- **Acknowledgement of your application** will be sent to you either by post or email.

The Application Form is a separate document which is downloaded from the website: www.anglicancg.org.au